

Curriculum Vitae - Dr Ruth Allen

Head of Delegation International Federation of Social Workers Chief Executive British Association of Social Workers (BASW)

Qualifications and professional membership/registration

- BA (Hons) Geography - University of Oxford - 1987
- MSc Social Work and CQSW - University of Sussex - Distinction - 1994
- Registered Social Worker - CCETSW - 1997
- PGDip Applied Systems Theory - Tavistock and Portman/University of East London - 1999
- CISE Social Care Leadership Development Programme - 2006
- Professional Doctorate - University of Sussex - 2008
- PGDip - Executive Coaching and Mentoring - 2021 to date (in progress)

Registered Social Worker in England 2003 - present

Member of the Association of Chief Executives of Voluntary Organisations UK - present

Current job: 2016-present

Chief Executive of BASW, the independent (non-governmental) professional association for social work and social workers in the UK. Summary of main responsibilities:

- Accountable to the Board and Chair for all aspects of operations, services, strategy, finance, governance and organisational development.
- Provide UK-wide professional leadership in the field of social work, e.g. writing, presenting, public speaking at national and international forums, influencing senior officials and politicians.
- Representing the profession in the national media - television, radio, press, social media
- Responsible for the international academic edition of BASW
- Principal delegate of BASW to the International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW) and member of the IFSW Europe Executive Committee

Previous professional experience

- 2004 - 2016: Director of Social Work and Social Care, and Mental Health Law and Rights, in large (regional and national) public health service organisations in the UK. Extensive professional skills, knowledge and leadership in the fields of intellectual disability, forensic psychiatry, adults, children and other specialist services. Specialist in co-production, rights and involvement of experiential experts and family carers.
- 2011 - 2015: Representative of the National College of Social Workers to the UK Government. Co-ordinator and author of key policy guidance for social work adopted by Ministers.
- 2014 - 2016: Part-time Research Fellow, St George's, University of London.
- 2005-2007: Department of Health Regional Lead for Social Care and Mental Health
- 1998-2004 Head of multi-professional health services Tower Hamlets/City of London
- 1994-1998 Social worker and team leader in a homelessness, health and social care and resettlement service
- 1988-1992 - A number of voluntary and public organisations dealing with health, homelessness, social exclusion and women's rights,

Selection of recent/relevant publications

Ravalier, JM, Allen, RE, McGowan, J (2023) Social Worker Working Conditions and Psychological Health: A Longitudinal Study. *British Journal of Social Work* (53)1

Allen, R : (2022) The Professional Capabilities Framework in England in Opacic, A (Ed) *Social Work in the Frame of a Professional Competencies Approach*

Allen. R & Buzzi, P (2020) *Social Media and Mental Health Social Work in Megele, C & Buzzi, P (2020) Social Media and Social Work. Bristol, Policy Press.*