**2017. Expression of Interest in Appointments of External and Internal Representatives of IFSW Europe e.V.**

**Deadline: 5th May 2017**

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Please indicate the position(s) you are interested and the capacity in which you would wish to serve:

Please X as appropriate

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| Position | Representative | Support Member |
| Council of Europe | X | ☐ |
| Global Human Rights Commission | ☐ | X |
| Permanent Committee on Ethics | ☐ | X |
| European Social Platform | X | ☐ |
| European Anti-Poverty Network | X | ☐ |
| Fundamental Rights Platform | ☐ | x |
| European Organisation of Rare Diseases | ☐ | x |

Please give a brief account of knowledge and experience you have relevant to the position(s) below:

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| I am applying for this position as I consider that IFSW Europe has an important and central role in representing and promoting the development and of social work in Europe. As a representative from the UK I am keen that UK social work continues to develop links to European social work organisations and related issues and ensures that UK contributes to and upholds IFSW European policies. In particular I am interested inthe European Social Platform, the Council of Europe and the European Anti Poverty Network. I am also very interested in supporting the organisations upholding human rights and ethics .  I have been a member and Vice Chair of the BASW International Committee and I have been active on its sub committees involved with IFSW, the Global Agenda and social work education. I have recently initiated a potential sub group concerned with social work practitioners and International Social Work  I have also been the joint chair of the UK Joint University Social Work Education Committee International Committee from 2013 to 2017 when I also represented the UK on IASSW.I am currently the SWEC representative on the UK Social Work and Service User Alliance Against Austerity  I have experience of teaching and research into issues relevant to IFSW Europe. As a senior lecturer in social work at Hertforshire University 2003-2015 I led modules on Social Work in Europe and International Social Work. I also completed an MPhil Thesis on a comparative study of Suicide Prevention in England and Norway. For a period I was responsible for Erasmus students and visits. I have also taught and researched social policy.  My social work practice experience was in child and adult mental health and my last practice post was as a team manager for a mental health team in Camden, London  Currently I have been interested in the effect of Trade Agreements and privatisation on public services and social work services and I have participated in an IFSW Europe group and an International IFSW group. I carried out a small survey within IFSW in 2016 on privatisation and trade agreements. Within the UK Ihave been active indeveloping activities around the Global Agenda and World Social Work day.  I am also keen to work on issues affecting asylum seekers, refugees and migrants and to promote both a social work rights based approach and social work policy and practice which support these groups. I am currently involved in the anti austerity alliance in the UK and am keen to challenge the policy of austerity and develop effective challenges to austerity.  I have experience of attending and chairing meetings and of public speaking.  Examples of Recent Publications/Papers :  De Chenu,L, Daehlen,D & Tah,J (2016) A critical comparison of welfare states and their relevance to people with an intellectual disability, Journal of Intellectual Disabilities  De Chenu,L & Littlechild,B (2016) International Social Work Research. Social Dialogue Issue 13  De Chenu,L & Henderson,R (2016) World Trade Agreements and the threats to social work and the rights of users of public services : How can social work respond ? World Social Work Conference : Seoul,2016 |

Current Employment Status: Retired (Senior Lecturer in Social Work)

Length of Time Position held: Retired April 2015 : Previous Post 12 years

Do you have the support of your employer to attend meetings? Yes

Will you be allowed time off work to attend meetings? Yes

Do you have the support of your Membership Organisation? To request support

How much of your own time are you able to devote to the position(s)? I will be able to offer the time that is needed.

Please indicate the level of your skills in both spoken and written English and in any other languages using the codes below:

Fluent (1); Very good (2); Good (3); Fairly good (4)

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Please indicate the level of your IT skills using the codes below:

Excellent (1); Very good (2); Good (3); Fairly good (4)

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| E-Mail | 2 |
| Word | 2 |
| Excel | 3 |
| Power point | 1 |

The completed form shall preferably be sent by e-mail by **5th May** **2017** to Lola Casal, IFSW Europe Honorary Secretary: [secretary.ifsweurope@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.ifsweurope@gmail.com) and certainly presented to her at the Delegates Meeting in Reykjavivk **no later than 13.00 on the 27th May 2017.**