

350 Attend the International School Social Work Conference in Mongolia!

The 6th International School Social Work Conference was held at the Children's Palace in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia from Wednesday through Friday, June 10-12, 2015. The conference theme was "Child Friendly School" and 350 school social workers from around the world attended. About 60 participants were from 14 countries outside of the host country. See [complete report](#) as well as [Photo Gallery](#).



Munkhjargal Bujgar Invites SSWAA to Attend the International School Social Work Conference in Mongolia

Mrs. Munkhjargal Bujgar, President of the Mongolia School Social Work Association, attended the 17th National School Social Work Conferencesm to extend a personal invitation to SSWAA and school social workers across America to attend the International School Social Work Conference in 2015. The 6th International School Social Work Conference will be held June 10-12, 2015 in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. Many Mongolian social workers and social work educators are working hard to bring this conference together. The hope is that it will benefit not

only Mongolia, but also children around the world. Mrs. Munkhjargal is a social worker and has worked as a teacher for 28 years. She has dedicated herself to the development of social work within Mongolian schools since 1997. She has been serving as the president of School Social Workers Association of Mongolia for 6 years and has been organizing elementary and professional trainings as well as retraining for professional school social workers annually. **Contact the Mongolian Association of School Social Workers** for more information about the International School Social Work Conference.

School Social Work in Mongolia

The February 2014 International School Social Work Newsletter featured School Social Work in Mongolia. Here are some excerpts:

"School Social Work in Mongolia Mongolia, in North-East Asia, is bordered on the south by China and on the North by the Russian Federation. Mongolia has approximately 2,736,764 people scattered over a territory of 1.5 million square km, making it the least densely populated country in the world. About 40% of the population, about a million people, lives in the capital city Ulaanbaatar, while many still follow a nomadic lifestyle with herds of livestock and horses. The

social work profession began in schools in Mongolia during the 1990's. Social and economic turmoil following Mongolia's transition from an authoritarian communist system to a parliamentary democracy contributed to increased stress on families and this was creating a negative impact on the school lives of children. The need to safeguard children's rights, provide protection and welfare services and ensure educational development brought about creation of a school social work pilot program in Ulaanbaatar. In 1997, Save the Children (UK), in collaboration with the Mongolian Child Rights Centre (MCRC), established a model project, working to reduce the school drop out rate and provide social welfare services to



children in need.



In the last decade school social work has been introduced throughout the country and it has been written into the law. Training materials, school social work standards and a job description have been produced. These activities have been organized and finance in a collaboration between the Mongolian State University of Education, Save the Children UK, Save the Children Norway, the Mongolian Association of School Social Workers and the Ministry of Education and Culture. The job description that has been accepted by the Ministry of Education is

significant. It outlined the four main purposes of providing a child friendly environment, ensuring child protection, promoting the full participation of the child in school life and networking with parents, teachers and other local organizations that work for children. Along with training, various publications have contributed to the further development of the field. The first textbook on school social work was published in 1999. Currently, there are books, journals and research papers for school social workers. A handbook for school social workers was produced in 2009." *Source: February 2014 International Network for School Social Work Newsletter by Marion Huxtable*

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