



## IASWG Group News

### Group Work Track at CSWE

Atlanta, Georgia, USA  
November 3 - 6, 2016

Join us at the group work sessions, and at the IASWG Exhibit Hall Booth during the US CSWE Annual Program Meeting.

To learn more, click [here](#).

### SPARC Review Cycle Deadline is now November 4th, 2016!

Do you have a innovative group work project that IASWG can help spark? We review proposals twice a year for IASWG endorsement only or endorsement and funding.

*[Click here for more information.](#)*

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**2017 SYMPOSIUM**  
In New York City, USA  
June 7 - 10, 2017

### PRESIDENT'S PEN

Dear IASWG Members and Group Work Advocates,

Our IASWG Group News is an opportunity to share good news, and we have lots of good news to share about IASWG these days.

IASWG Committee and Chapter Activity: The June IASWG Board meeting was engaging and energizing. We had full representation from our many IASWG Chapter Representatives and IASWG Committee Chair/Co-Chairs, and the result was an active and productive meeting. Committee Chairs/Co-chairs presented and discussed all of the noteworthy accomplishments and progress currently happening in their Committee areas, and they outlined ways in which the Committees would continue to contribute to IASWG in the future. Each of our 17 chapters had a representative at the Board meeting: Tennessee, South Africa, Germany, North Carolina, Northeast Ohio, European, Lithuania, Southern California, Central Florida, Toronto, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Florida, Long Island, Francophone Chapter, Illinois, NYC, and Pennsylvania. The IASWG Board members (including all of the IASWG Committee Chairs/Co-chairs and IASWG Chapter Representatives) plan to meet in November at Fordham University in NYC to share current IASWG accomplishments and to plan for future endeavors, including setting priorities/goals for 2017. In addition, IASWG Chapter folks have been conducting chapter events the past few months, and are actively planning future activities. Lastly, the Executive Committee of the IASWG Board phone conferenced recently to discuss current IASWG issues; our most recent IASWG Treasurer Reports submitted by our IASWG Treasurer, Dominique Steinberg, have shown that we continue to move forward with financial prudence and with financial health.

## CONTRIBUTE TO OUR WEBSITE

The Commission Committee section of the IASWG website is dedicated to strengthening the teaching of social work practice with groups in social work schools and programs in the United States.

We are engaged in an ongoing effort to refresh content within the 'resource' section, and would like you to be involved in that effort. Please send content related to the following areas to Jay Sweifach at [jsweifac@yu.edu](mailto:jsweifac@yu.edu).

- Best practices for working with groups. View current topics [here](#).
- Recent publications on group work
- Job postings
- Continuing education, conferences, webinars, etc.
- Videos or other online resources that would be beneficial to members.
- If you are you willing to serve as an expert on a dissertation committee, please let us know.

## FALL TRAINING SERIES ON GROUP WORK WITH YOUNG PEOPLE

[Strengths-based Group Work with Children and Adolescents](#)

IASWG 2016 and 2017 NYC Symposia: The IASWG 2016 NYC Symposium at the New York University (NYU) Global Center was a big success. The IASWG 2016 NYC Symposium Planning Committee members (Christine Wilkins, Sari Skolnik, John Genke, and Emily Wilk), led by IASWG Symposium Chair, Dana Leeman, created a symposium event in New York on June 15-18 that was a memorable experience for all who attended. Located on the beautiful Washington Square Park campus of NYU, we had thoughtful and scholarly presentations, with hundreds of group workers from across the globe joining together at NYU to share group work knowledge and skills. The Plenary, Invitational, and Institute/Outstitute events were dynamic; one Plenary panel addressed the role of group work in the current global refugee crisis, and another Plenary panel examined the current state of group work education worldwide including the growing number of online group work courses. One of our Invitational sessions focused on group work with Muslim women, and another discussed group work with young survivors of global terrorism. The NYC 2017 Symposium, to be held once again at the New York University (NYU) Global Center promises to be a lovely event; you should make plans (and encourage others to make plans) to attend the 2017 Symposium.

IASWG is a strong organization right now, and we are successfully carrying out our IASWG mission to ensure that group work practice, education, research, publication, and field instruction survives and thrives.

**To read more of the President's Pen concerning: strong membership numbers; promotion of group work scholarship; IASWG Chapter growth; successful IASWG elections; and global promotion of Group Work, click [here](#).**

As always, thank you to all of you, our active IASWG members throughout the world, for furthering the IASWG mission to support and strengthen the cause of social group work. We will look forward to celebrating group work together at our 2017 IASWG Symposium in New York!

