



W4 Tutorial

Social Work: Making a Difference

<https://github.com/RhodaJiang/Social-Work-Making-a-difference>

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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?

Activity (15-20min)

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?

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?

From your experience (5-10min)

- **Any other additions?**
 - ...

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



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Recap (10min)

- **What did you think of the Lecture?**
 - What did you learn ?
 - Lecture 1 - Social Work Today (Dr. Gary Clapton)
 - Lecture 2 - Social Work in a Global Context (Prof. George Palattiyil)
 - What points stood out?
 - Any questions?

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?

Activity

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From your experience (5-10min)

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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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Recap (10min)

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

Activity (20-25min)

- Read (link will open in a new browser tab) [Chapter 9 by Karen McAlister: '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?

Activity

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From your experience (10-15min)

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

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