



About the Social Workers' Educational Trust

SWET was established as an independent charity in 1972 on the initiative of the British Association of Social Workers. It remains independent of BASW, with its own trustees.

Rapid changes in the nature of social problems, in legislation and in social services means that social workers must seek new knowledge and skills. In addition, there is an urgent need to support innovatory practice-based research and to encourage the development of new approaches to providing social services.

The Trust aims to assist qualified social workers to develop their knowledge and skills, encourage research into social work practice and education, and educate the public in the nature of social work.

Grants and Scholarships

We provide grants of up to £500 that we hope will make a tangible difference to the applicants. The trustees consider grant applications at three meetings each year (February, June and October). We also award three annual scholarships of £3,000 each.

Elizabeth O'Dell Memorial Award

to enable practitioners, working within an established project, engaged in innovative practice that is designed and informed by principles intended to uphold the dignity and respect of older people, to share their knowledge and experiences with others.

Anne Cummins Memorial Scholarship

for a study/research project on health-related social work.

SWET Research Scholarship

for research in relation to developing and improving social work practice.

Support for team education and learning

Learning within teams is an important way in which social workers can develop their skills and knowledge.

The Trust can provide financial help of up to £1,000 to assist team learning. We would welcome applications from teams in all areas of practice who may wish to organise an event such as a team day, or a series of shorter events. The grant might go towards the cost of a speaker, a facilitator, organisational costs, or books and other resources. All applications will include how relevant diversity issues form part of the learning.

Due to a specific bequest, applications from Wales would be particularly welcome.

How you can help

You can help us in a number of ways:

Donate time

- Raising funds for specific awards
- Become a Trustee

Donate money

You can help to increase the support we can provide to social workers keen to develop their practice, by:

- Making a donation
- Donating through Gift Aid
- Making a bequest

If you would like to help, please write to:

- The Honorary Secretary, Social Workers' Educational Trust, BASW, Wellesley House, 37 Waterloo Street, Birmingham, B2 5PP or email swet@basw.co.uk