



East European sub-regional Association of the
Schools of Social Work

Dear colleagues,

The tragic event of the 24 February 2022, the Russian military invasion over Ukraine, has changed Europe and has and will have dramatic impact on the world. 3 days after the invasion the EEsRASSW decided to take an immediate action. This is the list of our work since then:

List of activities organised by the members of the Solidarity and Support with the Social Work Educator in Ukraine (SSSWUia) of the EEsRASSW of the IASSW in collaboration with EASSW, social work academics and SW associations since 27 February 2022

Since 27. February we held weekly *meetings of solidarity and support with social work academics and social workers from Ukraine*, in the recent period we held the meeting every 2 weeks. Until 2. July we had 16 zoom meetings, chaired by Darja Zaviršek (EEsRASSW of the IASSW) and Oksana Boyko (NAUKMA).

Statements and letters:

25 February 2022

[Statement on Ukraine by EEsRASSW – EEsRASSW \(uni-lj.si\)](#)

[EEsRASSW – East European sub-regional Association of the Schools of Social Work \(uni-lj.si\)](#)

26 February 2022

[IASSW Statement on Ukraine - International Association of Schools of Social Work \(IASSW\) \(iassw-aiets.org\)](#)

March 2022, IASSW President letter to Martin Griffiths, UN Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA): Humanitarian Aid Corridors in the Ukraine

20 April 2022

[Solidarity and Support with Ukrainian Social Work Educators from the Schools of Social Work - International Association of Schools of Social Work \(IASSW\) \(iassw-aiets.org\)](#)

Invited speeches and organised events:

9- 10 March 2022, Prof Moshe Farchi, Tel Hai College, gave a session on first aid psychological support, which was well received, in English with sub- titles in Russian. The event was organised by Prof. Orit Nuttman Shwartz.

7 April 2022, Global Institute of Social Work. Interview with Prof. Oksana Boyko conducted by Prof. Ngho Tiong Tan. Topic: The situation in Ukraine in the time of the war and invasion and the Social Work responses. Link: . <https://www.thegisw.org/single-post/social-work-response-on-the-russian-war-against-ukraine>

7 April 2022. Podcasts on Ukraine project with David Niven (ex-BASW President) and his SocialWorldPodcast

Prof. Oksana Boyko on the war and SW in Ukraine: <https://socialworldpodcast.com/127-social-work-voices-from-ukraine/>

Raisa Kravchenko, Head of the All-Ukrainain NGO 'Coalition for People with Intellectual Disabilities': <https://socialworldpodcast.com/128-more-voices-from-ukraine/>

Prof. Lena Dominelli on the war and SW in Ukraine: <https://socialworldpodcast.com/127-social-work-voices-from-ukraine/>

[127 Social Work Voices from Ukraine](https://socialworldpodcast.com/127-social-work-voices-from-ukraine/)

by [David Niven](#) | Apr 15, 2022 | [Children](#), [crime](#), [humanitarian](#), [International](#), [Latest Episode](#), [law enforcement](#), [Media](#), [Podcasts](#), [Social Work](#), [trafficking](#), [Ukraine](#), [Uncategorized](#), [victim](#), [war](#)
<https://socialworldpodcast.com/127-social-work-voices-from-ukraine/>

15 April 2022, Harriman Institute, Columbia University, Webinar on Disability and the War in Ukraine. Raisa Kravchenko, head of Ukraine disability-led NGO's spoke about disabled people in Ukraine

21 April 2022, Workshop for social workers on Social Work Practice with IDPs at War Times, EEsrASSW of IASSW with collaboration of the Ministry of Social Policy of Ukraine.

Vjollca Krasniqi, University of Prishtina, Salome Namicheishvili, Tbilisi State University, Michelle McMaster, MBASW UK, Jane Shears, Head of Professional Development at BASW, Martha Bragin, Hunter College, Lauren Murray, Save the Children, Oksana Boyko, NAUKMA. Website of the Ministry of Social Policy of Ukraine:

<https://www.msp.gov.ua/news/21784.html>

Raisa Kravchenko: [128 More voices from Ukraine 2](https://socialworldpodcast.com/128-more-voices-from-ukraine/)

by [David Niven](#) | Apr 23, 2022 | [adult care](#), [charity](#), [Children](#), [humanitarian](#), [International](#), [Latest Episode](#), [Mental Health](#), [Podcasts](#), [Social Work](#), [trafficking](#), [Ukraine](#)
<https://socialworldpodcast.com/128-more-voices-from-ukraine/>

26 - 27 April 2022, Workshop for social workers: “How to work with women who survived rape by the solders”. EEsrASSW of the IASSW in collaboration with the Ministry of Social Policy of Ukraine. Darja Završek, Lepa Mladjenović, Vjollca Krasniqi, Lena Dominelli,

Introduction and interpretation by Oksana Boyko. Website of the Ministry of Social Policy of Ukraine: <https://www.msp.gov.ua/news/21784.html>

13 May 2022, Workshops for BA in Social Work Program students of NaUKMA, held by Prof. Lena Dominelli, title: »Community Social Work and Action«; organised and co-facilitated by Oksana Boyko and Tetiana Rostovska.

