Abstract

The Human Rights Praxis Project – a podcast entitled Social What?! – contributes to exploring

how Social Work as a Human Rights Profession (SWHR) can challenge and overcome oppres-

sive structures. Each episode is guided by one research question: (1) How does the dominant

understanding of social work uphold oppressive structures? (2) What strategies support creative

social work practice? and (3) Which theoretical understandings provide a framework for social

work practice?

The podcast builds on semi-structured interviews and a Photovoice study conducted for a mas-

ter's thesis, integrating visual documentation and interview excerpts to explore alumni's

understanding and practice of SWHR. The findings reveal that while social work is embedded

in and often reproduces oppressive structures, it also generates spaces for resistance and soli-

daric practice with the oppressed. The podcast makes critical, human-rights-oriented social

work towards transformation accessible and comprehensible to a broader audience.

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