

The impact of climate change on the Social Work profession in Germany - A podcast on transforming Eco-Social Work theory into practice

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Abstract

Even the last people should now be aware of the urgency of addressing the climate crisis, given the forest fires in North-America and Southern Europe and the catastrophic flooding in Germany, Belgium and the Netherlands in the summer of 2021. Research has shown that the effects of climate change impact all areas of people's lives. Therefore, we would argue that it is also an essential aspect of current Social Work as well as its future. While the international Social Work community agrees with this position and climate change is already part of their academic discourse, it has hardly been an area of discussion in the German practice and academic context so far. In the course of this project, a podcast has been developed in order to show the importance of addressing climate change within Germany, to outline in which way German Social Work has responded to the issue so far and to emphasize existing and future crucial points of contact between Social Work and climate change. It is aimed at students and lecturers of Social Work, as well as social workers in practice, and intends to provide an initial overview of the topic, generate interest in the subject, and inspire further research and engagement. The first two episodes can be found on YouTube, ASH's SoundCloud account and on various podcast platforms: <https://linktr.ee/klimawandelundsozialarbeit>