

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR COSW BOARD MEMBER DAVID N JONES

COSW Board member, Dr David N Jones, was presented with a lifetime achievement award by BASW UK Chair, Julia Ross, at the British Association (BASW) AGM on 14th June 2023, highlighting his 'outstanding commitment to social work' in the UK and internationally.

David was involved in forming COSW in the 1990s and has remained involved ever since. He is currently the COSW Main Representative to the Commonwealth Institutions. As President of IFSW, David was actively involved in launching World Social Work Day, which has become a core part of the year for social workers around the world. He coordinated the Global Agenda for Social Work process (2010-2020), has written many books and articles and visited social workers in many Commonwealth countries. He is currently a member of the Commonwealth Advisory Committee on Health.

David Jones accepting the award from Julia Ross



COSW Chair, Dr Sylvia Daisy Romanus commented:

"Be the change you wish to see in the world" is a famous quote on life that perfectly suits Dr. David Jones. His positivity, persistence and passion for social work are evidence of his applied values and purpose, a commitment to service and social justice. He has been an inspiration to many and his leadership has always been a binding force in helping COSW to reach great heights. I wish him all the best with his endeavours."

BASW UK Chair, Julia Ross added:

"David Jones has been a mover and a shaker for social work all his life. And there is no indication that he's slowing down! Please don't David, we all so much appreciate your determination to make a difference for people who value and need social work services."

"You've achieved this on a national, international and global scale through your many selfless contributions over the years. Your leadership in and for BASW over many years richly deserves our gratitude and celebration."

Commenting on his award, David said:

"BASW, linked with IFSW and COSW, have given me access to an invaluable professional network of ethical practitioners throughout my 50-year career in social work. They have energised my professional commitment and provided endless development opportunities. I am grateful for the opportunities given to me to help shape the global profession and to promote the principles of social justice for all.



"I am immensely grateful for so many diverse experiences and for the stimulation and comradeship which I encountered. Social work practice without the support of these professional networks is inconceivable.

"I really appreciate the honour of this lifetime achievement award and send my thanks to BASW Council and all those social workers I have encountered around the world who have shaped and sustained my commitment."

Read the [BASW citation article](#).

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