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CASW Reporter

Pursuit of Social Justice

CASW Encourages Council of the Federation to Make Poverty Reduction a Priority

CASW wrote to the Council of the Federation to encourage the Premiers to use their January 2012 meetings as opportunity to advance negotiations of the Canadian Social Transfer, to be renewed in 2014, in support of provincial and territorial poverty reduction plans. To learn more, [click here](#).

Human Rights Day 2011

CASW joined the global community in celebration of international Human Rights day (December 10) by acknowledging and honouring the thousands of people who, in this past year, manifested their opposition to undemocratic governments and worldwide economic inequality by reclaiming their human rights. If you missed out, [click here](#) to learn more.

Strengthening and Promoting the Profession

2012 National Social Work Month (NSWM)

As announced previously, CASW celebrations for NSWM (March 2012) are being planned around the theme '*Social Workers: Building Relationships, Strengthening Communities, Partnering for Change.*'

Mark your calendars - Educational Webcast Announced

In celebration of NSWM, CASW is again offering a free educational webcast on March 29, 2012 at 1:00pm (EST). CASW is proud to announce that Michael Ungar, renowned social worker and author, will be the presenter for this year's webcast. Webcast registration details and presentation details will be made available in the New Year.

Relevant Resources

7 Ways to Make a Difference – First Nations Child and Caring Society of Canada (FNCCSC)

Join the FNCCSC in making a difference for First Nations children in Canada. [Click here](#) to learn of 7 ways you can make a difference.

Canada's Low-Risk Alcohol Drinking Guidelines

The National Alcohol Strategy Advisory Committee recently announced the launch of the first pan-Canadian guidelines for low-risk alcohol drinking. The guidelines are intended to provide consistent, evidence-informed recommendations to Canadians and to encourage a culture of moderation. [Click here](#) to learn more.

International

WHO Mental Health Atlas 2011

The WHO Mental Health Atlas 2011 represents the latest estimate of global mental health resources available to prevent and treat mental disorders and help protect the human rights of people living with these conditions. [Click here](#) to learn more.