



# BASW

The professional association for social work and social workers

## Calling all Social Work students!

Why be a member of the British Association of Social Workers (BASW) and the Social Workers Union (SWU)?

JOIN YOUR PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION AND ACCESS MEMBER BENEFITS TAILORED TO YOU AS A SOCIAL WORK STUDENT – WE OFFER  
**DEVELOPMENT + SUPPORT + PROTECTION + SAVINGS + INFLUENCE**

JOIN BASW WITH OUR STUDENT MEMBERSHIP FROM JUST **£4.80 PER MONTH.**

THEN CONTINUE YOUR STUDENT MEMBERSHIP AND RECEIVE **50% OFF** MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR YOUR FIRST YEAR OF WORK AFTER YOU QUALIFY.

**BASW IS HERE FOR ALL YOU NEED TO SUPPORT EVERY STAGE OF YOUR SOCIAL WORK CAREER.**

### Develop

#### Support your coursework

Learn about the social work profession and the latest social work practice developed by and for social workers. Log your CPD from a range of free or discounted study resources and events.

#### Student Ambassadors

Become a student ambassador to work with us to produce and create projects and events that focus on the student experience – creating a unique opportunity for you to learn and develop.

#### Student Hub

Access a members only hub of information, guidance, events and resources for students in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland, developed in partnership with social work students.

#### Careers advice

Advice and guidance just for students. Find out more about working in social work and explore your speciality, build interview skills and access CV writing training.

#### Professional Social Work magazine

Professional Social Work (PSW) magazine – the UK's only printed social work magazine – delivered free to your door. Member-only free access to selected resources online.

#### Member email updates

Receive the latest social work news, member updates, development opportunities and member benefits to your inbox.

#### Code of Ethics

BASW's Code of Ethics along with a full range of guidance and policies, upholds the highest professional standards and practice.

### Support

#### Social Work Professional Support Service (SWPSS)

You can get support from a peer coach who is a social worker and talk through issues in a confidential space.

#### Explore jobs

View jobs from social work employers, connect with experienced social workers and hear about practice and working in different fields.

#### A community of Social Work Students

Join our community of social worker students online – through Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn, listening to podcasts.

#### Connect

Meet and connect with fellow social work students, to share ideas, discuss your learning and policies through groups, branches, communities of interest and special interest groups.

### Protection

#### Insurance cover

Student membership includes £5 million professional indemnity insurance cover for social work placements.

#### Placement difficulties

BASW is the only organisation to offer protection to student social workers. Get advice from BASW/SWU Advice and Representation, a team of qualified social workers, for professional help on a range of Social Work Student placement difficulties.

### Savings

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Discounted member rate for students and a 50% discount for your first year after you qualify.

#### Discounted and free CPD and events

Hear from sector leaders, educators, policy makers and people with lived experience.

#### Discounted journals and books

Save up to 75% on social work journals *British Journal of Social Work (BJSW)* and *Practice: Social Work in Action* plus receive a 30% discount on books available from BASW's online bookshop.

### Influence

● The powerful voice of 22,000 members, building the strength and influence of social work and calling for urgent action on issues that really matter to social work.

● Be active in campaigns. Join our member committees, groups and networks to help shape UK and country policies.

**SWU is the only UK trade union for, and run by, qualified and registered social workers. Join SWU and be part of one of the fastest growing trade unions in the UK.**

**Additional Membership of the Social Workers Union (SWU) for students at only 83p per month**

Monthly payment for students of £0.83 per month (£10 per annum) - equivalent pro rata payment, will be added to your BASW student membership fee.

SWU works with BASW to protect social work professionals speaking as social workers for social workers. Having a professional association and trade union together is important for the social work profession. We aim to be the best trade union for social workers.

## Be part of the Trade Union Community

### Great reasons to join SWU:

- SWU recruits and trains student Union Contacts who promote membership and activism in universities and beyond.
- SWU is a member of the General Federation of Trade Unions (GFTU), providing our student members with access to the training provided by GFTU. GFTU is a group of 28 specialist unions with a combined membership of over 300,000 members.
- SWU has its own monthly newsletter which is emailed to members every month.
- SWU offers opportunities for students to join events, campaigns and 'talk to SWU' sessions covering student issues and advice.

### SWU students can access additional benefits such as:

- SWU Campaign Fund: This fund is available for SWU student members to set campaign priorities and engage in activism. We are currently accepting campaign application from student members.
- SWU Austerity Action Group – be active and join in with some student campaigning.
- SWU University Assignment Competition with a chance of collecting one off 4 awards of £500.
- SWU offers additional legal, insurance and CPD opportunities delivered and discounted by Dr Neil Thompson.
- SWU student members are eligible for National Executive places and being part of focussed groups. More recently covering the use of supervision and working conditions.

### Join today

BASW Student membership - from £4.80 per month (£57.60 per annum).

Opt into SWU for £0.83 per month (£10 per annum) - equivalent pro rata payment, will be added to your BASW student membership fee.

Continue your BASW student membership and receive 50% off membership fees for your first post-qualifying year of work.

### University offer

The BASW University Social Work Education Provider Affiliation Scheme offers professional support and activities designed to support social work education programmes, plus a discount of up to 15% for student group membership.

Ask your course lead to speak to us!



Visit [www.basw.co.uk/join](http://www.basw.co.uk/join) and join today

