**WORLD SOCIAL WORK DAY 2018**
Social Work and Youth: Towards Inclusive Sustainable Development

**ROOM XVI - PALAIS DES NATIONS GENEVA**

**PROGRAMME**

Tuesday 20 March 2018

**9:30**
**REGISTRATION AND WELCOME COFFEE**

**10:00**
**WELCOME AND OPENING STATEMENTS**
- **MICHAEL MØLLER**, Director General, United Nations Office at Geneva (UNOG)
- **JOËLLE LIBOIS**, Director, School of Social Work Geneva (HETS-GE), University of Applied Sciences and Arts Western Switzerland (HES-SO)
- **NINO ZGANEC**, President, European Association of Schools of Social Work (EASSW)
- **PAUL LADD**, Director, United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD)
- **ANA RADULESCU**, Vice Chair, International Federation of Social Workers Europe (IFSW)

**10:45**
**KEYNOTE SPEECH**
**INCLUSION INTO WHAT? A RADICAL SUSTAINABILITY PERSPECTIVE ON THE CHALLENGE OF YOUTH INCLUSION FACED BY SOCIAL WORK**

**AILA-LEENA MATTHIES**, University of Jyväskylä, Finland

**12:00**
**LUNCH BREAK**

**12:15**
**DISCUSSION WITH AUDIENCE**

**13:45**
**PANEL**
**PROMOTING YOUTH INCLUSION FOR SUSTAINABLE AND RESILIENT COMMUNITIES**

**14:00**
- **SOCIAL WORK AND SUSTAINABILITY: HOW CAN YOUNG PEOPLE MAKE SOCIAL WORK GREENER?**
  **FRANÇOIS GILLET**, University of Applied Sciences Bruxelles-Brabant - International Association for Training, Research and Social Intervention (AIFRIS)
- **POLITICAL EXTREMISM AMONG YOUTH**
  **SANDRINE HAYMOZ**, School of Social Work, Fribourg (HETS-FR), University of Applied Sciences and Arts Western Switzerland (HES-SO)
  **DIRK BAIER**, Zurich University of Applied Science (ZHAW)
  **PATRIK MANZONI**, Zurich University of Applied Science (ZHAW)
- **RISING TO THE YOUTH EMPLOYMENT CHALLENGE**
  **NIALL O’HIGGINS**, International Labour Office (ILO)

**15:00**
**BREAK**

**15:15**
- **CONTESTING CONCEPTIONS OF “YOUTH” AND “ACTIVISM”: EXPERIENCES FROM LEBANON**
  **DINA KIWAN**, University of Birmingham
- **INDIGENOUS YOUTH AS ACTORS FOR MORE INCLUSIVE SOCIETIES**
  **MARK GOODALE**, University of Lausanne (UNIL)
- **DISCUSSION WITH AUDIENCE**

**16:30**
**CONCLUSION**

**18:00**
**AFTERWORK MIX & MASH - YOUTH AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**
Brasserie des Halles de l’île (Place de l’île 1, Genève)

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8:45  REGISTRATION AND WELCOME COFFEE

9:30  PLENARY SESSION: WORKSHOPS

• WORKSHOP (W1) YOUTH AND MARGINALIZED MINORITIES
  ALBERTO CODDOU, University Diego Portales
  JO MORTEN KAAVEN, Indigenous People’s Centre for Documentation, Research and Information (DOCIP)
  ANNE LAVANCHY, School of Social Work Geneva (HETS-GE)

• WORKSHOP (W2) YOUTH AND EXTREMISMS
  FEDERICO BIASCA, University of Fribourg (Uni-FR)
  GÉRALDINE CASUTT, University of Fribourg (Uni-FR)
  MIRYAM ESER DAVOLIO, Zürich University of Applied Sciences (ZHAW)
  SANDRINE HAYMOZ, School of Social Work Fribourg (HETS-FR)

• WORKSHOP (W3) GROUP WORK AS A METHOD FOR LABOUR MARKET INTEGRATION
  PETER STADE, School of Social Work Lucerne (HSLU)
  BERNARD WANDELER, School of Social Work Lucerne (HSLU)

• WORKSHOP (W4) MOBILIZING YOUTH FOR TRANSFORMATIVE CHANGE
  STEP INTO ACTION
  UNITED NATIONS RESEARCH INSTITUTE FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT (UNRISD)

10:30  WORKSHOPS

(W1) What are the specific challenges faced by young people from marginalized ethnic and cultural minorities? What are their claims and how do they mobilize? How do social policies respond to them, or, on the contrary, reinforce marginalization processes? To address these issues, the workshop will start from the legal question and critically discuss legislative measures that aim to recognize specific rights and statuses for different groups.

(W2) Extremism, whether based on religious radicalization or other ideologies, is often associated with youth. How can social work prevent this phenomenon and fight the abuse of young people by radical and terrorist groups without falling into the pitfalls of “moral panic” and avoiding stigmatization? The workshop will address issues of Islamic extremism—and more specifically the role of women in jihad—as well as issues of right-wing and left-wing extremism. Innovative prevention tracks will also be presented.

(W3) In Western countries, young people from populations marginalized by lack of legal status or other mechanisms are often confronted with exclusion in school and professional circles. In cooperation with several local and international partners, the School of Social Work Lucerne has developed a group coaching approach for marginalized groups. The workshop will address experiences, opportunities and challenges of a group-oriented coaching approach in social work practice.

(W4) How can young people from all backgrounds meaningfully engage and become agents of change to implement the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)? How can their creative potential be tapped for sustainable development and building resilient communities? How can social work professionals and international organizations promote youth participation and develop their political participation at all levels, from local to global?

12:30  LUNCH BREAK at participant’s own expense

14:00  REPORTING BACK FROM WORKSHOPS AND DISCUSSION

• W1, W2, W3, W4
• DISCUSSION WITH AUDIENCE

15:00  BREAK

15:15  ROUNDTABLE - OVERCOMING CHALLENGES TO YOUTH PARTICIPATION

• NINA FERENCIC, Senior Advisor, United Nations Children’s Fund
• RIO HADA, Team Leader, Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)
• SERGE MIMOUNI, Deputy Director, Department of Social Cohesion and Solidarity, City of Geneva
• GETOU MUSANGU, Social Worker, Afro Swiss
• YVETTE STEVENS, Ambassador, Mission of Sierra Leone
• NATIA PARTSKHALADZE, Senior Technical Advisor, Global Social Service Workforce Alliance

16:45  CLOSING REMARKS

• PAUL LADD, Director, United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD)
• JOEL GAPANY, Director, School of Social Work Fribourg (HETS-FR), University of Applied Sciences and Arts Western Switzerland (HES-SO)
• PRISKA FLEISCHLIN, Representative to the UN Geneva, International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW)