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Social Work leading towards Social Justice and Sustainability



**35. CIF International Conference
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Dear participants, dear socially engaged people,

I am very pleased that the CIF International Congress is taking place in Hanover this year. The conference theme is an important concern for me personally. The sustainability of social work and its contribution to more social justice are important socio-political issues.

The importance of social work in ensuring equal participation in society cannot be overestimated. The current crises in the world, the Ukraine war, the struggle for equality in Iran, the terrible earthquake in Syria and Turkey, to name just a few, show how indispensable social work is. We need people who care about others in need.

We are also moved by these crises here on site. Hannover is a social city in which social organizations, volunteers and public institutions work hand in hand and side by side to enable social participation of all citizens - this joint commitment based on solidarity and humanity is very important to me. "Hanover helps" - that is our motto - in the reception of refugees, in the commitment to homeless people, in the health care of people especially with reference to the challenges of the Corona pandemic in recent years and in much more.

Hanover is also a city of immigration, where diversity and variety are actively lived. The venue for your conference, the Pavillon, is well chosen. After all, it stands as a social-cultural center for exchange and debate on social, cultural and political issues. The Pavillon is a house of cultures that reflects the internationality of Hanover very well - a good place for intercultural exchange within the framework of your congress.

Ahead of you, there are a few days with an extensive program. The focus is on discussions, workshops and lectures, but of particular importance is also the professional exchange among yourselves. I hope there will be some time on the sidelines of the conference to get to know something of Hanover and its sights. I am sure that the days in our city will remain in your best memory!

Best regards,

Yours

Belit Onay,
Lord Mayor of the
City of Hanover





Elisabeth Fischbacher
(Switzerland)
President
CIF International

Welcome to all of you!

It is almost four years since CIF supporters met in person in Saint-Malo and you are all more than welcome here in Hannover, attending a conference: but also marking an achievement.

Yes, we have had meetings, even a CIF Conference and a General Assembly, both online; and they were all well organized, interesting and in many ways convenient. ZOOM meetings have worked out reasonably well for quite a long time. Even not knowing each other in person, we successfully got several important things done. But it is not the same. Times have changed, surroundings have changed, we have changed, and problems have other dimensions.

So it is high time to get together to fully discuss all these changes, the issues behind them, and draw useful conclusions for the future.

CIF International has existed since 1960, being founded in Germany 63 years ago. It is by chance that this 35th CIF Conference is being held in Germany. Let's use the week we have here to listen to eminent speakers, exchange views in workshops, enjoy the time together and the beautiful surroundings. But let us also think about the future of CIF, the means of communication and to productively work together. To work for peace is more important than ever; and our way, which is to support and organize international professional exchanges (IPEPs), is also more important than ever. Maybe this is the only long-term way to support peace: to meet and to get to know people with other ideas, from other cultures, to exchange, to trust them.

CIF Germany has always been a good location for milestones: the foundation, supporting conferences, maintaining the archives, always proposing active members in committees, holding the legal seat of the organization, pursuing exchange programs, and, and, and... CIF Germany is needed, now in 2023, and also to play a part in the future as well as it has in the past.

So: all of you are welcome to what I think is a big international exchange, a kind of IPEP; and I trust we can both reflect on the past and work here for the future.

Hello CIF Friends!

Welcome to the start of the 35th CIF International Conference! It is wonderful to have our first in-person conference again. I am so excited to be gathering together today to reconnect with old friends, share experiences, and learn new skills.

Hosted by our dear colleagues in Germany we will learn about "Social Work leading towards Social Justice and Sustainability." CIF conferences are an amazing opportunity to meet others who have been through the same international journey and provides an invaluable opportunity to explore how we can create meaningful connections between cultures and share our knowledge and experiences. Being here together in Hannover is a reminder of how CIP and CIF began with one man's vision of building a bridge of peace and understanding between Germany and the U.S. Let us use this time to celebrate how far we have come and to look ahead to the future of international exchange.



Warmest regards,
Lisa Purdy
President & CEO
Council of International Programs

The city of Hannover is located in the northern part of Germany. It's the capital of the federal state Lower Saxony (Niedersachsen). There are more than 500 000 inhabitants. Hannover is well known as the city of conventions and fairs. The city is a major crossing point of railway lines and motorways (Autobahnen), connecting in both the east-west (Berlin-Cologne) and north-south (Hamburg-Munich) directions.

