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CASW Reporter

Strengthening and Promoting the Profession

CASW Honoured Michael Ungar with National Award for Outstanding Service

On November 26, 2012 CASW President, Morel Caissie, joined the Council of the Nova Scotia Association of Social Workers (NSAW) in Halifax to present world renowned social worker, [Michael Ungar](#), with the CASW National Award for Outstanding Service.

The CASW National Award for Outstanding Service is presented every two years to an individual who is a member in good standing of a CASW Partner Organization to honour outstanding social work practice at the local, provincial, national or international level. Mr. Ungar is a valued member of the NSASW and is being honoured for her outstanding contributions to social welfare and to the social work profession both in Canada and internationally. [Click here](#) to learn more.

CASW Board Parliament Hill Day 2012

On November 22, 2012 the [CASW Board met on Parliament Hill](#) with a number of Parliamentarians to promote the social work profession and CASW policy positions. The main issues brought forward included support for a National Children's Advocate, implementation of the National Mental Health Strategy and accountability to the Canadian Social Transfer. Board and Executive members met with the Leader of the Official Opposition, the Honourable Thomas Mulcair as well as interim Liberal Leader, the Honourable Bob Rae, as well as a number of each of their respective caucus members.

Canadian Social Work Journal

The *Canadian Social Work Journal Fall 2012* Journal is now available on the 'Members' section of the CASW website. [Click here](#) to log in.

Welcomes

CASW welcomes Lori Morina, the Association of Social Workers in Northern Canada representative to the CASW Children's Interest Group. Welcome Lori!

Pursuit of Social Justice

Campaign 2000 releases its new 2012 Report Card on Child and Family Poverty

Campaign 2000 released its annual Report Card on Child and Family Poverty on Wednesday, November 21st in Toronto. This year marks 23 years since the unanimous House of Commons' resolution to end child poverty in Canada by 2000 and three years since the unanimous House of Commons resolution "to develop an immediate plan to end poverty for all in Canada". The report includes recommendations for federal government action, in collaboration with its provincial, territorial and First Nations counterparts. [Click here](#) to access the 2012 report, entitled *Needed: A Federal Action Plan to Eradicate Child and Family Poverty in Canada* that calls on the Federal Government to take a lead role in child and family poverty reduction.

International

IFSW Statement on Discrimination in Uganda and Other Countries Discriminating Against LGBT People

CASW welcomes the [renewed statement](#) of the International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW) opposing any legislation in any nation which proposes to discriminate and penalizes the lives of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered (LGBT) people. CASW strongly supports IFSW's opposition to the "Anti-Homosexuality Bill" being proposed in the Parliament of Uganda and stands with IFSW in opposition to any such legislation in any other country.

Canada: Persistent violations of children's rights - Child Rights International Network

The violations highlighted are those issues raised with the State by more than one international mechanism. This is done with the intention of identifying children's rights which have been repeatedly violated, as well as gaps in the issues covered by NGOs in their alternative reports to the various human rights monitoring bodies. [Click here](#) to review violations that are listed in no particular order.

Relevant Resources

Canadian Child Care Federation (CCCF) Launches New Website

[Click here](#) to access the new CCCF new website that offers a single online point of reference for all of Canada's early learning and child care sector.

Health Council of Canada launches new Health Innovation Portal

[Click here](#) to access the Health Council of Canada's new Health Innovation Portal. The Health Innovation Portal houses innovative health care practices, policies, programs and services from across Canada.

New Alcohol Screening, Intervention and Referral Resource

The Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral (SBIR) resource is a practical, web-based guide that offers a three-step alcohol assessment and referral process, supported by related online resources. [Click here](#) to access SBIR developed by the Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse and the College of Family Physicians of Canada.

2013 CASWE Conference - Call for Proposals

The 2013 Canadian Association for Social Work Education (CASWE) Conference will be held at the University of Victoria from June 3rd to June 6th, 2013. The theme of the Conference is "Social Work at the Speed of Life". The deadline to respond to the **Call for Proposals** for this Conference is Thursday, January 10th, 2013. [Click here](#) To learn more about the 2013 CASWE Conference or to submit a proposal.

In Memoriam - Honouring Jody Rud –BC Social Worker

Consider contributing to a scholarship established to provide financial support to social work students at the UBC Okanagan School of Social Work in honour of, Jody Rud, a young social worker with a passion and commitment to making a difference. [Click here](#) to learn how you may contribute to this scholarship intended to keep his legacy alive by supporting others to realize their potential through social work.

Rose Campaign to end violence against women and girls

Each year, from November 25 to December 6, YWCA Canada's annual *Rose Campaign to end violence against women and girls* highlights what we can all do to make their lives safer. To learn more on how you can support the campaign including sending an 'end violence' message to your MP and purchasing Rose buttons at \$1 each (minimum order of 50) to wear, [click here](#).

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