

Reflective Social Work Practice

Thinking, doing and being

Reflective Social Work Practice demonstrates how social workers can creatively and consciously combine 'thinking, doing and being' when working with individuals, families, groups, communities and organisations, and when undertaking research.

The book discusses conceptual and theoretical aspects of reflective practice and presents a new, cohesive reflective social work practice model. It explores the themes of thinking (theory), doing (practice) and being (virtues). By defining 'being' in terms of virtues, the authors provide new perspectives for improved learning and practice in social work.

Each chapter features reflective exercises, examples, review questions and activities to engage and challenge the reader. Extended case studies throughout illustrate how a holistic approach to social work can enhance practice and enrich the quality of services delivered to people and communities.

Written by authors with extensive professional experience in social work, *Reflective Social Work Practice* is an invaluable resource for social work, human services and welfare students, educators and practitioners alike.

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