

Special Issue

Rural Social Work and Social Perspectives of Sustainability

Message from the Guest Editor

The key question of this Special Issue is how rural social work can be re-configured to enable rural people's problem solving, aimed at enhancing sustainable development. It is important to highlight what is working well, who are the key players, and what are the challenges and insights. Amidst social workers' limited reach, rural inhabitants display resilience in fashioning out innovative ways of delivering services, resolving pressing needs and problems by themselves through indigenous/local approaches. There is a need to unpack these innovative ways and challenges, herein characterized as social perspectives of sustainability. The intersections between rurality, social work, and sustainability are often missed in social development planning.

We welcome original research articles, reviews, case studies, and policy perspectives that enhance our understanding around the social work set-up in rural areas and the countryside. We encourage empirical, inter-disciplinary approaches that provide insights on the interconnectedness of rural social work and sustainable development in addressing/resolving pressing problems.

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