



A Note From the Chair

The collective energy evident at our recent AGM, held online on 25 May, augurs well for an exciting and productive year ahead for IASW. While much is already achieved by the collective efforts of our members and staff, there remains so much more to do. I want to acknowledge again the sterling service of our three outgoing Board members, who stepped down at this year's AGM: Áine McGuirk, Anette O'Callaghan and Dr. Hilda Loughran, all of whom had completed six years on the Board. I also welcome our two new Board members – Sinéad McGarry and Dr. Fiachra Ó Súilleabháin, elected at our 2022 AGM. We look forward to working with Sinéad and Fiachra in their new roles as Board members. Just as Áine, Anette and Hilda have contributed so much to IASW's work, outside of their Board membership, Fiachra and Sinéad take on their new responsibilities as Directors having already contributed so much to the profession and the Association. Huge thanks to them and all our volunteers.



On a somewhat disappointing note, we were unsuccessful in our recent application for three years core funding under Pobal's State Support for National Organisations (SSNO) funding stream. Our application to Pobal was based on our proposal to recruit a Chief Operations Officer for IASW. While our application succeeded to the extent that IASW demonstrated that we met the SSNO qualification criteria, we did not score highly enough this time around in the incredibly competitive application process to secure actual funding. I did seek and receive very helpful feedback from Pobal and this will assist in our current appeal against Pobal's decision and in any future funding applications. While this outcome is disappointing, I don't believe we should be at all deterred in our efforts, including those to build up our resources so that we can further develop our work programme for social change. As well as continuing to seek external funding opportunities, the Pobal outcome highlights how important it is to continue to grow our membership base, so as to ensure our long-term independence and sustainability. Another key element of our current work programme is our governance, structural and organisational review, which we were mandated to undertake arising from a motion passed at our 2021 AGM and which we have now commenced. The outcome of that review, which will emerge over the coming months, will further strengthen our organisational foundations and capability to achieve our goals, stronger together for social change.

2022-2023 Board of Directors

Our Newly appointed Board of Directors

- Vivian Geiran - Chair
- Colletta Dalikeni
- Majella Hickey
- Gary Gartland- Commercial Director
- Rachel McCormack
- Brídín Murphy
- Washington Marovatsanga
- Claire McGettrick – Commercial Director
- Sinéad McGarry
- Fiachra Ó'Súilleabháin

As per the associations Constitution the Vice-Chair and Treasurer shall be appointed by the Board. The first meeting of the new Board will take place on July 11th. We are very pleased to welcome new members Sinéad & Fiachra onto the Board, and we know that their skills and expertise will be an asset to our Board. We would like to thank our members for their support over the last 12 months and look forward to your continued engagement with the IASW.



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In March the IASW were invited to the Oireachtas to speak at the Committee on Disability Matters regarding Independent & Adequate Standard of Living and Social Protection Safeguarding.



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CORU Audit Cycle Change

The current audit period for social workers runs from 1 June 2021 ending on the 31 May 2023. As social work has now moved to a 24 month audit cycle, you must demonstrate achieving 60 CPD credits in a 24 month period. If called for audit, you must submit separate CPD records for each 12 month period, demonstrating how you have achieved 30 credits in each of these 12 month periods. For further information, visit.

[CPDResources](#)

Reflective Practice Modules for HSCP

The modules were developed by the Health and Social Care Professions Office in collaboration with Professional Development Coordinators from the HSCPs in response to the need for supports to reflective practice. Both modules will be useful to social workers and resources to support your reflective practice are available to download on completion of each module. Sign up to hse.ie to access these resources and please do share information about the resources with colleagues you think may be interested.

[HSCP Flyer](#)

Updates



Mental Health Commission Board

We are pleased to announce that Linda Curran -Chair of Social Workers in Adult Mental Health (SWAMH) has been appointed to the the Mental Health Commission Board. We are sure that Linda will make a positive contribution to the Commission Board over the next years. We would also like to thank Nicola Byrne for representing the IASW on the MHCBC for the last 5 years.

[MHCIRL](#)

IASW sign up to ASI Charter

The Adult Safeguarding Charter is voluntary, the charter sets up how organisations promote a culture that seeks to uphold the rights and freedoms of all people who engage with their organisations, regardless of age, race and ethnicity, religion or none, sexual orientation, gender identity, socioeconomic group, disability, or status of residency. The Charter aims to promote a raised awareness of Adult Safeguarding and progressive realisation of the human rights of all people by all its signatories.

[Charter](#)

AGM 2022

Thank you so much to all of our members who participated in the 2022 virtual Annual General Meeting.

The meeting was a great success, over 110 members registered for the event, and over 60 members participated.

A copy of the minutes (to be approved at 2023 AGM) and motions, which were successfully passed at the AGM can be found by clicking the link below.