20 May 2022, Workshops for BA in Social Work Program students of NaUKMA, held by Prof. Lena Dominelli, title »International Social and Community Development. Ukrainian Case Studies«. Organized and co-facilitated by Oksana Boyko.

26 May 2022, Dr Yuliia Kokoiachuk has organised International Social Work Students Event. Ukraine students from the Catholic University in Lviv meet students from around the world.

29 May 2022, IASSW Webinar: »Struggles with War Situation and building resilience«. The speakers: Prof. Shula Ramon (»Struggles of Social Workers during a war situation“) Prof. Orit Nuttman Shwartz (»Shared trauma and resilience“); joined by Prof. Ruth Seifert, Prof. Vjollca Krasniqi. Link: <https://www.facebook.com/IASSW.AIETS/videos/5262864697114442>
Or: [\(5\) Facebook v živo | Facebook](#)

8 June 2022, Swedish social work academics invitation for collaboration, Prof Carin Cuadra and Prof Michale Wallengren Lynch: discussion with Shula Ramon and Darja Zaviršek

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<https://socialworldpodcast.com/131-lena-dominelli-on-ukraine/>

10 June 2022: members of the Solidarity and Support with the Social Work Educator in Ukraine, **Olga Shved organised a workshop for the students with presenters Shula Ramon and Joanna Fox:** The Place of Shared Decision Making (SDM) in Social Work Practice [Тренінг «Місце спільного прийняття рішень \(СПР\) у практиці соціальної роботи» \(kubg.edu.ua\)](#)

15 June 2022, Solidarity and Support with the Social Work Educator in Ukraine (SSSWUia) invited **Monika Hauser**, founder of Medica Mondiale to talk about sexualised violence during war time. Organised by Ruth Seifert.

22 June 2022, InterUniversity Center Dubrovnik, School of Social Work Theory and Practice invited lecturers: Prof Oksana Boyko: “Living Through the war: social work perspective”; Prof Darja Zaviršek: “Social Work against the War: reflection on the recent events”.

22 June 2022, Solidarity and Support with Social work Educators from Ukraine invited, InterUniversity Center Dubrovnik, School of Social Work Theory and Practice for a joint discussion: **Social Work and Social Work Education in War Times**

27 June 2022, International meeting organised by Dr. James Cox, University of Dundee together with Kate Buchko, Lviv Catholic University, dr. Marta Pyovarenko and Dr Shawna von Blixen, PROMISE European Barnahus Network Coordinator. Topic: The PROMISE Barnahus Network on Ukraine right now is apparently focused on what current Barnahus need in terms of knowledge and international exchange in order to best provide their services to Ukrainian children fleeing war. Also is included: documenting war crimes (interviews, physical evaluation, evidentiary requirements, etc); war trauma informed responses for the full multidisciplinary team including child protection, medical, and psychological staff, and criminal justice; essential information for handing transnational guardianship and tracing.

30 June 2022, The People's Global Summit: Live Panel, Supporting Social Service Workers in Emergency Contexts to Ensure No One is Left Behind.

[Live Panels – Co-Building a New Eco-Social World \(newecosocialworld.com\)](https://www.newecosocialworld.com).

The presenters from the Solidarity and Support Network were : Lena Dominelli: Disaster Challenges to Peace: Russia' War Against Ukraine; Oksana Boyko: Living Through the War: Social Work Perspective; Darja Zaviršek: Transnational solidarity and social work academic community building in the times of war; Orit Nuttman Shwartz: Trauma and Resilience in Times of War; with presenters: Shitley Ikkala and David McNabb: Post War – Decolonization; Shahana Rasool: Peace and Reconciliation – Learning from South Africa. Facilitated by Janet Walker. Link to the event: [IASSW - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IASSW)

30. June 2022 Lecture and workshop for BA and MA social work students from NAUKMA 'Developing empathy, active listening and neutrality in conflict areas' by Prof. **Christos Panagiotopoulos**, University of Nicosia President of The European Association of Schools of Social Work. <https://www.facebook.com/events/921638085463431/?ref=newsfeed>

June 2022, Work in progress: Dr. James Cox and Dr Yuliia Kokoichuk, planning reflective meeting(s) with academic staff and practice educators from Lviv Catholic University.

July 2022, Work in progress: Dr. James Cox together with UK academics and social work academics from **University of Uzghorod Ukraine plan work to organise** support for carers/teachers/ social workers/students in relation to communication with children who have been displaced and are now in the West of Ukraine, all of whom have experienced trauma and some of whom have been directly sexually abused.

8. July 2022, invited by Stefan Koengeter, **Transnational online platform for history of social work**, summer School: Darja Zaviršek presented the Solidarity and Support with Ukraine social work educators Network and Social Work Principles.

13-14th September 2022 Prof. Shulamit Ramon and Prof. Ronald Lutz looking at the implications of the war in Ukraine for social work practice, social work education, and social work research. A two days event as part of the IUC (International University) in Dubrovnik week course on Community Social Work. Both face-to face and online.

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Special thanks also to Julia and Dennis Watkins Foundation which gave a donation in a form of IASSW membership fee for 20 schools of social work from Ukraine which have now became a 2-years members of the IASSW.

I'm impressed and touched by the amount of support and solidarity shown by my friends and colleagues. I would like to express my sincere thanks to everyone.

Sincerely,
Darja Zaviršek, president of the EEsrASSW