

## Practice: Social Work in Action

Call for Abstracts

# HIV/AIDS and Social Work Practice

2012 Special Issue

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Three decades into the epidemic, HIV/AIDS still remains a complex issue causing public health concerns and social problems across the world. While advances in treatment and care have enabled many HIV-positive individuals to live longer, there is compelling evidence of the impact of HIV-associated stigma and discrimination marginalising them and their families, friends and communities. Stories from around the world demonstrate the pervasiveness of this stigma, leading to a denial of basic human and civil rights.

From its very emergence, social workers have been at the forefront of this epidemic, providing support and leadership, which are vital in offsetting the impact of stigma and ensuring basic human rights.

This special issue is an attempt at critically capturing and showcasing this very contribution to the care and management of HIV/AIDS across the world. Despite the Social Work Manifesto on HIV/AIDS (adopted by IFSW, January 2001), little concerted effort has been made specifically to explore and critically analyse the social work narratives in HIV/AIDS. This special issue, it is hoped, will not only be relevant, but also timely to acknowledge the huge contribution made by social workers in HIV/AIDS practice globally.

We welcome papers from social work academics, practitioners, advocacy workers and service users/groups whose work has influenced research, policy and practice. In particular, papers are welcome which:

- Describe and critically analyse social work practice in areas where practitioners are working to ensure that people with HIV/AIDS and their families have access to services, for example health, social care, education, employment and so on;
- Showcase narratives of practice which demonstrates the interface between law and social work in ensuring and promoting the basic human rights of people with HIV/AIDS and their families;
- Outline efforts in community action and HIV/AIDS awareness education to counteract the impact of HIV/AIDS-associated stigma and discrimination;
- Capture stories of HIV-affected individuals and families, whose vulnerability and resilience in the face of adversities have demonstrated the courage of humanity to live a fuller and meaningful life, which provide an inspiration for practice.

### Submission Details

In the first instance, the Editors would be pleased to receive abstracts of 400 words (maximum), including a title, context/background of the paper, methods and findings (if the paper is research based) and implications for practice. The final article from the short-listed authors should not exceed 5000 words including references.

**The Submission Deadline for abstracts is 30 November 2010**

The Submission Deadline for full articles is 30 April 2011

Please send enquires and abstracts to the Guest Editors:

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