

Service User Involvement in Social Work Education: A conceptual review and synthesis
of major approaches

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Abstract

Social work and social work education undergo constant development. One of the topics that has gained widespread attention during the last decade is service user involvement (SUI), a series of different approaches that aims to include service users in teaching social work students. This presentation shows that, despite the widespread use of the term SUI, this label includes a variety of approaches with different aims and scopes. After introducing important current SUI approaches, a common framework that delineates the role of individual approaches is developed and suggestions for further SUI projects and research approaches are discussed.

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