



INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL EDUCATORS

## **The Montevideo Declaration 2005**

The Social Educators, and other actors, together in the XVI World Congress of AIEJI, after reflection and group debate, state that:

1. We reaffirm and confirm the existence of the field of Social Education as a specific task oriented to ensure the rights of the people we work for, which requires our permanent commitment at the ethical, technical, scientific and political levels.
2. To accomplish this commitment, the role of the Social Educator must be consolidated, as well as the integration in work teams and group organisation.
3. This task requires Social Educators with a good initial and permanent training.
4. This training must emphasise practice, with a permanent critical analysis.
5. We see the importance of the systematisation of the professional practice as a way to contribute to the training, professional improvement -which is a right of the users of the social education-, and the approach of our political-pedagogical purposes in this process.
6. We reaffirm that ethics must be a permanent reference, collectively conceived and carried out with the critical participation of the subjects.
7. Social Educators renew our commitment with democracy and social justice, defend our cultural heritage and the rights of all human beings. We are convinced that another world is possible.

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