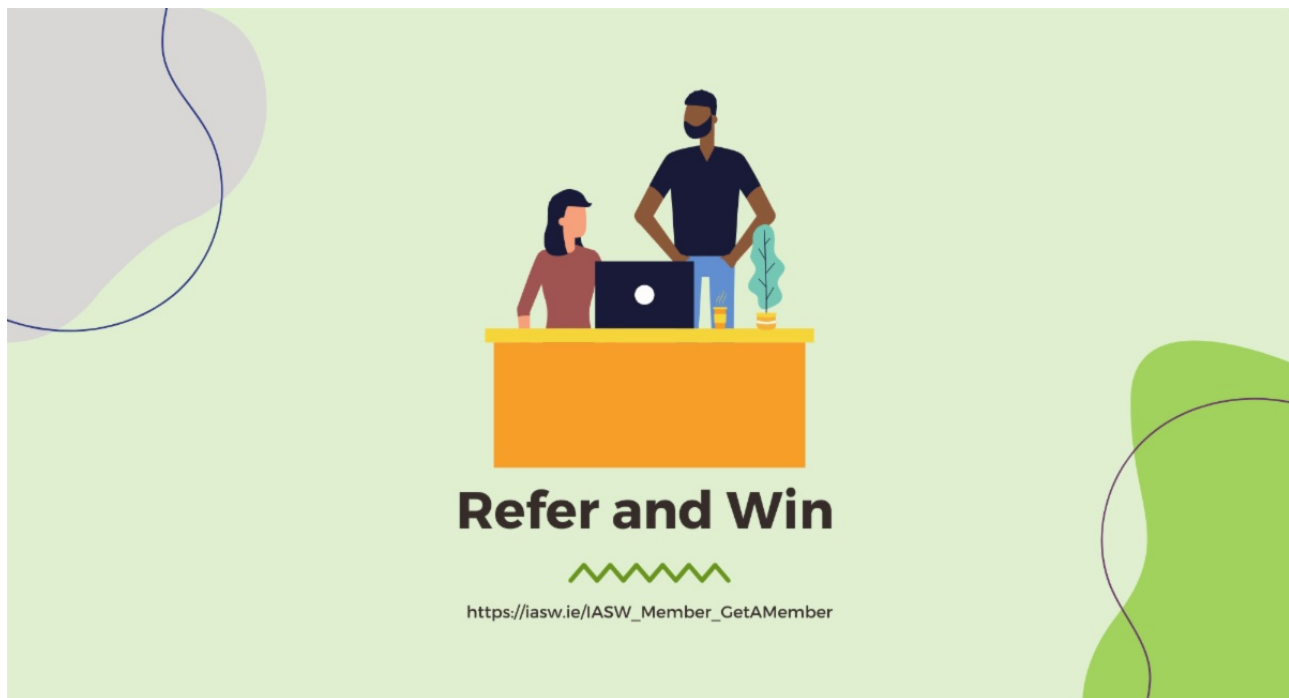
[Minutes](#)

Congratulations to Stephanie Holt, Ruth Elliffe, Soma Gregory and Philip Curry on the publication of their research on COVID-19, domestic violence and social work practice, in the British Journal of Social Work. This work was done in collaboration with the Irish Association of Social Workers. In late 2021 we disseminated a survey on behalf of the authors to our members, regarding their experience during lockdown of practice with families experiencing domestic violence. This article is timely given the launch yesterday by the Minister of Justice of the 3rd National Strategy on Domestic, Sexual and Gender Based Violence.

You can read more and find the article by clicking the link.



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Panel of Assessors - CORU

CORU are inviting applications from suitably qualified individuals interested in becoming a member of the Panel of Assessors for several of their Registration Boards.

[Job Details](#)

Refer & Win

Remember if you refer a colleague and they quote your name when signing up, you will have the opportunity to win a €100 one4all voucher.

Read More Below:

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2021 Annual Report

In April we released our Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ending 2021.

You can download a copy online now

[Review Here](#)

IASW Governance Review

The IASW is a professional development body and a Company Limited by Guarantee, which is simultaneously being required to meet the highest governance standards, while working to maintain and expand the supports and services to its members in an increasingly complex environment.

In order to achieve this standing, Object Number "5" of the IASW Strategic Plan 2022 -2024 provides for a review of all aspects of IASW structure, resources and governance, to match the organisational structure with strategic needs and goals and to implement change accordingly.

To meet this objective, the Board have recently appointed a non-profit organisational development and governance specialist, Mr Senan Turnbull to conduct a comprehensive review our practices and structures so that it can become the most effective and efficient organisation that it can be.

The process will be a combination of on-line and in-person meetings over a number of weeks. The benefits to the Association will include the putting in place of a comprehensive and fit-for-purpose set of policies and procedures as an essential piece of work which will underpin and add value to the changes and will leave those in key positions clear on their roles and responsibilities over the next few years to move IASW where it wishes to be.

[IASW Strategic Plan](#)

Have You Considered Practice Teaching?

Practice teaching is a dynamic learning experience and a great way to accrue CPD. It will enable you to keep up to date with the latest practice developments and further enhance your Supervision experience. Social work students bring many skills and new perspectives, and are ready to make a positive contribution to social work practice with your guidance. Practice placements are an integral part of social work education.

We would love to hear from CORU registered social workers nationally, 2 years post qualification, if you are interested in practice teaching in 2022/23.

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