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ABOUT US

Vision of the NISD

To be a centre of excellence, nationally and globally in Social Work Education, Training and Research

Mission of the NISD

“To enhance human resource for Social Development through the preparation of competent manpower in social work at all levels, generate and disseminate new knowledge and technologies for social work practice, provide specialized services for social welfare and social development”

National Institute of Social Development is recognized by the University Grants Commission as a Degree Awarding Institute under Section 25 A of the Universities Act No. 16 of 1978

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

Inauguration of Master of Social Work Programme

The Inauguration of Master of Social Work Programme conducted in Sinhala and Tamil Medium was held on 12th October 2018 with the participation of the Director General (Covering) and other Heads of Divisions. The Master of Social Work Degree commenced in 2008 and conducted only in English Medium. With the intention of giving study opportunity to both Sinhala and Tamil participants the institute commenced the programme in Sinhala and Tamil medium for the first time.

World Teachers day

World Teachers day was celebrated at the NISD on 08th October 2018. Student Batch of BSW 2018/2019 organized this event and students displayed their talents and appreciate of faculty members' commitment and contribution in delivering Social Work Education.



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Message from Director General



It is a great pleasure to issue this message of felicitation for the Newsletter 2018. As the pioneer institute in Social Work Education in Sri Lanka National Institute of Social Development (NISD) can be proud of its achievements. Under the discipline of Social Work our institute offers different types of programmes and professional courses to strengthen the competent manpower in Social Work. This Newsletter will definitely help to create wider public awareness about the NISD and its services. As the Director General I express my sincere gratitude to all those who contributed to make this Newsletter a success. I hope this publication will contribute to popularize Social Work as a profession in Sri Lanka.

New Appointments of NISD

Ms. Shamini Attanayake was appointed as the Director General (covering) from 09th July 2018

New Appointments of the academic staff from 01st of September 2018

1. Ms. K.P. Deepthi Niroshika
Senior Training Officer
2. Mr. J.K.P.U Keerthi
Senior Research Officer
3. Mr. S. Hariharathamotharan
Senior Research Officer
4. Ms. A.M. Manamudali
Lecturer II
5. Ms. A.P.L. Buddhi Nirukshi
Lecturer II

Mahapola Award Ceremony

Mahapola Scholarship Award Ceremony of the BSW 2017/2018 batch was held on 29th October 2018 at the NISD Auditorium and 09 students received Mahapola scholarships on that day.



International conference 2018

Mrs. Shamila Sivakumaran, faculty member of the School of Social Work, received a full scholarship to participate for the Joint World Social Work conference organized by the International Association of Schools of Social Work, International Federation of Social Workers and International Council on Social Welfare in Dublin, Ireland from 04th of July to 07th of July 2018. Her paper was on Education as a vehicle for eliminating inequalities among underprivileged people in Sri Lanka.

Saraswathie Pooja 2018



Saraswathie Pooja 2018 was organized on 15th October 2018 by the BSW 2017/2018 batch. As Goddess Saraswathie is considered as the source of all knowledge, skills, technology, art and performance, this cultural event was organized by the students as an annual event.

Welfare Society of NISD

The Annual General Meeting of the Welfare Society of the National Institute of Social Development was held on 26th September 2018. New office bearers were appointed and the members forwarded several suggestions to strengthen the Welfare Fund of the Society. It was decided to organize the Annual Get-together of the Welfare Society in December 2018.

TRAINING DIVISION

“Vision for Life” – Mental Health Day Programmes

‘Vision for life’ – Seminar and survey on promotion of youth participation in Mental Health for poverty alleviation was conducted on 15th of October 2018 at the Youth Centre (Yowun Nikethanaya), Anuradhapura for 400 youth who represented youth societies and 50 Youth Service Officers in Anuradhapura District. The seminar was organized to celebrate the world mental health day strengthening the mental health among youth generation. Objectives of this seminar were to enhance the active participation of youth in the mental health field at regional level as well as to raise awareness of the issues connected to the state of both mental and physical health among the youth generation. The opening ceremony was held with the distinguished patronage of Hon. Minister of Social Empowerment under the guidance of Secretary to the Ministry of Social Empowerment and with the directions of the Director General (Covering) of the National Institute of Social Development.