In Hannover you can discover numerous sights, such as: the **Old Town**, the **Maschsee**, the **New Town Hall**, the **Herrenhausen Gardens**. The **three Nanas**, on the Lebnizufer have become one of Hannover's most popular landmarks since 1974.

The artist **Niki de Saint Phalle** was made an honorary citizen of Hannover in 2000. 300 of her works can be seen in the **Sprengel Museum** Hannover.



The Three Nanas of Niki de Saint Phalle
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Main entrance of the Main Station, Hannover
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The Old Town Hall
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How to get to the Conference Site and the Hotels:

► from the airport

To get to and from the Hannover Airport to Hannover Central Station use the S5 train. This train runs every 30 minutes (from 4:30 to 24:00) between Terminal C and Hannover Hauptbahnhof (Central Station). Please take **Exit north** and stay on **level 0** to reach the hotels.

► from Hannover central station find your hotels and the conference-site

- 1 Prizeotel / Hamburger Allee 50
- 2 ibis budget Hannover / Runde Straße 7
- 3 Hotel Alpha / Friesenstraße 19
- 4 Hotel Plaza Hannover / Fernroder Str. 9
- DB Central Station Hannover / Exit north



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Main entrance of the Kulturzentrum "Pavillon", our CIF-conference-site of 2023 at Hannover City
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Inside the lobby of Kulturzentrum "Pavillon"
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The Pavillon is a social-cultural centre. It was founded in 1977 by a citizens' initiative.

Their origins can be found in critical discussions with new social movements in the 1970 and 1980s. Since then the Pavillon is a multi cultural centre which offers a broad variety of cultural events and performances such as concerts, theatre and comedy.



...Social Justice and Sustainability – be part of it!

Social justice is a fundamental issue for social work all around the world. According to the Global Definition of Social Work „Principles of social justice, human rights, collective responsibility and respect for diversities are central to social work“.

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development of the United Nations comprises 17 goals to end poverty, reduce inequality, improve lives and prospects of everyone everywhere and to protect the planet – among them goals with a social dimension which directly lead to the mandate of social work.

Following those facts the CIF Conference 2023 will give the opportunity to take a look at different aspects of social justice with focus on sustainability:

- What does „sustainability“ mean in terms of Social Work? To what extent is (or is not) Social Work sustainable today?
- In which way can social workers contribute to achieve more justice regarding human rights, poverty, health and well-being, education and gender issues?
- How can principles and strategies of empowerment, participation and networking be beneficial to improve the life of people?

By lectures of experts, workshops, formal and informal discussions with participants from international CIF branches we will identify starting points for social workers from different countries to advance more social justice in their field of work and try to draft a self-commitment of the CIF community. **Be part of it!**



Concerning... Children's Rights and Social Work



Claudia Kittel

Dipl. Päd.
German Institute for Human
Rights, Head of National
CRC Monitoring Mechanism

The interactive lecture offers an introduction to the 1989 UN-Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) as part of the international human rights protection system. It intends to provide knowledge about the general principles of the CRC and their connection with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG). Participants will have the opportunity to reflect, why fulfilling the provisions of article 12 CRC in their daily work, is a necessary contribution for a better future'

The Workshop shall enable participants to

- become acquainted with the contents of CRC
- learn about a children's rights based approach and to
- identify how the CRC can influence their personal work-life



Enabling young Adulthood – an International Challenge

Wolfgang Schröer, Dr. Phil.,

is Professor for Social Pedagogy, University of Hildesheim. His writings and research activities range from contributions on child and youth welfare, transnational social support, to writings about citizenship, civil society, and social policy. Since 2019 he is the chairman of the Federal Youth Advisory Board (FYAB; Bundesjugendkuratorium) in Germany. The FYAB is an expert panel commissioned by the federal government.

It advises the federal government on fundamental issues of child and youth services and cross-cutting issues in child and youth policy.



Who are young adults? In almost all countries there is a fixed picture of youth. But in many countries the decision for the further way of life is made in young adulthood. Which challenges do young adults have? How can they be better supported? Today, a sustainable international youth policy is a politics of young adulthood! It is a necessary contribution for a better future.

