



Grand Challenges for Social Work

**Get Involved.
Be Part of Something Bigger.**

Here are some ways to get started.

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The Grand Challenges for Social Work provides a unique framework for collaboration among a variety of individuals and organizations—within the field of social work and beyond—to address our society’s toughest social problems. By working together in creative new ways we have the power to bring greater visibility to these critical issues, to build new knowledge, and to translate that knowledge into the practice and policy efforts that are essential to driving real, lasting, and transformative social change. Join us and be a part of this history in the making!

If you’re a social work student—at any level or program—there are many ways you can be a part of solving the Grand Challenges! Here are just a few ideas:

- Visit the website and get familiar with the 13 Grand Challenges.
- Ask around at your school—find out which faculty are working on topics that fall under one or more of the challenges. Find out how you can be involved in that work.
- Do your field education/ practicum learning in an area related to the Grand Challenges.
- Seek out other students/new collaborators in groups or activities on campus connected to one or more Grand Challenges topics.
- Reach out to the Grand Challenge network leaders if you have an idea to share. Ask how you can get involved.
- Host an **#Up4theChallenge** event on your campus or in your class to raise awareness about one or more of the Grand Challenges, or the initiative as a whole.
- Create your own Grand Challenge discussion group or brown bag lunch series. Ask a network leader to speak to the group via videoconference (or in-person if feasible).
- Build an interdisciplinary coalition of students from a variety of schools on campus centered on one or more Grand Challenge.
- Explore ways to raise awareness about a particular Grand Challenge in your field placement. Share network publications, websites or other resources.
- Help spread the word about the Grand Challenges! Write an article for your school newspaper. Post information about your or others’ Grand Challenge-related work on social media using: **#Up4theChallenge**.



There are many ways to connect with GCSW!

- [LinkedIn](#)
- Facebook: [@GCSocialWork](#)
- Twitter: [@GCSocialWork](#)
- **#Up4theChallenge:** Use the hashtag in social media posts
- Newsletter & email updates: [Sign up!](#)

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13 Grand Challenges

Individual and family well-being

- Ensure healthy development for all youth
- Close the health gap
- Build healthy relationships to end violence
- Advance long and productive lives

Stronger social fabric

- Eradicate social isolation
- End homelessness
- Create social responses to a changing environment
- Harness technology for social good

Just society

- Eliminate racism
- Promote smart decarceration
- Build financial capability for all
- Reduce extreme economic inequality
- Achieve equal opportunity and justice