Another mental health day programme was held for 25 physically challenged Youth at ‘Amathy Karangal’ a Non– Governmental Organization at Mankulam on 25th October 2018

One more programme was held at the Karangawa Janaraja Vidyalyaya, Ampara on 26th October 2018 for 150 youth who represented youth societies.



Youth Centre (Yowun Nikethanaya), Anuradhapura



Karangawa Janaraja Vidyalyaya, Ampara

Short Term Training Programmes

Two-day Training Programme

Two-day Training Programme was held on 20th and 21st of August 2018 for 30 officers of the Coconut Cultivation Board regional office, Hambanthota. Training was on “Leadership, communication skills and attitude development “. Training officers, Mrs. Kumudini Wedisinghe, Mr. P.C. Hettiarachchi and staff of Ranna Regional Centre participated in this event.



Basic Counseling Skill Development programme

A short term training programme on Basic Counseling Skills Development for 16 school Principals in Thalawa area was conducted on 30th and 31st July 2018 to raise awareness on counseling for the effectiveness of their work.



Two Day Training Programme

Two Day Training Programme on “Decreasing Juvenile Marriage through Empowering Community Leadership” was held on 02nd and 03rd August 2018 for 29 Government Officers and Community Leaders in Laahugala DS Division aiming to reduce Juvenile Marriage through active mediation of community leaders.



Short term training programme on awareness about the Community Development Project

Short term training programme on awareness about the Community Development Project was held at the Ranna Regional Center on 10th and 11th September 2018 for 36 Youth Service Board Officers of Tangalle to enhance the capacity of preparing project proposals.



Training programme on Leadership and Communication Skills

A Short term training programme on Leadership and Communication Skills for 36 Economic Development Officers of the Weerakatiya Divisional Secretariat Office was conducted at Ranna Regional Centre on 18th and 19th September 2018 to enhance their work capacity by improving their leadership and communication skills.



Field supervisors' Training Programme

The above training programme was conducted for 30 field supervisors at the Kilinochchi Regional Centre on 30th August 2018 to enhance the quality of field supervision of the students of diploma courses.



Inauguration of Diploma in Counseling 2018/2019

Inauguration Ceremony was held on 06th July 2018 at Ranna Regional Centre for 35 students. Director Administration Mrs. L.K. Pushpakanthi, Training Officer Mr. P.C. Hettiarachchi, officers of the Department of Samurdhi and staff of Ranna Regional Centre participated in this occasion.



Professional Development (CPD) Programme

Continuous Professional Development Programme designed for 400 Counseling Officers and Counseling Assistants of the Ministry of Social welfare and Primary Industries and Ministry of Child Development and Women's Affairs which commenced in June 2018 is in progress. This is a continuous programme sponsored by the Asia Foundation conducted by the NISD.

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT POLICY, RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS DIVISION

“Enterprise Sri Lanka 2025”

The Vision 2025, National Exhibition on the theme of “a rich Country in 2025” was held at Monaragala. The National Institute of Social Development put up a stall at the exhibition with the objective of creating awareness in public about the programmes conducted by the institute. A team of staff members representing all three divisions participated in this exhibition.



Intellectual Discourse

The “Intellectual Discourse” organized by the Social Development Policy, Research and Publications Division of the National Institute of Social Development was ceremoniously held on 21st September 2018 at the Sri Lanka Foundation (SLF) with the distinguished participation of the Hon. Minister of Social Empowerment. Several Publications of the National Institute of Social Development were launched at this special occasion. Presentations were done by academics and researchers on selected areas based on their research studies.



Survey for the Ministry of Megapolis

As per the request of the Ministry of Megapolis & Western Development a survey has been planned on socio-economic impact of constructing a multiple transport centers at Makumbura on passengers and trade-community. This survey is scheduled to be done in this year by the Social Development Policy, Research and Publications Division.

Outbound Training (OBT) Programmes of NISD

Training Programme at Randenigala

Three day Outbound Training Programme was conducted at Randenigala Wildlife Trust Centre (W TTC) from 04th to 06th October 2018 with the aim of building team work skills and developing positive attitudes. This special training was organized for the NISD staff by the Ministry of Social Empowerment as a staff development initiative. Members of academic and non academic staff participated in the Training programme.



