

# International Days in Social Work (IDSW) 2025

Dear BIP-Partner,

Please find here important information regarding our upcoming Blended Intensive Program. We are looking forward to welcoming you to our event in June.

<b>BIP-ID</b>	tbd
<b>ECTS awarded</b>	3 ECTS
<b>Title</b>	<b>Crossroads in Social Work</b>
<b>Virtual Part</b>	<b>Tuesd., May 13<sup>th</sup>, 17:00 – 18:30 (CET)</b>
<b>Physical Part</b>	Mon., June 9 <sup>th</sup> – Fri., June 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2025
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## Virtual Part – Program:

- 1) Pre-Welcome to Austria – Information about your host university and host country; organizational hints
- 2) Short Meet& Greet with all participants – including a short informal presentation (3 min./group) about their home university/country – to be prepared by students
- 3) Online Keynote by our Dean and Head of Social Work Study Program:

FH-Prof. DSA Mmag. Dr. Christian Stark

**“Participation in Social Work- Possibilities and limitations of participation of services users “**

The presentation describes the possibilities and limitations of the participation of service users. Participation is defined as the involvement of individuals, groups and communities in decision-making processes which affect them directly or indirectly. Empowerment is regarded as a fundamental precondition of participation by which individuals and groups and communities enhance their capacity to be informed, make choices and transform these choices into desired actions and outcomes. The presentation shows forms of and approaches to participation and gives concrete examples of participation practices in service user organizations for homeless people.

The article underlines that participation is a matter of power and the transfer of power as a measure of participation. Where participation is not connected to decision making it is merely a talking shop and tokenism.

Participation does not exclude the need for support! It concerns the matter of how the support is provided and aims to increase the autonomy of service users.

## Physical Part in Linz – Preliminary Program:

### Monday, 9 June 2025

- 07:45 Departure from FH Upper Austria – Cultural trip Sankt Wolfgang
- 18:30 Arrival back in Linz

### Tuesday, 10 June 2025

- 08:30 Registration
- 09:30 Welcome & Introduction: Christian Stark (Dean, FH Upper Austria)
- 10:00 Organizational: Iwona Hunstorfer (Head of International Office, FH Upper Austria)
- 10:15 Group picture / Break
- 10:30 Lecture/Workshops – held by guest lecturers - int. Social Work, various topics
- 12:00 World Café  
introduce yourself and your home university and get to know other participants, share local food from your country, what is your hometown/country known for?
- 14:00 Social Work from international perspective – discuss/work in groups
- 15:30 Welcome Late Lunch (covered)

### Wednesday, 11 June 2025

- 09:00 Lecture/Workshops – held by guest lecturers – int. Social Work, various topics
- 10:30 Break
- 10:45 Lecture/Workshop – held by guest lecturers - int. Social Work, various topics
- 12:00 Lunch Break

#### Site Visits:

- 13:00 LENA (Social Work with Sex Workers)
- 13:00 Center for Family Therapy and Men's Counselling Center
- 13:00 Neustart (Social Work with Offenders)
- 18:30 Dinner for Lecturers

### Thursday, 12 June 2025

- 09:00 Lecture/Workshop – held by guest lecturers - int. Social Work, various topics
- 10:30 Break
- 10:45 Lecture/Workshop – held by guest lecturers - int. Social Work, various topics
- 12:00 Lunch Break
- 13:00 Departure from FH Upper Austria
- 13:30 Guided Tour: Historical Site - Concentration Camp Mauthausen (optional)

### Friday, 13 June 2025

#### Presentation/Site Visit:

- 09:30 Departure from FH Upper Austria
- 10:00 Exit Sozial (Forensic Residential Facility)
- 10:00 Notschlafstelle B37 (Night Shelter)
- 10:00 Verein ISI (Outreach Work)
- 12:15 Return to FH Upper Austria
- 12:30 International Social Work – Discussion Groups
- 13:30 Closing Session
- 14:00 Farewell Lunch