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Text of questionnaire

We want to set up a survey about the value of the international definition of SW. We would like to determine who is using the definition and to consult academics and practitioners on extent of using the definition. How has the definition helped in explaining social work? Are elements missing? One view was that a revision may not be needed, but rather an elaboration of the commentary.

The survey is anonymous. If you would like to work on the definition in the future, you can always note your e-mailaddress at the end of the questionnaire. All the questionnaires will be analysed and the findings will be announced at the World Conference in Hong Kong 2010.

If you would like to add something you can do so in the 'other' category or at the end of the questionnaire (remarks).

Socio-demographic attributes

Sex

Age

Country

Function

What **other** function do you have?

Domain

In what **other** domain are you active?

Definition

We note the definition in English, when you have a comment specific about the definition in your mother language please refer to it.

The social work profession promotes social change, problem solving in human relationships and the empowerment and liberation of people to enhance well-being. Utilising theories of human behaviour and social systems, social work intervenes at the points where people interact with their environments. Principles of human rights and social justice are fundamental to social work.

Knowledge and use

Do you know the international definition of Social Work?

Do you use the definition?

If no, why not?

For what other reason don't you (no longer) use the definition?

If yes, in what context do you use it?

In what **other** context do you use the definition?

For what purpose do you use the definition?

For what **other** purpose do you use the definition?

Helpful

Do you think it is helpful to have an agreed world definition of SW?

Why is the definition helpful for you?

What **other** argument do you have?

Why is the definition **not** helpful?

What **other** argument do you have?

Missing-Change-Development

Is there anything missing in the definition?

If yes, what is missing?

Would you like to add something to the definition?

What would you like to add?

What **other** aspect/elements would you like to add?

Do some elements of the definition have to be elaborated?

If yes, which elements do you suggest to elaborate?

Would you like to change something in the definition?

If yes, what would you like to change?

Explain your answer.

Propositions

We would like to know your opinion on following propositions, please mark in which degree you agree.

Propositions

A generalized world definition contains the risk that the nuances will disappear.

Monitoring the translations of an internationally agreed definition can help to protect a definition from a process of local dilution.

A revision of the definition itself is not needed, but rather an elaboration of the commentary.

The definition must be spread broadly, it should be brought up in Social Work discussions and should become the basic assumption of SW curricula and courses, SW research, SW policy and SW practice.

A common definition is required but we also have to protect the definition against too many expectations.

The definition is broad enough, and embraces all essential elements.

Suggestions

Do you have any other suggestions how to improve the definition and the commentary ?

Would you like to contribute further to this work by writing/commenting/reviewing a text?

If yes, please type down your e-mail address so we can contact you

Do you have any remarks about this questionnaire?

Thank you very much for your participation.

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