

**INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL WORK- EXPERIENCES, REFLECTIONS AND FUTURE
PERSPECTIVES**

(29th and 30th November 2012)

Workshop on International Social work was organized by the Department of Social Work, Bharathidasan University at BUTP hall, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli on 29th and 30th November 2012. Participants from various parts of the country attended the workshop. The Workshop featured various aspects of the topic, International Social work.

The specific objectives of the workshop were

Specific Objectives

To expand the knowledge of the participants on the emerging theoretical and philosophical foundations of International Social Work

- * To sensitize participants about International Social Work-Opportunities and Challenges.
- * To identify strategies for an expanded International role of the profession.
- * To enhance social work curriculum and teaching methodologies for International Social Work
- * To provide a forum for social work faculty members to share their International Social Work experiences and reflections
- * To provide a forum for social work students with International exposure to share their experiences and learning
- * To work collectively and prepare a plan of action for standardization and enhancement of International Social Work
- * To systematically document and publish International Social Work experiences of social work institutions in the region.

Sub-Themes of the Workshop

- International Social Work
- Conceptual and theoretical issues and concerns
- Administrative and Operational Modalities
- Models of International Social Work Practice

- Collaborative Research and Publications
- Grant Development for ISW
- Faculty Exchange Arrangements
- Student Placements / Exchange
- Documentation & Publication

Rationale of the Workshop

International Social Work is gaining recognition worldwide with globalization and liberal economic trends. Professional Social Workers are going beyond national borders and functioning in multicultural environments. With the increasing emphasis on international partnerships in higher education, professional Social Work education should aim to address various issues of this important and emerging concept of International Social Work. In recent days, we have been observing an increase in the number of publications addressing various issues of International Social Work. However, there is wide variation in the conceptualization, practices and documentation of International Social Work. Nearly hundred participants attended in this workshop.