Monday June 12th	Tuesday June 13th		Wednesday June 14th	
Arrival	9:00–12:00 Key Note Speech Claudia Kittel “Concerning...Children’s Rights and Social Work”		9:00–12:00 Key Note Speech Wolfgang Schröer “Enabling young Adulthood– an International Challenge”	
12:00–16:00 Registration Foyer Pavillon	12:30 – 13:30 Lunch		12:30 – 13:30 Lunch	
Come-Meet-Talk	14:00–15:30 Workshops	14:00– 17:30 Agency visits	14:00–15:30 Workshops	14:00– 17:30 Agency visits
	Coffee break		Coffee break	
16:30 Opening Ceremony	16:00–17:30 Workshops		16:00–17:30 Workshops	
19:00 Dinner	18:30 Dinner		18:30 Dinner	
	20:00 Presentation new candidates for the EC – meet and greet		20:00 Market of the Nations	
	21:00 National branches meeting Contact persons meeting			

Thursday June 15th	Friday June 16th
9:00–10:00 BD Meeting with EC-Election	9:00–11:00 General Assembly
10:00–11:30 Discussion and Conclusions	11:00–12:00 Conference Summary
12:00 – 13:00 Lunch	12:30 – 13:30 Lunch
13:15 Leaving for Reception at the Town Hall	14:00 EC-Meeting
Group photo	
Herrenhausen Gardens guided tour	
	18:00 Closing Ceremony
18:30 Dinner	19:00 Dinner
	Farewell Party
	Dancing performance Live music and Dancing



Become Creative!,

Create your own percussions (shaker) from recycled materials and use it with your clients or friends. Easy to realize, low costs and various possibilities to work with and have fun.

More information in the workshop!

Ajapi Kessidou,
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„Triratna Prerana Mandal (TPM)“ is a remarkable Story of a Community Toilet in an informal Settlement,



Seema Redkar, CIF India, MSW – Mumbai, DIP In Public Administration Netherland, Present CIF Joint – Secretary India

„Triratna Prerana Mandal (TPM)“ is a remarkable Story of a Community Toilet in an informal Settlement Sanitation is a human right but 2.5 billion people across the world cannot access clean and safe sanitation. The TPM model converts the problem of hetero geneity and numbers into a solution for the marginalized. It demonstrates several technological and social innovations.



Sustainable Social Work in the everyday Life of Child and Youth Welfare,

No one – not even a child – should be left behind on the path to sustainable development. „Leave no one behind“ is the central guiding principle of the 2030 Agenda. Preparing our children and young people for life as adults is a very sustainable work.

In this workshop we will discuss how we can live sustainable social work in the everyday life of child and youth welfare.

Kirsten Prange,
CIF Germany
Master of Social Management
Head of a youth welfare office,
speaker and lecturer for child and youth welfare



Every Era has its own issues, How can we meet the need to create more social justice through social work?

By sharing personal experiences and discuss how they differ from country to country we will create a common narrative and identify the necessary requirements for everyone working in the field of social work in order to achieve more social justice for our clients.



Queering Social Work, Nowadays there is a variety of perspectives on gender, queer identities or acronyms such as LGBTIQ+ (LesbianGayBisexual-TransInterQueerplus) which generate also insecurities and misunderstandings in professional discourses. On base of the results of an 2023 released evaluation-study of homeless LGBTIQ+ in Vienna, Austria, we will try to reflect and discuss challenges, different approaches, personal uncertainties and blind spots.

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Conversations about Suicide, Suicide is the preventable cause of death of over 700,000 people each year worldwide, with many more attempting suicide and countless more family, friends and community members impacted long-term by suicide (WHO, 2021). This workshop will examine the roles of social workers in implementing suicide prevention strategies with people in crisis. Workshop participants will have opportunities to learn about the Australian Lifeline service and share approaches to suicide prevention.



Debbie Plath, BSW, MSW, PhD, Australian social worker and socialwork educator



Autism in Cyprus - A brief Review of Culture, Social & Health System and AKTIDA Project,

Good Health and Well-Being Health is one of the 17 global SDG (Sustainable Development Goals). In this workshop we introduce the new innovative project AKTIDA initiated in 2021 in collaboration with the department for Social Inclusion of Persons with Disability of Cyprus, offering services to families of children with autistic spectrum disorders. The workshop will focus on working with parents as partners to empower them and train them to be able to respond to their children's needs.

