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SOCIAL NETWORK OF FINNISH UNIVERSITIES OF APPLIED SCIENCES

WORLD SOCIAL WORK DAY 21ST OF MARCH, 2023

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- Network members:
 - ✓ Bachelor of Social Services -education is organized in 20 universities of applied sciences
 - ✓ Master of Social Services Sociologist (YAMK) education is organized in 20 universities of applied sciences
- Organization:
 - ✓ Working committee: elected for two years at a time, with half of the universities of applied sciences represented in it at a time
 - ✓ 4 sub-working groups
 - ✓ other development groups if necessary



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- As a network, we promote and support joint action and the sharing of expertise, e.g. joint meetings, network days, seminars, sub-working groups
- As a network, we promote the recognition, visibility, and relevancy of bachelor and master's degrees in working life.
- The skills of those graduating are ensured by jointly agreed competencies
- As a network, we participate in active research and development work in the social sector with partners
- As a network, we take a stand and give statements on changes concerning the social sector, education, competence and field of tasks.



SOAMK: STRATEGY (2019)

VISION

We are a respected and recognized developer and influencer of the social sector and higher education in the social sector

ACTION OBJECTIVE

We create the conditions for the development and effectiveness of higher education in the social sector

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

We influence the development of higher education in the social sector by anticipating societal changes.

We do active research and development work with other operators by networking.



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SET OF VALUES

Openness

The network's modus operandi is open and equal, enabling influence in important cooperation forums. This creates and strengthens trust in the network.

Expertise

The network makes visible and develops the expertise of social work and higher education in society.

Anticipation

The network works proactively and purposefully, taking into account changes in the operating environment. It analyzes its operating environment in a systematic and multi-perspective manner.

Cooperation

The network works innovatively and purposefully, developing together and sharing expertise. Informing the network is efficient and effective. The network actively maintains and develops partnerships that are important for its operations and advocacy work.



BACHELOR AND MASTER OF SOCIAL SERVICES PRODUCES WELL-BEING THROUGHOUT THE LIFE CYCLE

HIGHER EDUCATION AS A PROMOTER OF CHANGE IN THE SOCIAL SECTOR

- The basis of knowledge is founded on social and educational sciences.
- Bachelors and masters of social services have wide-ranging and multidimensional expertise in the social field, which is a unique strength of the education.
- In addition, they have in-depth specialized knowledge related to different stages of the life cycle, client groups and work methods.
- In early childhood education, they work to support the growth and development of children and the well-being of families.
- Innovative pedagogical solutions, combined with versatile working life connections, provide strong skills for working life and its development.
- Master of Social Services renews working life and plays a central role in the development of services and working life practices.
- The multidisciplinary RDI activities of universities of applied sciences produce know-how that renews the social sector.



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