

BASW CHAIR OF INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

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Election Statement



In a volatile world - socially, economically and politically - we must build on the growing impact of social work on the United Nations, European Union and world community and ensure that international social work influences a post-Brexit UK. Embracing a strong global identity is core to strengthening the national profession.

I am standing for this new, key BASW role offering commitment to social justice, passion for improving social work practice and education, substantial experience of working in international institutions and my 40 year involvement in strengthening BASW as our 'strong independent voice'.

I have been a BASW activist since 1973, serving in various roles, including 9 years as General Secretary, representing social work at the highest levels.

After 20 years' leadership experience in International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW), including 4 years as world President, and Commonwealth Organisation for Social Work (COSW), I was recently appointed Global Co-ordinator of the Global Agenda for Social Work process. I played a key role in launching World Social Work Day, and in drafting the Council of Europe Statement on Social Work and IFSW policy statements (e.g. Global Standards for Qualifications, Effective & Ethical Workplace, Globalisation).

I understand the structures of BASW, IFSW and relevant national and international bodies and have worked with the UN, Commonwealth, Council of Europe and European Union.

International social work is local, informing social work practice (such as cross-border assessments and work with refugees) but also global (networking between countries and associations). I will help BASW to integrate international perspectives whilst sustaining its strong international influence.

I aim to increase the number of members in active roles within BASW international activities and ensure an effective succession of well informed representatives.

I am well placed to Chair the International Committee and develop its new role within the BASW structures.

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