

AFTERNOON FORUM ON INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL POLICY ISSUES 2011

CONCERNS ABOUT WELLBEING OF YOUNG PEOPLE: VIEWS FROM FINLAND, EUROPE, AND OVERSEAS

Time: Monday, 14th November 2011, 13:00-16:00

Place: Tieteiden talo, Kirkkokatu 6, room 505, Helsinki

Organisers: Finnish Federation for Social Welfare and Health (STKL), Finnish ICSW, and the Social Policy Association.

Aim: The wellbeing of young people has raised anxiety both in Finland, in Europe and in other parts of the world recently. The recent events in Oslo and London were shocking and gave reasons for concern. Also in Finland, signs of social exclusion and distress among young people are increasing.

What are the messages of young people and those working with youths towards decision-makers and us citizens? What kind of social policy measures are wanted in order to improve the situation of young people? How do current national and international development and challenges, like globalization, increase of competition-ideology within society, and the current financial crisis affect the wellbeing of youths? What are the policy recommendations of civil society professionals and researchers towards improving the wellbeing of young people?

These are some of the issues that will be discussed.

Participants: Participation is complimentary and open to all interested, including social work professionals and voluntary workers, researchers, students, parents and youths.

Registration: by Friday, 4th November 2011 to:
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Programme:

- 13.00 **Opening Words: Ms. Susan Kuivalainen (PhD), Social Policy Association of Finland.**
- 13.05 **European perspectives: The Situation of Young People in Britain Jonathan Hadley (PhD), researcher, University of Helsinki (presentation in English)**
- 13.40 **Perspectives from Finland: Voices and Concerns of Young People in Finland
Tatjana Pajamäki, Director, Assisting Phone and Internet Services, Mannerheim League for Child Welfare (presentation in Finnish)**
- 14.30 **Coffee break**
- 14.45 **Perspectives from Overseas: The Situation of Youth in Tanzania
Ari Koivu, Director, Liike - Sports and Development (presentation in Finnish)**
- 15.30 **Discussion (We will use both English and Finnish languages.)**
- 16.00 **Seminar ends.**

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Preview: World Conference on Social Work and Social Development 2012



Welcome to the 2nd Joint World Conference on Social Work and Social Development 2012: Action and Impact.

The conference will take place in Stockholm, Sweden, between the 8th and 12th of July in 2012. The conference will be the meeting point for policymakers, social workers, scholars and students to exchange experiences in social work practice, social research, social education and social policy to develop a sustainable welfare system for the future.

The conference is organized by:

- IASSW – International Association of Schools of Social Work
- ICSW – International Council on Social Welfare
- IFSW – International Federation of Social Workers

We are pleased to announce that the Call for abstracts is now open. In order to get a wide variety of submitters we kindly ask you to distribute this Call for abstracts to people in your professional and personal network.

Deadline for abstracts: November 30, 2011.

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