All the Best,

Greg Tully, IASWG President

November 18, 2016  
In New York, USA

## A Model for Planning in Social Work with Groups

December 16, 2016  
In New York, USA

Fall trainings are facilitated by Andrew Malekoff, Executive Director of North Shore Child and Family Guidance Center in New York, USA.

To learn more & register,  
[click here.](#)

## IASWG Online Chapter

Do you live in an area where there is no IASWG chapter and wish to connect with fellow members on a regular basis?

Do you dream of having virtual conversations, inservice trainings, or other enrichment opportunities without having to get on a plane, train, or car?

**If so, join a conversation about the creation of a virtual IASWG chapter:**

When: Sunday, Nov. 20th, 2016

Time: 12:30 pm EST

Where: Dana Leeman's Adobe Connect Room

If you would like to join this conversation cut and paste the following URL into your browser (use chrome, safari, or firefox only- NO internet explorer).

Link: <http://simmons-msw.adobeconnect.com/r81afd5jmwh/>

From your phone, call: 1-877-860-3058 when prompted, enter code: 8031010693

If you are joining the meeting from outside the United States, please contact Dana by [email](#).

We currently have about 6 people

## A MESSAGE FROM SYMPOSIUM CHAIR, DANA LEEMAN

Last June group workers from across the world met for three days at the Kimmel and Global Centers at New York University for our annual international symposium. The theme was: Group Work Across the Globe: Building Transformative Connections. During those spectacular summer days, over 350 attendees attended workshops, paper and poster presentations, and connected together over various activities in and around New York City. The symposium culminated in a moving termination activity in Washington Square Park. Special thanks to Symposium planning committee members including Sari Skolnik, Christine Wilkins, John Genke, and Emily Wilk.

With regards to proceedings from the 2016 symposium, submissions can now be submitted to Dana Grossman Leeman at [dana.leeman@gmail.com](mailto:dana.leeman@gmail.com) through February 1st, 2017.

IASWG has decided to publish articles from the 2016 and 2017 symposia in a compendium. Papers from the 2017 symposium can be submitted to Dana Grossman Leeman through December 1st, 2017. Pictures of symposia-related events and activities can be viewed on our Facebook page. Stay tuned for information about the 2017 symposium, which will also be held at NYU Kimmel and Global Centers in early June.

## BOARD ELECTIONS

Our three new Board members elected by the IASWG membership, Reshawna Chappel, Alexis Howard, and William Pelech, will join us for their first Board meeting in NYC in November.

Each of them will gradually become involved in IASWG Committee work in the upcoming months; we look forward to all three of them serving on the IASWG Board starting in November. Much appreciation to the Nominations and Elections Committee for overseeing a smooth election process (Kyle McGee, Chair, and the Committee members: Daniela Riccelli, Jorune

interested in attending on 11/20 and welcome more. This is an exploratory conversation to assess energy and appetite for taking on this endeavor.

To learn more, email [dana.leeman@gmail.com](mailto:dana.leeman@gmail.com).

## RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

To learn more about the benefits of membership and to renew, please visit our [website](#).

To inquire about your membership status, email [membership@iaswg.org](mailto:membership@iaswg.org).

Vysniauskyte-Rimkiene, Sam Benbow, and Martin Camire); thanks also to Daniela, Martin, Tanja Schmitz-Remberg, and Hilde Mueller for assisting with election ballot translations.

## UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS

### European Chapter

[Scribble and scrawl? The Art of Visualization in Groups](#)

November 5th, 2016 in Mönchengladbach, Germany

### Red Apple New York City Chapter

[Objects and Stories of Social Work with Groups](#)

November 10th, 2016 in New York City, NY, USA

## Volunteer to Support the IASWG Booth at the Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting

If you are attending CSWE APM this year, consider signing up for a short, two hour shift to staff the IASWG booth in the exhibition hall. It's an excellent opportunity to promote the organization and meet other conference attendees. We'll have, IASWG brochures, membership applications, information on our SPARC program, copies of the standards, mints, pens, and most importantly good times!

Here is the [link](#) to sign-up. For more information, please contact Brian Kelly at [bkelly6@luc.edu](mailto:bkelly6@luc.edu).



EASSW-UNAFORIS 2017 European Conference

*Social Work Education in Europe:  
Challenging Boundaries, Promoting a Sustainable Future*

June 27, 28 & 29, 2017

- pre-conferences on 26 June -

Paris, France - Université Paris Descartes

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For help, contact: [eassw2017@unaforis.eu](mailto:eassw2017@unaforis.eu)

## DONATE

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To make a donation, [click here.](#)