



## **International Network for School Social Work**

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The 6th International  
School Social Work  
Conference  
Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

*The Mongolian Association of  
School Social Workers  
welcomes all to the  
6th International School Social  
Workers Conference,  
10th to the 12th June 2015 in  
Ulaan Baatar.*

<http://isswc.massw.org>

Speakers from 14 countries will present a wide range of programs, research and concepts on how school social workers can promote theme that is important to School social workers everywhere schools develop policies to include promote well-being, provide equal punitive management. With this countries school social workers expect to gain an expanded of the school can help school children develop in healthy ways that cultivate their full potential.



schools that are child-friendly, a practitioners in all countries. have the challenge of helping all children, protect their rights, opportunity and have non-range of topics from different attending the conference can understanding of how the culture

#### **Some Conference Topics Related to the Theme of Child-Friendly Schools**

- Create Positive Relationship in Teaching and Learning Environment
- Create Positive Relationships with Native American Students and Parents
- School-Based Life Skills Program for Positive Youth Development
- Creating and Implementing Individualised Education Plans
- Interdisciplinary Cooperation for Peaceful School
- Supporting Buddhist Monasteries to End the Practice of Corporal Punishment of Children
- Protection of Children and Students in Swedish School
- A Cross-Age Peer Mentoring Program in a Mongolian Secondary School
- Creating Equity Among Students

## The Venue and Ulaan Baatar

The Conference Team have arranged for the venue to be **The Children's Palace**, a beautiful training center for Mongolia's gifted children in the heart of our Capital. UB offers a variety of things to do in your free time, such as catching a show at the Drama Theatre, visiting a monastery, getting a relaxing massage, playing golf or touring the national museum – there is something for everyone's taste. The city is easy to get around on foot, with most major landmarks within a 30 minute walk of the city center. If needed, taxis are relatively cheap at 700MNT/KM or buses can be caught for a flat rate of 400MNT (maps are here <http://map.gogo.mn/lang.do?language=en>). In June the temperature sits comfortably around the mid twenties degrees Centigrade and in the evenings the temperature cools which gives a nice relief.



## Registration

Register by April 1 for the early registration rate at <http://isswc.massw.org/register-now/>

## Visa Requirements, 3 day, 5 day and 9 day tours Optional Tours in Mongolia

See conference web site at <http://isswc.massw.org>

## Business Meeting

There will be a business meeting during the second day of the conference. All are welcome to attend to discuss ways to promote communication among school social workers worldwide. One item that will be discussed is the possibility of holding a 7<sup>th</sup> international school social work conference. For this to happen there needs to be a national association that is willing to host and plan the conference. Ideally a national group attending the conference in Ulaan Baatar will present a proposal at the business meeting with preliminary plans for a conference. The potential is great for school social workers to benefit from international communication flowing in all directions for creative problem solving. The challenge is how to make an international conference readily accessible and attractive to more practitioners, since only a few have been able to afford to travel to international conferences so far. A proposal with ideas for an international event that is readily available to practitioners would be welcome. National school social work associations are encouraged to consider hosting a conference and to prepare a proposal to present in Ulaan Baatar.

The last decade has seen more countries placing social workers in schools and several other countries are expressing interest. There are about 50 countries with social workers in the schools.

Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Canada, China, Curacao, Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Ghana, Guyana, Hong Kong (Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China), Hungary, Iceland, India, Japan, Korea, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Macedonia, Malta, Mauritius, Mongolia, The Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Poland, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Slovakia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Trinidad and Tobago, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United States, Vietnam.

### The 6 international school social work conferences

1999 Chicago, US;  
2003 Stockholm, Sweden;  
2006 Busan, Korea;  
2009 Wellington, New Zealand;  
2012 Accra, Ghana;  
2015 Ulaan Baatar, Mongolia