



ATTENDEE RESOURCES

36th Social Work Day
at the United Nations



Dear Social Work Day Attendee,

We are so excited to welcome you to New York City! Everyone on our team has been working hard to make this Social Work Day the best one yet.

We hope that this guide will be a resource to you as you navigate the conference. Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to us via email or social media:

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We hope you enjoy this time in New York City and look forward to seeing you soon!

Warm wishes,
SWD Planning Committee

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Social Work Day at the United Nations



Social Work Day is an opportunity for people from different areas of the world who are working to make changes to come together. For the past 35 years, students, practitioners, and educators have gathered at the United Nations to learn about social issues and projects related to international social work.

For a 3 ½ minute crash course in Social Work Day, head over to monmouth.edu/swday and watch the YouTube video called “Social Work Day.”

2019 Theme | Strengthening Human Relationships: Policies & Programs to Protect Children

This year, Social Work Day speakers will discuss social protection as it relates to children. In other words, the focus will be on social policies, programs, and systems that promote the well-being of children. To prepare for Social Work Day, we recommend familiarizing yourself with the Global Agenda for Social Work and Social Development, the Sustainable Development Goals, and social protection, especially as they all relate to children.

Global Agenda for Social Work and Social Development

Before Social Work Day, brush up on the [Global Agenda for Social Work and Social Development Commitment to Action](#). Developed by IASSW, ICSW, and IFSW in 2012, it continues to guide international social work practice and policy. Additionally, strengthening human relationships - part of our theme - is one of the four core pillars of the Global Agenda.

Sustainable Development Goals

The Sustainable Development Goals were set into place starting in 2015. The agenda is a plan of action for the people, the planet and success. There are a total of 17 goals and 169 targets. It is hoped that these goals will be achieved by the year 2030.

Read more about the SDGs: [2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development](#)

Social Protection



TARGET 1-3 This year, Social Work Day speakers will discuss social protection as it relates to children. In other words, the focus will be on social policies, programs, and systems that promote the well-being of children.

SDG Target 1.3: “Implement nationally appropriate social protection systems and measures for all, including floors, and by 2030 achieve substantial coverage of the poor and the vulnerable.”

Resources on Social Protection

[ECOSOC: Social Protection Floors: an essential element of the right to social security and of the sustainable development goals](#)

[ICSW: The Making or Breaking of a UN Social Protection Strategy: The Post 2015 Development Agenda](#)

[ICSW: Social Protection Floor Initiative](#)

[ICSW: The Global Coalition for the Social Protection Floors: A new level of international cooperation](#)

[IFSW: Social workers for transformational and sustainable social protection in Europe](#)

[IFSW: The Role of Social Work in Social Protection Systems: The Universal Right to Social Protection](#)

[ILO: World Social Protection Report 2017-2019](#)

[ILO: The Social Protection Floor Initiative](#)

[OHCHR: Convention on the Rights of the Child](#)

[UN Women: Making national social protection floors work for women](#)

Getting There

Social Work Day will be held at the United Nations Headquarters ([760 United Nations Plaza, New York, NY](#)) in the ECOSOC Chamber from 9:30am to 12:00pm (NOTE: You may not bring any food or drink other than water into the ECOSOC Chamber, so please plan accordingly).

To check in and pick up your UN grounds pass, proceed to the UN Visitors' Entrance at 1st Ave & 46th St. **WE RECOMMEND ARRIVING BY 8:45 AM AT THE LATEST TO ALLOW TIME TO PICK UP YOUR PASS AND MAKE IT THROUGH SECURITY.**

Directions

Subway

Grand Central (**4, 5, 6, 7, S**); Lexington Ave/53rd Street (**E, M**)

Bus

- I. M103 (East Harlem - City Hall) - Stops at Lexington Ave/42nd St & Lexington Av/45th St
 - II. M15 (East Harlem - South Ferry) - Stops at 1st Av/42nd St & 1st Av/45th St
 - III. M42 (United Nations - W 42 St Pier) - Stops at 1st Av/42nd St
 - IV. Q32 (Jackson Heights - Penn Station) - Stops at 5th Av/44th St
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Program

9:45 OPENING REMARKS

Robin Mama, *Co-Chair, Social Work Day; IFSW, Monmouth University*

Shirley Gatenio Gabel, *Co-Chair, Social Work Day; IASSW; Fordham University*

9:55 WELCOME

Annamaria Campanini, *President, IASSW*

Silvana Martinez, *President, IFSW*

Panelists

10:00 H.E. Georgi Panayotov

Ambassador, Permanent Mission of Bulgaria to the UN

10:20 Griet Cattaert

Policy Officer, UN Office of the Special Rep of the Secretary-General for International Migration

10:40 Wenyan Yang

Chief, Global Dialogue for Social Development Branch, UN DESA

10:55 Mariama Diallo

Project Director of African Initiatives, Sanctuary for Families

11:05 Bushra Husain

Director of Non Residential Services, Sanctuary for Families

11:15 Aniruddha Kulkarni

Child Protection Specialist, UNICEF New York

11:30 CLOSING REMARKS

Sergei Zelenev, *Executive Director, ICSW*

11:40 Q&A

For more information about the panelists, visit monmouth.edu/swday

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Schools

Fordham University School of Graduate Social Service

Marist College BSW Program

Monmouth University School of Social Work

Silberman School of Social Work at Hunter

Saint Olaf College

University of Alabama School of Social Work

University of Georgia School of Social Work

University of Houston Graduate College of Social Work

University of Nebraska at Omaha Grace Abbott School of Social Work

Organizations

Association for Community Organization & Social Administration-ACOSA

Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)

CSWE Katherine A. Kendall Institute

International Council on Social Welfare

National Association of Social Workers

National Association of Social Workers-New Jersey Chapter

National Association of Social Workers-New York City Chapter

Network for Social Work Managers



Student Forum



For the past several years, a student conference surrounding areas of current social concern has occurred the day prior to Social Work Day at the United Nations. This conference will bring students from around the country together to discuss social protection issues that impact children around the world.

