



# W5 Tutorial

# Social Work: Making a Difference

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# Recap (5-10min)

- **What did you think of the Lecture?**

- W1

- Lecture 1 - Welcome and Introduction (Dr. Hadijah Mwenyango)
- Lecture 2 - The History of Social Work (Dr Sarah Henning)

- W2

- Lecture 1 - Social Work Today. (Dr. Gary Clapton)
- Lecture 2 - Social Work in a Global Context (Prof. George Palattiyil)

- **What did you think of the Lecture?**

- W3

- Lecture 1 - Social Work Tomorrow (Dr. Hadijah Mwenyango)
- Lecture 2 - Social Work: Making a Difference Briefing: Assessment 1 (Dr. Hadijah Mwenyango)

- W4

- Lecture 1 - Research for Practice for Children and Families Social Work (Dr. Autumn Roesch-Marsh)
- Lecture 2 - The Professional Role (Children & Families Social Work - statutory practitioner) (Dr Yukti Lamba)

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# Activity (40-45min)

**Please identify your presentation partner, (if present), and provide responses to the following questions.**

- What are the key themes or concepts we have covered thus far, and how do they connect to your selected presentation topic?
- Which social work challenge will your pair focus on? How will you frame the challenge: as a policy issue, a practice dilemma, an ethical concern, or a systemic problem?
- What format or visual or supporting materials will you use (slides, handouts, short video, news clips)?
- How will you share roles/tasks to ensure equal division of labour?






**W4 Tutorial**

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# Recap (10min)

- **What did you think of the Lecture?**
  - What did you learn ?
    - Lecture 1 - Social Work Tomorrow (Dr. Hadijah Mwenyango)
    - Lecture 2 - Social Work: Making a Difference Briefing: Assessment 1 (Dr. Hadijah Mwenyango)
  - What points stood out?
  - Any questions?

# Activity (35-45min)

## Part 1

- How are social services organised in Scotland, what are the main overall challenges and where is it heading?
- What innovations or improvements do you aspire to see in social work?

Please read the following documents before the tutorial:

- Scottish Parliament Information Centre (SPICe) (2022) Social Work in Scotland. [Online] ( Please read pages 22-34). Available at: [Social Work in Scotland | Scottish Parliament Website](#)
- Scottish Government (2015) Social Services in Scotland: A shared vision and strategy 2015-2020. [Online] (Please read pages 7-14). Available at: [Social Services in Scotland 2015-2020.pdf \(www.gov.scot\)](#)

## Part 2

- What is your presentation about? What strategies or steps will you use to structure and organise your presentation to ensure a clear and coherent argument?

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# Activity (15-20min)

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# Activity (20-25min)

## Part 2

- What is your presentation about?
- What strategies or steps will you use to structure and organise your presentation to ensure a clear and coherent argument?



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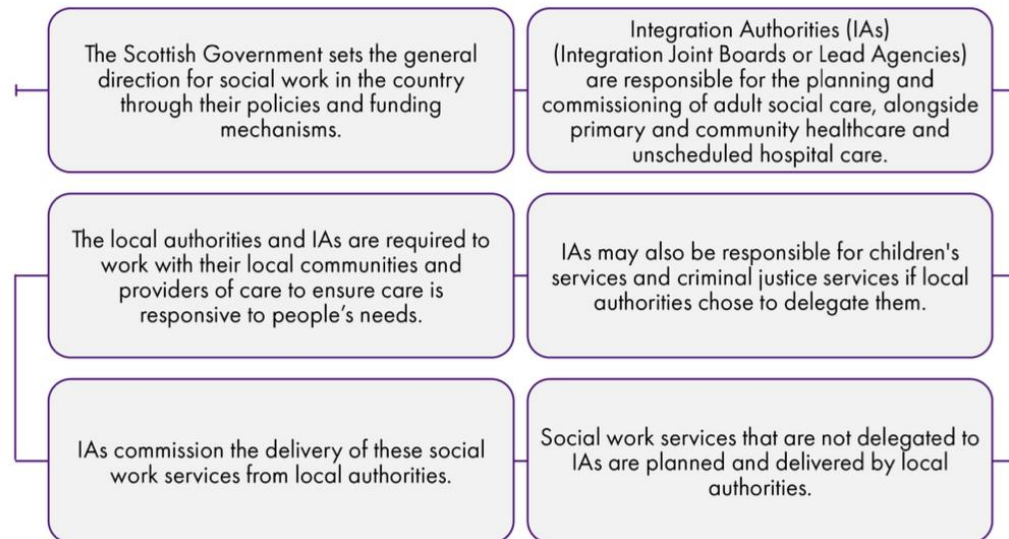
# **From your experience (5-10min)**

- **Any other additions?**
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# Wrap-up

## Current situation

### Current organisation and delivery of social work services



2022

### Challenges:

- Funding issues
- Workforce issues
  - Workforce wellbeing: Workload; Support; COVID-19 impacts on workforce wellbeing; Addressing wellbeing
  - Retention and recruitment
  - Identity and image
- Integration issues
- Service delivery and consistency issues: Local authority; variation in the eligibility criteria; funding pressures

### Future:


- Workforce planning
- National Care Service



**W3 Tutorial**

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# Activity (25-30min)

## ***The History of Social Work***

Key reading: Cree, V. E. (2018) A history of social work in Scotland. In Cree, V. E. and Smith, M. (eds) (2018) *Social Work in a Changing Scotland*. London: Routledge.

Drawing from the above book chapter, please discuss the following questions in your tutorial groups.

- How did Scotland's approach to social work differ from the rest of the UK historically?
- What are the most influential elements in the history of social work?
- How can understanding the history of social work help in shaping its future role in Scotland and beyond?

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# **From your experience (5-10min)**

- **Any other additions?**
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# Wrap-up

- **Comparison between Scotland and England (also Wales)**
  - Ability to work + moral worth = basis for policy
  - Social geography
  - Religion
- **Key points to think about its past, today and future**
  - Human Nature
  - Responsibility, and
  - Moral Judgement

**W2 Tutorial**

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# Activity (20-25min)

- Read (link will open in a new browser tab) [Chapter 9 by Karen McAlistar: 'How One Social Worker Made a Difference' in Becoming a Social Worker \(3rd ed.\), edited by V.E. Cree \(2022\), published by Routledge.](#) After completing the reading, answer the following question in your tutorial groups.
  - How would you define social work based on the content of this chapter?
  - Considering the author's experiences shared throughout the chapter, what insights do you gain about the challenges and rewards of social work in real-world practice?

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# **From your experience (10-15min)**

- **What is social work?**
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- **Rewards and challenges social work faces?**
  - ...

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# Wrap-up

- **What is social work?**

- From this case: Relationships; Changes; Collaboration; User-centered

- **Rewards and challenges social work faces?**

- Rewards (individual level)
- Rewards (system/systemic level)
- Challenges