



SPECIAL INVITATION TO JOIN GISW

Dear Colleagues and Friends of Social Work

The Global Institute of Social Work (GISW) aims to bring quality social work training free to those who need it most all over the world. This new social enterprise will be a virtual training center with social work courses applied to different social cultural contexts. The GISW will actively collaborate with government and non government organisations, international and local institutions, educational and business agencies to deliver effective, culturally appropriate training in social work online.

The GISW was launched as an international non-profit organisation on 7 November, 2013 in Singapore by Mr S.R. Nathan, a social worker and former President of the Republic of Singapore. Honorary President of GISW, Prof Terry Hokenstad, delivered the inaugural lecture. Key social work leaders and organisations supporting GISW include those on our International Advisory Board: Prof Vimla Nadkarni, Prof Angelina Yuen, Prof Abe Tasse and Prof Lena Dominelli, who are Current and Past IASSW Presidents; and Dr David Jones, Elis Envall, Past Presidents of IFSW; Mr Rory Truell, SG of IFSW; Prof Jeffrey Edleson, Dean UC Berkeley; Mr Charles Mbuaga, former VP of IFSW Africa and Co-chair of Commonwealth Organisation for Social Work; Prof Barbara Shank, President ICSD; and many others.

I hope that you will support the GISW by joining as a member and friend (See Friends Scheme: <http://thegisw.org/volunteer?id=115>), by contributing a course, training video or other materials for the development of the learning community, or by suggesting organizations that we should collaborate with. Also, please drop us a few quick words to let us know your thoughts about the potential of GISW and what advice and feedback on the training needs you may have, especially for the different parts of the developing world.

With warmest regards and good wishes for the season,

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