Secretariat Updates

Alliance Joins Global Mass Movement for Eco-Social Change

The Alliance is proud to be a partner for the upcoming people’s summit: ‘Co-Building a New Eco-social World: Leaving No One Behind’. The summit, scheduled for June 2022, will bring together individuals and communities, people of lived experiences, along with global organizations to co-build a combined global conversation on the creation of globally shared values for a new eco-social world that leaves no one behind. The vision of this global summit emerges from the pandemic, the climatic crisis, and the need to co-build a new eco-social world based on values that shape policies and practices to ensure sustainability and good quality life-cycles.

The people’s global summit will provide spaces for individuals as well as for group representatives to advance their ideas and provide a platform for engagement across different cultures, diverse lived experiences, professional groups, and perspectives. All contributions will shape the Global Values Declaration for a new eco-social world that will be delivered to the United Nations High-Level Political Forum in July 2022 and will create a catalyst for further global action.

We invite you to join us in working together towards creating a new eco-social world as we emerge from the pandemic. Anyone can be a part of this, the registration is now open, and we
want your contributions in this mass movement for change.

*Join the Co-Building a New Eco-social World: Leaving No One Behind people’s summit.*

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**Support the Social Service Workforce this Giving Tuesday**

Since 2013, the Alliance has provided a global network for those seeking to strengthen the social service workforce, serving as a dedicated space for collaboration and learning, a hub for critical resources and a promoter of effective advocacy practices. *Through this unique and vital combination of activities, the Alliance works to create a thriving social service workforce that in turn can improve the lives of our most vulnerable communities.*

As we approach GivingTuesday (30 November), a global day of generosity that encourages people to do good, please consider supporting the Global Social Service Workforce Alliance. Your support will help us continue to grow as a network and develop the resources necessary to achieve a workforce equipped with the tools, knowledge, advocacy and support they need to continue to achieve positive change around the world.

*Donate to the Alliance.*

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**Advocates Build Support for the Workforce During Social Service Workforce Week**

From 25-29 October, organizations and individuals across the globe brought attention to the essential role of the social service workforce during [Social Service Workforce Week](#). In light of COVID-19, increasingly frequent climate-related disasters and more widespread protracted conflicts, this year’s theme focused on the key role of social service workers in emergency preparedness and response. Throughout the week, the Alliance shared blog content and resources drawing attention to the crucial, but often unrecognized, role of the social service workforce in helping people and communities prepare, adapt and respond to protracted conflicts, climate-related disasters and widespread disease outbreaks, most notably the current COVID-19 pandemic. Profiles of social service workers who are dedicated to ensuring the well-being of families and communities across the globe were also shared by the Alliance and others throughout social media.

While the week may be over, please continue to advocate for the importance of the social service workforce to donors and policymakers, media and the general public, and other social service professionals using our [key advocacy messages](#).

*View all content from the week.*
Upcoming Events

World Congress on Justice With Children | 15-20 November 2021

The World Congress on Justice With Children is an international milestone that gathers children alongside policymakers, legal practitioners, academics, and civil society representatives with relevant work experience to influence Child Justice, explore best practices, foster scientific cooperation, and raise awareness on child-friendly justice. The aim of the event is to place children’s rights at the top of the international agenda to promote fair and appropriate justice systems for and with children.

Learn more.

Transforming Children’s Care Webinar #6: Trauma-Informed Approaches to Care | 17 November, 9-10:30am ET

Children living in families and within alternative care can and do experience traumatic events. These can be caused by violence, illness, parental death, natural or human made disasters, and separation. Trauma-informed responses vary according to culture and context; all of them recognize the importance of working with the child, family and the wider community to promote resilience and recovery. This webinar, the sixth in the Transforming Children’s Care Webinar Series, will provide basic understanding of trauma informed care, and different approaches and tools that have been used in a range of contexts and with various populations of children and those around them.

Learn more and register.

