



UArctic
Thematic Networks

Year In Review

Thematic Network on Social Work

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Celebrating 20 Years of Thematic Network on Social Work

We are proud to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Thematic Network on Social Work this year. This milestone marks a long-standing commitment to advancing shared values, strengthening common interests in social work, and improving both education and practice across the Arctic.

Workshop “Decolonizing Academia through Social Work” at the UArctic Congress 2026

The network facilitated a workshop on “Decolonizing Academia through Social Work” at the UArctic Congress in the Faroe Islands on May 27, 2026.

Thanks to highly engaged participants, the session generated meaningful and insightful discussions that will inform our future work in this field. The workshop resulted in strong engagement and dialogue, the development of new perspectives for future research, and strengthened collaboration across our institutions.



Photo: The participants and the network members who led the discussions

UArctic Thematic Network on Social Work is the 2026 Program Partners in Advancing International Education (PIE) Award Winner!

The Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) will present the award to the three representatives of the network in Atlanta, USA, in October. The Committee writes the following about our winning network: “The mission of the UArctic TNSW is to promote collaborative learning across circumpolar regions by actively promoting the exchange of knowledge, research, and educational resources. The Network advances sustainable and ethical social work practices in Arctic contexts by prioritizing Indigenous perspectives, addressing the realities of geographical distance and rural communities, and responding to the challenges of climate and environmental change.”

Activities during the rest of 2026:

- Webinar Series (4 webinars) during October 2026
- Submission of the anthology to the Routledge publishing house in November 2026

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