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United – Gareth Southgate and social work...

In an era that often feels defined by what divides us, it's nice to be reminded of what unites us. England's World Cup success under the inspirational leadership of Gareth Southgate is one example.

And this edition contains plenty of reminders of the unity that exists within social work – its common values, ethics and purpose.

From the views of MBE honoured social worker Beverley Barnett-Jones and Northern Ireland's drive to put a human rights framework at the heart of social work, to coverage of BASW's annual general meeting, an interview with the association's new chair Gerry Nosowska and Ruth Allen's agenda, these values are all evident to see.

But most heartening of all is the reminder that this is a shared identity from Norway to New Zealand, as is seen in our coverage of the World Conference of Social Work, Education and Social Development.

A global network of thoughtful, compassionate and optimistic people who together make up a tremendous force for good. Often under-valued, it's a community that collectively makes a world of difference.

When the work's piling up and systems aren't working, it's worth remembering that.

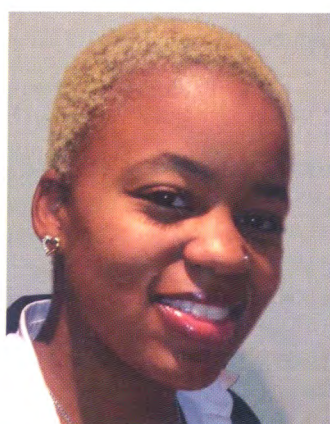


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