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COSW LAUNCHES ACTIVITY REPORT 2019-2021



The COSW Board met on Saturday 27th November 2021 and approved the Activity Report for public launch. The full report can be found at www.cosw.info/news

The report details the range of activities undertaken by COSW before and during the pandemic, including development of a Commonwealth young carers charter; launching a new statement on respect and human rights for all; joint work with the Commonwealth institutions, the Independent Forum of Commonwealth Organisations (IFCO), other Commonwealth organisations, national associations, universities and others; online webinars; active publicity and information sharing through launch of the new COSW Website and new format newsletter and the promotion of Commonwealth and COSW activities through Twitter and Facebook; partnership with the Institute of Commonwealth Studies on a major research project on the history of social work; support for social workers during the pandemic and involvement in a global campaign for vaccine equity; participation in a global survey of the working environment for social workers and participation in planning the Global People's Eco-Social Summit for 2022.

Among other issues considered by the Board were the following:

- Welcome to Sharon-Rose Gittens (Barbados) to her first meeting
- Endorsement of a webinar series on regulation of social work during 2022
- Update on the plans for a webinar on the histories of social work across the Commonwealth being held in March 2022
- COSW governance and membership structures
- Contributions to the Global People's Eco-Social Summit for 2022 with IFSW & UNRISD

NOTE TO EDITORS

The Activity Report 2019-2021 can be found at www.cosw.info/cosw-news

Missing from the screen shot of the Board meeting – Monique Auffrey, Godfred Boahen, Charles Mbugua,

COSW is supported by a number of social work associations in the Commonwealth. It aims to promote and support communication and collaboration between social workers and social work associations of Commonwealth countries, and to uphold and promote the code of ethics of the International Federation of Social Workers.

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