



International Project Week
HOCHSCHULE NORDHAUSEN

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Country: USA

Water: An Environmental Social Justice Crisis

Content:

Water is essential for life on our planet, yet many of us have grown up in communities where we learned to take it for granted. This is not the case for many people around the world. As climate changes accelerate and water supplies become endangered by pollution from many sources, issues affecting water quality are beginning to affect all of us. The question we need to consider as social workers (and members of communities) is what we can do to assure everyone in our communities, especially the most marginalized and vulnerable, have access to clean water before it is too late(?)

Methods:

- Lecture
- Large & small group work and presentations
- Videos
- Reading & reflections

Competences and skills to be acquired:

Explore and understand that access to clean water is a fundamental human right. Apply the frameworks of ethical decision-making in social and environmental justice work. Apply principles of critical thinking to those frameworks in scholarly inquiry, professional practice, and the examination of natural and social science research and policy arenas. Explore the different experiences of people who are, or may be at risk for facing a water-related crises. Understand how water related issues relate to the intersections of oppression, poverty, marginalization, and alienation as well as privilege, power, and acclaim. Utilize principles of scholarly inquiry to explore multidisciplinary sources of knowledge around water related issues impacting communities globally, nationally, and locally. Group work will focus on a proposed intervention to mitigate an identified water related crisis.

Prerequisites:

Desire to learn about water as a global social environmental justice issue

Language of instruction:

English

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