2019 Theme | Policies & Programs to Protect Children

This year, our theme is the same as that of Social Work Day: Student Forum speakers will discuss social protection as it relates to children. In other words, the focus will be on social policies, programs, and systems that promote the well-being of children. To prepare for Student Forum, we recommend familiarizing yourself with the resources listed on [pages 4 and 5](#) of this guide.

Getting There

The Student Forum will be held at Fordham University Lincoln Center in the Gabelli School of Business ([140 W 62nd St, New York, NY 10023](https://www.fordham.edu/lincoln-center)), shown in red in the upper righthand corner of the map below, in **Room G76**.



Directions

Subway

A, B, C, D and 1 subway trains stop at 59th Street/Columbus Circle.

Bus

M5, M7, M10, M11, M31 M57, and M104 stop at or near Columbus Circle.



Program

12:30 REGISTRATION & LUNCH

Pizza, light snacks, coffee, tea, and water will be available.

1:00 WELCOME FROM CO-CHAIRS

Abigail Asper, Fordham University

IFSW Student Representative to the UN

Alessandro Guimaraes, Fordham University

IFSW Student Representative to the UN

Kristen Kimmel, Fordham University

IASSW Student Representative to the UN

Keynote Speakers

1:15 Dr. Yamile M. Martí Haidar

Professor at Columbia School of Social Work; Former UNICEF and UNDP Consultant

Jacqueline Martin, DSL, MSW

Deputy Commissioner, NYC Administration for Children's Services, Division of Preventive Services

Danielle De La Fuente

Founder of Amal Alliance

Dr. Siva Mathiyazhagan

Founder-Director of Trust for Youth and Child Leadership International

Consolee Nishimwe

Author and Motivational Speaker; Survivor of 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda

Click [here](#) for more information about the keynote speakers.

2:40 Q & A WITH KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Moderator: Melissa Cueto, Education Advocate, NYC Administration for Children's Services

2:55 BREAK

Student Presentations

3:10 **Child Migrants & Refugees, Room G76**

The Impact of Water Scarcity on Child Refugee Populations – Dalton Meister, University of Nebraska Omaha

Negative Impacts of Immigration Enforcement – Stephanie Gomez, University of Houston, Hobby School of Public Affairs and Graduate School of Social Work

Migration of Unaccompanied Minors from Central America into the United States – Laura Zelaya, University of Houston, Graduate School of Social Work

Education & Well-Being, Room 323

Enhancing Social Work Education Globally to Address Violence Against Children – Allison Bach, Heather Escalona, Jino Gatpandan & Brittany Sjaastad, Rutgers University School of Social Work

Mental Well-Being of Asian International Students – Yuwei Zhang, Case Western Reserve University

Youth & the Law, Room 328

The Family First Prevention Services Act of 2018 and the Restructuring of the United States Foster Care System – Raynel Grayson, University of Georgia

Street Soccer as a Pathway to Achieve Social Inclusion for Justice-Involved Youth – Jessica Viscuso, Monmouth University

Gender, Sexuality, & Reproductive Justice, Room 333

Social Protection for Transgender, Nonbinary, and Intersex Youth Populations – Loran Grishow-Schade, Temple University

Negative Impacts of Current Conversation about Sexual and Reproductive Justice – M. Whitehead, Silberman School of Social Work at Hunter College

Child Marriage & Exploitation, Room 334

Ending Child Marriage in Suburban Ghana, West Africa: A Community Development & Human Rights Perspective – Marc Sloan, University of Tennessee Knoxville

Sexual Exploitation of Children in the Caribbean Region of Colombia – Michael Montero,
NYU Silver School of Social Work

After your breakout session ends, please return to room G76 for the remainder of the program.

4:15 STUDENT POSTERS / NETWORKING

“Children in Residential Care Institutions: A Case Study for Improved Access to Social Services in Cambodia” – Winnie Chu, Columbia University School of Social Work

“Community Loan Programs and Financial Education: Financially Inclusive Social Protection Tools” – Jessica Parks, University of Georgia

“Child Tobacco Use in Philadelphia, PA and Jakarta, Indonesia” – Karen Richter, Temple University

4:45 CLOSING REMARKS

Zozan Antar, UN NGO Student Representative, IASSW

Fun in NYC!

[Time Out New York: "THE BEST THINGS TO DO IN NYC THIS WEEKEND"](#)

[Time Out New York: "THINGS TO DO"](#)

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<https://www.chelseapiers.com/also-at-the-piers/drop-in/>

The High Line

The High Line is a public park built on a historic freight rail line elevated above the streets on Manhattan's West Side. Saved from demolition by neighborhood residents and the City of New York, the High Line opened in 2009 as a hybrid public space where visitors experience nature, art, and design.

<https://www.thehighline.org>
