

Positive Thoughts, Positive Impacts and Positive Social Work: the wherewithal of hope?

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Positive Thoughts

What are our thoughts to build a 'just society'? How might it look like? What are our thoughts on Identities and social mobilisation in the era of Globalisation? Wellbeing and healthcare - State, Market and civil society?

Whose concerns are these?
How do we debate on provision of choice to people in social work, social sciences and human services?
How do we stop the manifesting of injustices in everyday relationships and every day institutions?
How do we take on the everyday inequalities and injustices in the name of market freedoms?

If social work is political is there any political idea or value left in social work?

What shape and face will be the future thought in social work, social sciences, humanities and indigenous knowledge? How would social work engage with people and structures to address life challenges and enhance human wellbeing?

Positive Impacts

For us in the profession of social work, it is difficult to understand governments, societies and institutions that are willing to tolerate poverty and suffering.

It is equally difficult for us to tolerate those who merely critique oppression and injustice and fail to engage with institutions, societies and governments.

What interventions exist that deal with the dissatisfaction with governance, erosion of values lack of security of all forms, in your world?
Does social work practice interface with Sustainable Development Goals 2030?
Interventions that deal with security of food, shelter and water and a right to employment?
Are there impacts that you could share in this world forum that address change engagement in a deliberate planned way with institutions, societies & governments?

As a practice-based profession and an academic discipline what narratives exist that promote social cohesion, and the empowerment and liberation of people? What is our work at the intersections of poverty, patriarchy and gender?

Positive Social Work

Do you believe and have seen that people have strengths and capacities in all societies, that they can change and grow through their strengths and capacities?

People are unique and they do take hitherto untrodden paths. Some people take small steps but sustain their efforts at finding solutions. Somehow in working with people these narratives have not been adequately captured. I remember having read a while ago about the 'grain bank of Darphal' a small village in India. This is an innovative grain bank, where the users (debtors) pay the principal and the interest in grains! There is no political interference. Unique it stands as an example of positive engagement of people that stood against the uncertain climate conditions and limited or practically no state intervention in the village.

Positive social work and community engagement builds resilience and hope.

We need more encouraging narratives that addressed social justice, human rights, collective responsibility and respect for diversity, so central to social work.

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CURRENT THINKING,
& Current impacts
with a view to reshape
social STRATEGIES FOR
a positive future

PERTINENT QUESTIONS TO RAISE

What positive features of human nature, such as happiness, virtues, personal strengths, and altruism, find their rightful place in social work?

Are we all about best value, economy, efficiency and effectiveness?

How are we accommodating the emotional element in our relationships with our clients?

Have we forsaken the conversations of the heart in preference to conversations of the head and hand?

How do we put heart into our social work bureaucracies- Organisational structures, procedures and compliance management?

With people becoming resilient are we becoming resilient? Is there anything called resilient social work?

How long will non-western cultures suffer the borrowed social work? Is there a record of some silent innovation, creativity in social work?

How significant is coping in social work? Social work asks its client to adapt to situations. How often do we realise this involves often positive re-appraisals, goal directed and solution focused work and meaning making of ordinary events? ¹

What is the place of optimism in social work and human services? How optimistic are we as a profession? As a force?

There are a 100s of questions and very few answers if we battle alone. But when we raise them amidst our peers and raise them because of our commitment to see a future for social work profession that continues to resound and regal the IFSW definition, solutions ought to be found. By committing to attend, as a participant, delegate, presenter, discussant, or spouse, friend or partner or a possible sponsor, you will begin the right direction for the future.

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¹ Stewart Collins (2007) Social workers, resilience, positive emotions and optimism, Practice, 19:4, 255-269, DOI: 10.1080/09503150701728186

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