IFSW African Region Social Work Conference | 23-26 November

Rwanda National Organization of Social Workers (RWA-NOSW) and the International Federation of Social Work (IFSW) will host the 2021 IFSW Africa regional conference from 23rd to 26th November 2021. The conference will be hybrid, taking place in Kigali, Rwanda and online, and will focus on the theme: “Towards Ubuntu and Sustainable Development: Social Work position in achieving SDGs”. It will bring together practitioners, trainers, students, and researchers from different professions including social work, key decision-makers, and service users to demonstrate social work’s contribution to the future of Africa.

Learn more and register.

Transforming Children’s Care Webinar #7: Foster Care | 7 December, 9-10:30am ET
Foster carers can play a crucial role in providing children in need of alternative care with safety, protection and stability in a family-based setting whilst efforts are made to address challenges that have led to child-family separation or to identify a more permanent alternative care solution for children who cannot be re-integrated within their families. With many countries in the process of developing or strengthening their foster care systems, often as part of broader care reforms, there is an important opportunity to share learning from a variety of contexts. This will allow participants to reflect on what has worked, what has been challenging, and what different models and approaches have been used to make foster care a real and effective solution for children needing alternative care.

Learn more and register.

Biennial Conference on Alternative Care for Children in Asia 2021 | 8-9 December 2021

The Biennial Conference on Alternative Care for Children in Asia (BICON) is a leading conference focused on the rights of children and young people without parental care. BICON 2021 is an important event for stakeholders to work together to drive care reform in the region. The conference will be hosted virtually.

View more information and register.

Resources

Most of the resources below can be found in our Resource Database. For resources specific to COVID-19, be sure to view our COVID-19 Resources page. If you have a new resource to share, please contact us.


The Alliance for Child Protection in Humanitarian Action’s L&D Working Group has developed a microsite with training resources, modules & tools to better equip child protection in humanitarian action practitioners to adapt child protection programming in the context of COVID-19 and other infectious disease outbreaks. The site includes resources on supporting practitioners to prepare for and deliver training remotely, preparing case workers to safely transition to remote case management service delivery (including via phone), and enhancing the knowledge and skills of community volunteers to support the protection and well-being of children in COVID-19 and other infectious disease outbreaks at the community level.
Access the microsite.

[Report] Best practices in programming for child victims of trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation

In this report, Child10 gathered best practice examples on how to integrate a child rights-based approach in programming through input from the Child10 2021 Awarded Member Organizations working directly with child victims and children at risk of commercial sexual exploitation and trafficking throughout Europe. The examples in the best practice report can be summarized in a 10 point checklist to assist in improving the integration of a child rights-based approach in all activities related to ending trafficking and sexual exploitation of children and youth.

Access the report.

[E-Learning Course] Trauma and Alternative Care: An Introduction to Using a Trauma-Informed Approach

This basic awareness-raising course, from SOS Children's Village, is for anyone who may come into contact with children and young people in alternative care settings. The aim of the course is to provide a brief understanding of trauma, the impact it can have on the lives of children and young people, and ways to support those who may be affected by it. The course is part of a wider EU-co-funded project called “Safe Places, Thriving Children: Embedding Trauma-Informed Practices into Alternative Care Settings.” The course is made up of six modules, which take approximately 40 minutes to complete.

Access the course.

[Report] Seen, Counted, Included: Using data to shed light on the well-being of children with disabilities

Millions of children with disabilities around the globe continue to be left behind, despite the near-universal ratification of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, the call for action embedded in the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the clear mandate set by the Sustainable Development Goals. Often, this neglect is the result of limited data. When absent from official statistics, children and adults with disabilities remain politically and socially ‘invisible’, increasing their marginalization and exposure to rights violations. Using the latest available data, this publication from
UNICEF covers more than 60 indicators of child well-being and includes the first-ever global and regional estimates of children with disabilities.

Access the report.

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