



## **International Network for School Social Work**

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#### **The International Network: Community for School Social Workers**

The International Network is a web of connections for school social workers and their school social work professional associations. It provides international communication for individual school social workers and representatives of their professional associations. It encourages sharing of information, forming professional relationships and developing alliances between associations.

The Network is flexible and open, providing for connections that can be brief and superficial or ongoing and more substantial. For example a brief connection could involve a query from a school social worker requiring a single answer from an individual in another country. A stronger connection could involve frequent communication and extensive sharing of information between larger numbers of school social workers in several countries over an extended time.

The map on page 2 shows some of the different patterns of communication that occur in the International Network. Here are some examples:

- Some national school social work associations have a long-standing relationship with the International Network and share information through the Network and with other national associations
- School social workers request information from the International Network
- National associations receive information from the International Network and share it with their members
- School social workers use the Network to locate and communicate with school social workers in other countries
- National school social work associations form alliances with other national associations

The International Network makes it fast and easy for school social workers around the world to link up. Send an email to the International Network to be connected with a school social work association or school social worker who can answer your questions. When you participate by responding to queries from around the world, you help the Network become an even more effective way of sharing information. As in any social network, one connection can lead to many more, opening up a new avenue for improving your professional knowledge and skills.

## Map of the International Network for School Social Work

The International Network provides easy communication and sharing of information between professional school social work associations and school social workers worldwide. The map shows some examples of routes.

