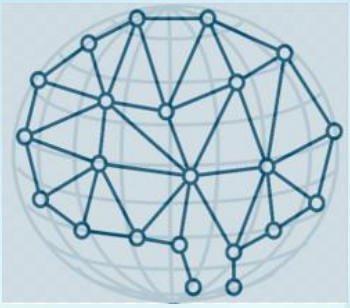
Commonwealth Organisation for Social Work

JOIN THE FIFTH ANNUAL COSW POLICY FORUM ONLINE

Minds Without Borders

Connecting resilient communities and advancing mental health across the Commonwealth



SATURDAY 26th SEPTEMBER 2026

06.00 - 07.30 or 16.30 – 18.00 (UTC/GMT)

ZOOM LINK AVAILABLE HERE BEFORE THE EVENT

Calling all social workers and students in the Commonwealth, national associations, universities and anybody else who wishes to know more about social work in the Commonwealth in these extremely unpredictable and difficult times!

How should social work react to the global turbulence affecting people worldwide? How does the experience of local social workers get brought into Commonwealth-wide and global debates? Does our experience count? Can we make a difference?

Two open meetings enable people from all time zones to participate. Both webinars will have a similar programme with the same speakers and a focus on social work involvement in mental health services across the Commonwealth as well as a briefing from the former head of Commonwealth Communications.

PROGRAMME

06.00/16.30 Welcome

06.10/16.40 What is the Commonwealth?

06.15/16.45 Mental health services in Chennai – the Banyan approach

06.30/17.00 What is COSW doing?

06.45/17.15 Commonwealth Communications

07.00/17.30 COSW at the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting

07.10/17.40 Questions & comments

07.25/17.55 Thanks and close

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