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Improving lives doesn't always grab headlines

Interviewed about social work's vital contribution in the aftermath of a major earthquake that struck New Zealand in 2011, Professor Kate van Heugten says "we're often not very visible in these situations".

To celebrate World Social Work Day on 20 March, this issue attempts to bring that contribution to the fore.

Our front cover features one of the many memorials to victims and survivors of the Grenfell fire tragedy last year. Social workers were very much involved in supporting the traumatised community, as is explained by Mariam Raja, a practitioner seconded to the scene, on page 21.

But it's not just in times of disasters that social workers are transforming communities, as is evident in our feature on social work ideas that have changed the world. From Rwanda's one cow policy to the use of artificial intelligence to help the homeless in Los Angeles, social work is at the core. And back in the UK, we spotlight projects in Leeds and Scotland that are putting social workers at the heart of their communities.

These and many more examples like them may not get the big headlines, but they're making a difference to people's lives – and deserve to be more visible.

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