Two day Workshop on Procurement and Evaluation of Goods.

The above training programme was held on 28th October 2018 at Skills Development Fund Limited. Four NISD staff members participated in this programme.

Conference on Developing Effectiveness and Job Satisfaction of Government Service

This programme was held at the conference hall of the Ministry of Social Empowerment on 11th October 2018. Ten staff members of NISD participated in this programme.

Official Letter Writing in Sinhala Language

Two day workshop on Official Letter Writing in Sinhala Language was held at NIBM on 15th & 16th October 2018 under the sponsorship of the Ministry of Social Empowerment. Eight members of NISD staff participated in this programme.

Official Letter Writing in English Language

Two day workshop on Official Letter Writing in English Language was held at NIBM on 20th & 21st October 2018 under the sponsorship of the Ministry of Social Empowerment. Eleven members of NISD staff participated in this programme.

Annual Cricket Match of NISD



Institutional Affiliations

A number of National and International affiliations have been established by the Institute with the following organizations.

- * International Association of School of Social Work (IASSW)
- * International Consortium on International Social Development (ICISD)
- * International Federation of Social Work Education (APASWE)

PROGRAMMES CONDUCTED BY NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

NAME OF THE PROGRAMME	ENTRY QUALIFICATION	TIME PERIOD/MEDIUM
DEGREE PROGRAMMES		
Master of Social Work	Bachelors Degree from a recognized university or Higher Education Institute	Two year/Part-time (English/Sinhala/Tamil)
Bachelor of Social Work	Minimum requirements for university admissions passing the G.C.E. (A/L)	Four year/ Fulltime (English medium)
HIGHER DIPLOMA PROGRAMMES		
Higher Diploma in Social Work	Passing 3 Subjects in G.C.E. (A/L) examination in any stream & Diploma in Social Work	Two year/Fulltime (English/Sinhala/Tamil)
Higher Diploma in Counselling	Completing a Diploma in Counseling	21 Months/Part-time (Sinhala/Tamil/English)
DIPLOMA PROGRAMMES		
Diploma in Social Work	Passing 3 subjects in G.C.E. (A/L) examination and 3 years working experience in social service & welfare sector	One year/Fulltime & Part-time (English/Sinhala/Tamil)
Diploma in Women Empowerment	Passing 3 subjects in G.C.E. (A/L) examination	One year/Part-time (Sinhala/Tamil)
Diploma in Counseling	Passing 3 subjects in G.C.E. (A/L) examination	21 Months/Part-time (Sinhala/Tamil)
Diploma in Social Care	Passing 3 subjects in G.C.E. (A/L) examination	18 Months/Part-time (Sinhala/Tamil)
Diploma in Child Protection	Passing 3 subjects in G.C.E. (A/L) examination	18 Months/Part-time (Sinhala/Tamil)
Diploma in Community Based Corrections	Passing 3 subjects in G.C.E. (A/L) examination	21 Months/Part-time (Sinhala/Tamil)
Diploma in Eldercare/ Gerontology	Passing 3 subjects in G.C.E. (A/L) examination	18 Months/Part-time (Sinhala/Tamil)
Diploma in Sign Language & Interpretation	Passing 3 subjects in G.C.E. (A/L) examination	One year/Part-time (Sinhala)
CERTIFICATE PROGRAMMES		
Certificate course in Social Work	Passing G.C.E. (O/L) examination	06 Months/Part-time (Sinhala/Tamil)
Certificate course in Counseling	Passing G.C.E. (O/L) examination	06 Months/Part-time (Sinhala/Tamil)
Certificate course in Child Focused Community Development	Passing G.C.E. (O/L) examination	06 Months/Part-time (Sinhala/Tamil)

Research Based Short-term Training Programme - 2019

Social Development Policy, Research and Publications Division of the National Institute of Social Development is planning to conduct a short-term Training Programmes on Research in 2019 to provide Research based knowledge and practice to Diploma Holders, Undergraduates and other interested personnel.

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