The Social Innovation & Leadership (SIL) Program and Collaborative at the Boston College Graduate School of Social Work (GSSW) provides current and future leaders of the public and social service sectors access to the latest thinking on social innovation. SIL creates the potential to unleash the creative power needed to solve today’s complex problems.

Our Program and Collaborative use complementary, synergistic elements to:

- Address compelling social problems and leverage opportunities for enhanced social justice
- Foster creative ideas that lead to the development of new programs and services
- Stimulate innovation in existing social service organizations
- Train new leadership to support social innovation and to manage these new solutions
- Create a community of innovators that engages non-profit leaders to create and sustain change, and dialogue about innovation
- Develop research to understand social innovation and the change process

Join us to stimulate creative solutions to social problems, support the SIL Program and Collaborative, or participate in one of the components.

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Many of today’s complex social problems require responses different than those developed last century. Social Innovation represents a new paradigm that supports the development, implementation, and sustainability of transformational responses to social need.

**Social Innovation includes:**
- **Thoughts**—New ideas, paradigms, and concepts about solutions which respond to social needs.
- **Action**—Sustainable approaches, strategies, policies and/or programs that strengthen an institution’s economic, technological, or service capacities to address social problems.
- **Structures**—Alternative processes, practices, and/or organizations that meet social needs and strengthen social justice.

**The Program ➞ Sustainable Social Change**
The Social Innovation and Leadership Program prepares GSSW MSW students to develop transformational responses to social problems and to lead organizations committed to social innovation.

**Courses**
- Leadership & Organizational Development
- Financial Leadership for Social Change
- Social Innovation

**Experiential Learning**
- Intensive experiential field placement opportunities at leading human service organizations
- Participation in the Social Innovation LAB for exposure to social innovation in action and real-life learning opportunities

**The Collaborative ➞ Evidence + Partnership**
The Collaborative represents a partnership between BC GSSW and social service agencies designed to stimulate evidence for social innovation practice, and challenge and support today’s social innovation leaders. The Collaborative works to build capacity among existing social service organizations, develop scholarship on social innovation, and support the implementation of solutions for sustainable change.

**Social Innovation LAB**
- A solution-focused training and research partnership between the GSSW and leading social service organizations
- Designed to stimulate innovation potential and develop leadership capacity for social innovation among human service practitioners

**Journal and Annual Conference**
As a community of innovators, leading practitioners and scholars:
- Focus on successful initiatives that improve innovative solutions, sustainability, and enhanced social justice.
- Report on outcomes associated with social innovation
- Share ideas and resources at an annual convening

**Leadership Development Awards**
- Celebrated annually, during the Spring Semester, Year II of graduate studies
- Support student leadership development

**Annual Legacy Award**
- Celebrates current social innovation
- Honors inspiring examples and organizations that have developed and implemented noteworthy social innovations