

Social Work: Concept and Nature

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Miss-conceptions of Social Work

- ❖ Charity
- ❖ Alms Giving Activity
- ❖ Shramdan (Labour)
- ❖ Leadership
- ❖ Voluntary Service

Changing Concept of Social Work

- Charity to Right
- Charity to Empowerment
- Charity to Social Justice
- Pity to Understanding
- Working for People to Working with People

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- Palliative to Curative
- Residual to Institutional
- Minimum to Optimum
- Special to Universal
- Voluntary to Public

Definitions of Social Work

The social work profession promotes social change, problem solving in human relationships and the empowerment and liberation of people to enhance well-being. Utilising theories of human behaviour and social systems, social work intervenes at the points where people interact with their environments. Principles of human rights and social justice are fundamental to social work.

(IFSW/IAASW:2001)

Social work is a practice-based profession and an academic discipline that promotes social change and development, social cohesion, and the empowerment and liberation of people. Principles of social justice, human rights, collective responsibility and respect for diversities are central to social work. Underpinned by theories of social work, social sciences, humanities and indigenous knowledge, social work engages people and structures to address life challenges and enhance wellbeing.

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