Maria Christopoulou,
Ph.D., MOP, SLP, CSS,
Assistant Professor,
CIF Cyprus



Eleni Athanasiou
(without Photo),
CIF Cyprus

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Pro Beruf Service GmbH

At *Pro Beruf Service GmbH* people with and without disabilities work together. The disabilities are very different (mental disability, visual impairment, physical disability). The service is responsible for serving the canteen of the employees of the Region Hannover.

www.pro-beruf.de

Ukrainischer Verein in Niedersachsen

Ukrainischer Verein is a non-profit organization. The main goal is charity, humanitarian aid and the support of Ukrainian language, education and culture in Germany. They organize humanitarian aid to Ukraine refugees.

www.uvnev.de

Violetta

Violetta is a specialized counselling centre for sexually abused girls and young women. Besides, counselling for parents, relatives and professionals is offered. *Violetta* also works in the field of prevention and advanced training.

www.violetta-hannover.de

Stromsparcheck

Zentrum für berufliche Entwicklung. Rising energy prices put a strain, particularly on the household budgets of people on low incomes. There are checks for low-income households in Hanover and nationwide.

www.stromsparcheck-hannover.de

Zirkus Salto

The circus project *Salto* is a cultural and extracurricular educational offer for young people between 8 and 25 years. They help each other and contribute to each other's success. Currently, 80 children and young people regularly take part in the trainings in the circus tent at the *Haus der Jugend* Hanover.

www.zirkus-salto.de

gEMiDe e.V. – Through *gEMiDe* opportunities for democratic participation in all areas of life are created. Migrants have the opportunity to communicate with each other and with German families or individuals on one level. Operational areas: *gEMiDe* learning garden, *gEMiDe* bicycle workshop, *gEMiDe* wardrobes, support and accompaniment (shopping, administrative procedures, etc.)

gesellschaftliches Engagement von Migrantinnen, Migranten und Deutschen | www.gemide.org

Clownsroom

Clownsroom is a very special place in a certain district of Hanover. Children and families from all over the world come to visit this place. Whether clown jokes in the circus or art pieces performed in the black light theater – every child can contribute and their parents as well...

www.clownswohnung.kulturtreff-roderbruch.de

June 14

Refugee center

is a community house for 102 refugees run by the *Johanniter Unfall Hilfe e.V.* The refugees come from many different countries. The center provides support in healthcare, finances, family issues, conflicts, work and other services.

www.johanniter.de

Model Apartment for dementia patients

Most people would like to live at home as long as possible. Technical solutions from the field of smart home and ambient assisted living can already support independent living in old age. But in many cases, these technical possibilities are unknown to relatives and professionals. Therefore, the smart model apartment raises awareness.

Smarte Musterwohnung und Technikberatung | www.seniorenberatung-hannover.de

pro familia counselling centre Hannover

pro familia – German Society for Family Planning, Sexual Education and Sexual Counselling – is today the largest non-governmental organisation for counselling related to sexual, pregnancy and companionship issues in Germany.

Pro Familia Hannover | www.profamilia.de

Family Center Hainholzer Hafen

is a day care center which also offers various services for all families of the district. One important aim of the family center is to reduce unemployment. To achieve this goal intensive relationship to parents are built up and needs-oriented support is offered, e.g. application training.

Johanniter-Kita Familienzentrum Hainholzer Hafen | www.johanniter.de

SUANA is a counselling center which provides support for migrant women that are affected by domestic violence, forced marriage and stalking. We work multi-lingual and intercultural.

SUANA/kargah e.V. - Beratungsstelle für Migrantinnen bei Häuslicher Gewalt, Stalking und Zwangsheirat - bff Frauen gegen Gewalt e.V. | www.frauen-gegen-gewalt.de

PLATZprojekt e.V.– The *PLATZprojekt* is a model and research project for experimental urban development in Hanover, using an out of date and unused industrial yard. The *PLATZprojekt* is an urban experimental field for people with ideas and enthusiasm and a place of many possibilities.
www.platzprojekt.de

The Freiwilligen Zentrum Hannover e.V. (Voluntary Service Center) – Our mission is to develop, promote and nurture the culture of voluntary engagement. We inform and advise interested citizens, encourage exchange between active volunteers and support associations and initiatives in all matters relating to volunteering.
www.freiwilligenzentrum-hannover.de

Counselling service for LGBTIQ (lesbian, gay, bi-, trans-, intersexual and queer) – Counseling for LGBTIQ refugees on topics such as life in Germany. Open office hours and appointments in a safe environment for LGBTIQ.
Beratungsstellen für Frauen, Männer, LGBTIQ | Gleichstellungsbeauftragte der Region Hannover | Frauen und Gleichstellung | Soziales | Leben in der Region Hannover

Let's share Memories!

Ellen Schnedler from Berlin has participated in many CIF conferences, as in India, Jamaica, Sweden, Turkey and some more.

