

Resilient Diaspora Social Workers: Surviving and thriving in a challenging environment

10/7/2025: 9 am – 4 pm
University of Wolverhampton

TIME	Activities	Speaker
9:00 – 10:00	Registration	
10:00-10:15	Welcome note	Representative from Wolverhampton
10:15-10:25	BASW	Ruth Allen, ASW CEO/ BASW
10:25-10:45	SASW	Susan Dobson
10:45-11:05	Chief Social Worker for Adults and Mental Health Social Work	Sarah McClinton
11:05-11:20	Q&A	
11:20 -11:40	Break	
11:40 -12:20	Seminar Session A <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Echo Yeung and Teresea Barnett-Asamoah: <i>Enhancing practice learning experiences of students from BME backgrounds: a resource pack for practice educators</i> Daisy D Toscano and Belinda van Zyl : <i>Navigating the Academic Journey: Experiences of International Social Work Students from Global Majority Backgrounds</i> Priya David: <i>Thriving Together: Equipping managers to Support International Social Workers</i> 	
12:20-13:15	Lunch	
13:15-13:30	MP of Lewisham East Minister for Children, Families and Wellbeing of the United Kingdom	Janet Daby
13:30-14:00	Decolonising social work	Linda Smith
14:00-14:30	Induction and recruitment standards implementation — <i>Stories of Oxfordshire newly settled diaspora social workers</i>	Katrina/ Anstance/ Karina
14:30-14:45	Q&A	
14:45- 15:00	Tea break	
15:00 -15:40	Seminar session B	

1. **Yohai Hakak & Chito Okeke:** *Bridging Worlds: How International Social Workers Navigate Cultural Differences in the UK*
2. **Uche Odunze & Chidiebere Aguagwa:** *From Welcome to Wellbeing: A Practical Guide to International Students Adaptation in the UK*
3. **Sharing of International social work students**
Sunday Idoko: *The Role of Peer and Tutor Support in Building Resilience for International Social Work Students.*
Marian Doku: *Cultural Transition and Inner Strength: Building Resilience as a Social Work Student Abroad*
Emmanuel Amuzu: *Exploring Spiritual Coping Strategies among African Immigrants in the United Kingdom: A Case Study of Ghanaian Christians*

16:00-16:15

Presentation of DSW Award
Closing Remark

Priya / Suzanne