

## WORLD SOCIAL WORK DAY ASSIGNMENT

The Social Workers Union (SWU) have announced the theme for their annual World Social Work Day student essay competition.

**The prize:** Four grants of £500

**The criteria:** A 750 - 1000 word assignment written by a Social Work Student undertaking an Undergraduate or Post Graduate Social Work Degree in the UK, Social Work Apprentices and students undertaking specialist pathway routes.

The question posed is:

*"How can the social work profession push back against far-right narratives of division, and how can social workers co-build solidarity and hope across communities?"*

All completed assignments will be judged by a Panel.

Please forward your completed assignment before Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2026 with a covering letter giving your Name, Address, Telephone Contact Number, University, Year of Study and Academic Tutor (if appropriate) or details of Apprentice Social Work Programme and Supervisor/Manager to: [joanne.marciano@swu-union.org.uk](mailto:joanne.marciano@swu-union.org.uk)

The assignment should be typed, have your full name, the assignment question as the title, and must follow an academic process; such as word count and Harvard Referencing System.

**Please note:** By taking part you are agreeing to SWU using the assignment for future purposes such as newsletters or other forums. Only the winning assignments will be used.

<https://swu-union.org.uk/world-social-work-day-student-essay-competition>

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#WSWD2026  
#SWUAssignment

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# Student Membership

## BASW

The professional association for social work and social workers

## SWU

Social Workers Union

With BASW you get discounted student membership to support your social work course and can also opt into the Social Workers Union (SWU) at an additional discounted rate of just 83p per month

Receive all the benefits of the trade union alongside BASW, your professional association – all under one roof.

### SWU Student package

(in addition to an existing BASW membership)

**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.**

#### ■ Become a Union Contact

SWU recruits and trains student Union Contacts who promote membership and activism in universities.

#### ■ Access training provided by GFTU

SWU is a member of the General Federation of Trade Unions (GFTU), providing student members with access to training provided by GFTU. GFTU is a group of 30 specialist unions with a combined membership of over 600,000 members.

#### ■ Additional legal, insurance and CPD opportunities

SWU offers additional legal, insurance and CPD opportunities delivered and discounted by Dr Neil Thompson.

#### ■ Regular e-communication

Receive a monthly SWU newsletter with the latest updates and events to your inbox.

#### ■ SWU Campaign Fund

This fund is available for SWU student members to set campaign priorities and engage in activism.

#### ■ SWU Austerity Action Group

Meet and connect with fellow social work students and social workers and join in with some student campaigning.

#### ■ Eligibility for National Executive Places

Get involved with your trade union and represent the voice of student social workers on topics such as use of supervision and working conditions.

#### ■ SWU Assignment Essay Competition

Each year the Social Workers Union seeks to challenge and engage students and apprentices with the SWU Assignment. There are four awards including £500 to each winner.

BASW Student Membership	Additional SWU opt-in
£5.39/ month	+£0.83/ month

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

### University offer

#### ■ BASW University Social Work Education Provider Affiliation Scheme

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