Ellen will bring along not only souvenirs like T-shirts, bags, mugs and a photobook, but as well a lot of memories of remarkable, funny and astonishing situations and moments. She would love to hear your stories and souvenirs. So let's bring up the spirit of the incredible numbers of CIF conferences.

„Let's share memories“ will be offered twice during the week, relaxed with coffee or tea. The times will be announced at the beginning of the conference.



New Town Hall and Herrenhausen Gardens

On **Thursday at 13:30** we are going to leave for our trip.

What many visitors to Hannover consider a castle is in reality the New Town Hall: The magnificent Wilhelminian building from 1913 is today one of the landmarks of Hannover. The New Town Hall is the seat of the Lord Mayor, the head of the Hanoverian city administration. Here the political bodies meet, the official guests of the city are welcomed and so will we be...In the Town Hall the group photo will be taken.



Our second stop that afternoon will be the beautiful **Herrenhausen Gardens**. The development of the Herrenhausen Gardens began in 1638. By 1710, the Great Garden was largely completed and its size corresponded with the area of the old town of Hannover. Today the Herrenhausen Gardens are one of the most important and best preserved baroque gardens in Europe - a remarkable example of European garden art. In the Herrenhausen Gardens there will be a guided tour for our group and enough time to discover the garden independently.



We will have dinner that evening in a restaurant close to the Gardens.

New Town Hall (above)

Different views on Herrenhausen Gardens

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Our conference tries to be as sustainable as possible. That is why we decided to put two conference souvenirs, which are good examples for sustainability, to go with your conference folder:

The "Good Chocolate":

In 2012 Felix Finkbeiner, a boy aged 12, wanted to set a sign for climate change. Had the idea to collect with the sale of chocolate 1 € for climate protection and planting trees. He was invited to speak to 350 heads of the chocolate industry. After explaining to them how important trees are in combating the climate crisis, he asked them for a donation of 1 € per ton of chocolate produced. Not one of them was willing to contribute. "This is shocking," he said as he left the stage in tears. A few days later, the 12-year-old had an idea. "Let's make our own chocolate, a chocolate that plants trees." Meanwhile, for each 5 sold bars of "Good Chocolate" one tree is planted. Felix now lives in Mexico, where he has planted more than 7 million trees to date: The chocolate that plants trees. Fairtrade. Carbon neutral.



95,898 children and young people have already trained each other as ambassadors for climate justice at 1,752 academies in 75 countries. Together they fight for their future and call on people worldwide to plant trees.

Plant-for-the-Planet supports and accompanies the children and young people in their commitment for years. Here you can find more information www.plant-for-the-planet.org

Water bottles with meaning and sustainability:

German tap water is very drinkable. To save packaging and CO₂, it is sustainable to use a reusable bottle like the one we are giving to you. It is a high-quality water bottle made of Tritan and produced in Austria.

Information provided by the manufacturer *aboutwater*:



Our materials, including our Kavodrink Premium water bottles, are designed to have a long life and a high resistance. The longer the bottles are in use, the more sustainable they are. In contrast to disposable plastic, we rely on high-quality, reusable bottles.

With our innovative BPA-free Kavodrink Premium bottles, manufactured in Germany and Austria, we are working towards a sustainable, successful circular economy in which raw materials and energy are kept and used in the cycle. Circular economy is a regenerative system and a material cycle, as opposed to a linear or throwaway economy. For more detailed informations: aboutwater.de.

Bildquelle: *aboutwater GmbH*

Dear CIF friends,

Now that you either have this little brochure in your hands, or are reading it in a digital format – this is an evident proof that we made it. Our CIF-conference!

Despite the pandemic, despite the post corona depression and inflation, despite the uncertainty of the number of attendees, despite of all foreseen difficulties and unforeseen problems ...

We did it! And it was worth it! Giving up was never an option, since we put so much time, effort and enthusiasm into it.

Thanks to all who were involved in this big project! We took the organizing as a challenge. For sure – there were successes but also failures. In the end, we learned a lot. And it was great to see what kind of knowledge and resources could be revealed in ourselves.

Social Work leading towards Social Justice and Sustainability – Be part of it! *is the theme of our conference.*

The topic itself was born out of the necessity for more awareness towards our future, nature and society. Responsibility and commitment are needed – for us, for our children and grandchildren.

Let's hope that our contribution will have an impact.

Welcome to Hannover - let's celebrate our 35th CIF-conference, enjoy our reunion and friendship and bring together ideas and visions.

Be part of it!

Sincerely yours

Dorte Feierabend
President CIF Germany



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