

Resilient Diaspora Social Workers: Surviving and thriving in a challenging environment

10/7/2025: 9 am – 4 pm
University of Wolverhampton

Time	Activities	Speaker
9:00 – 10:00	Registration	
10:00-10:15	Welcome message from BASW Diaspora SIG Co-chairs and the University of Wolverhampton	Suzanne Machin-Autenrieth and Priya David University of Wolverhampton
10:15-10:25	BASW	Ruth Allen, ASW CEO/ BASW
10:25-10:45	SASW	Susan Dobson
10:45-11:05	Chief Social Worker for Adults and Mental Health Social Work	Sarah McClinton
11:05-11:20	Q&A	
11:20 -11:40	Break	
11:40 -12:20	Seminar Session A <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Echo Yeung and Teresea Barnett-Asamoah: <i>Enhancing practice learning experiences of students from BME backgrounds: a resource pack for practice educators</i> Daisy D Toscano and Belinda van Zyl: <i>navigating the academic journey: experiences of international social work students from Global Majority backgrounds</i> Priya David: <i>Thriving Together: Equipping managers to Support International Social Workers</i> 	
12:20-13:15	Lunch	
13:15-13:30	Message from Janet Daby, MP of Lewisham East Minister for Children, Families and wellbeing of the UK	Dr Yohai Hakak
13:30-14:00	Decolonising social work	Linda Smith (online)
14:00-14:30	Induction and recruitment standards implementation — Stories of <i>Oxfordshire newly settled diaspora social workers</i>	Karina Boorer Anstance Fometu Katrina Williams
14:30-14:45	Q&A	
14:45- 15:00	Tea break	

15:00 -15:40	Seminar session B	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Yohai Hakak & Chito Okeke: <i>Bridging Worlds: How International Social Workers Navigate Cultural Differences in the UK</i> 2. Uche Odunze & Chidiebere Aguagwa: <i>From Welcome to Wellbeing: A Practical Guide to International Students Adaptation in the UK</i> 3. Sharing of International social work students Sunday Idoko: <i>The Role of Peer and Tutor Support in Building Resilience for International Social Work Students.</i> Marian Doku: <i>Cultural Transition and Inner strength: Building Resilience as a Social Work Student broad</i> Emmanuel Amuzu: <i>Exploring Spiritual Coping Strategies among African Immigrants in the United Kingdom: A Case Study of Ghanaian Christians</i>
16:00-16:15	Presentation of DSW Award Closing Remark	Priya David and Suzanne Machin-Autenrieth