

# BASW

The professional association for social work and social workers

## IMPACT REPORT OCTOBER 2018 - SEPTEMBER 2019

BASW offers services that protect, support and develop your social work career and supports you to shape the profession and our context

**4,000+** ATTENDED FREE AND DISCOUNTED EVENTS

**300**

came to our UK annual conference 2019 in Belfast, which had

**100%**

satisfaction feedback

“  
It was my first BASW conference and as a social worker for almost 20 years I wish I'd attended years ago. Affirming, inspiring, uplifting, challenging and hopeful is what I felt after it ”

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**12,500**

members opt into SWU, the Social Workers Union, for full, tailored employment help and protection services

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**1500+**

members sought professional advice and support from a team of qualified social workers who give professional and regulatory help

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“  
I cannot overestimate the excellence of my BASW rep's performance ”

**WE CONTINUE TO CAMPAIGN FOR CHANGE ON THE ISSUES THAT MATTER TO SOCIAL WORKERS**

## Building the voice of social work

**30 media hits on average each month**

In national and regional broadcast, print and online, including: **BBC, ITV, The Guardian, The Times, The Independent, Sunday Politics, Community Care, Municipal Journal** - to champion social work and campaign for change on the issues that matter to our members

**3,421**



took part in our working conditions survey, which fed into our joint research publication in partnership with SWU and Bath Spa University. Our wellbeing toolkit will be launched this year.

We lobbied parliament and **20** ministers and a Lord signed our pledge to support improved working conditions

**BASW NI** is leading a campaign to highlight violence in the workplace and launched **Voices of Social Work through The Troubles**

**BASW Cymru** has continued to raise the profile of working conditions for social workers in Wales, including giving oral and written evidence to Plaid Cymru's Care Commission and through engagement with Social Care Wales

## ANTI-POVERTY...

Campaigning for a more socially just context; we want to reduce poverty and inequality and challenge the austerity policies that contribute to this

- We launched the **Anti-Poverty Practice Guide for Social Work**
- Provided evidence and responded to the UN report on UK poverty

## ...ANTI-AUSTERITY

BASW lobbied parliament and campaigned against the controversial Universal Credit two child cap and the Rape Clause and led the cross-profession campaign against the unique legal implications for social workers and other professions in Northern Ireland. Resulting in the Attorney General for NI issuing a statement to clarify that in the vast majority of cases in which disclosures are not brought to the attention of police, no offence will have been committed either by the victim, or the third-party assisting them

# CAMPAIGNING TO UPHOLD RELATIONSHIP-BASED PRACTICE IN SOCIAL WORK



**Campaign**  
Promoting relationship  
based practice

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Striving to increase time for relational social work through the **BASW England 80:20** campaign.

Calling for more opportunities for social workers to spend quality relationship-based time with children and families rather than on administrative and process tasks.

Recognising and celebrating relational practice, through events such as World Social Work Day

“  
*This is what makes  
social work unique  
– its emphasis on  
human to human  
encounters*”

# INFLUENCE

We responded to major consultations, influenced the development of professional standards, released position statements, called for recognition of the vital role of social work and secured opportunities to feed into and debate on social work policy and practice

**Advocated for role of social workers and human rights on the independent review of the Mental Health Act in England and Wales**

Published a joint statement on the role of social workers in disasters/emergencies in partnership with Association of Directors for Adult Services (ADASS) and established a national CPD programme



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Over  
**2.4M**  
visits to our  
website and  
growing

**£73K** was allocated to individuals and partnerships in the international exchange of skills, knowledge and expertise through the International Development Fund

**85** BASW England  
branch events were  
held

We visited **53**  
universities across the  
UK

## BASW Cymru

campaigning with partner agencies to highlight homelessness in Wales through peaceful protests, articles and awarded a homeless organisation as our first ‘community champion’ in our social work awards

## SASW

campaigning and gave evidence at the Scottish Parliament calling for social workers to be exempted from paying the controversial workplace parking levy

# BUILDING YOUR CAREER

Launched leadership and practice standards for Social Workers in England (with Department for Health and Social Care) co-produced by people with lived experience, parents and carers on Older People (refreshed), Learning Disability, Autism and Digital capabilities

Each month over **20,000** view the online Professional Capabilities Framework (PCF) for social work in England

**3,000** members tuned into webinars and **3834** listened to our podcasts BASW Talk

**Each month we host a range of training events to support your CPD. This year 203 delegates attended our domestic abuse workshops led by SASW in Scotland**

**BASW** members enjoy **70%** discount on The British Journal of Social Work, which averages **72,276** online views each month