Student Social Work Association Monash  
Meeting 1:  14th May 2012  
Department of Social Work: Staff Meeting Room  
All students are welcome to attend our next meeting.  
Any further queries or suggestions can be forwarded to Nicole via email: nicole_elhaggi@hotmail.com or discussed on facebook: search sswam or student social work association monash.

Discussion Meeting 1:

1. MONSU student clubs representative Jade spoke to us regarding details for club application process.

2. Introductions of individuals in attendance were made with a mixture of Bachelor and Masters Students with both off campus and on campus students represented.

3. Queries were made as to the intentions of the group and individual expectations regarding what we wanted to achieve.

The following areas were highlighted as points of interest:

a. The group could act as an alternative avenue for raising awareness within the university with regard to social issues both nationally and internationally. This could be done through three ‘streams’:
   - Education
   - Activism, Advocacy & Policy
   - Community Development.

b. A student body that consults with teaching staff on curriculum issues and research.

c. Upholding a social work perspective in all our endeavours.

d. Once established we can attempt to engage and influence the wider community (also as part of community development initiatives).

e. Use the club as a base for the promotion of volunteering opportunities and information in order to improve our network opportunities.

f. Engage with other institutions in our university and wider environment.

We discussed the timeframe in which our application would be completed and how to get more people involved in the group. This included a discussion on how distance education students could be fully involved without attending meetings and led to the decision that a facebook group would be created in order to allow immediate discussion and inclusion.

We planned for a next meeting and outlined the following agenda for such:

- Allocating a temporary leader for the group to guide discussion and planning.
- Working towards an overall mission statement and particularly mission statements for our core areas of interest:
  - Education
  - Activism, Advocacy & Policy
  - Community Development
- Ensuring the facebook page is working and known to all social work students.
- Figuring out how to communicate in other ways to ensure greater student involvement.

Next Meeting: Monday 21st of May, 12noon