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Social pedagogy in the UK
Theory and practice
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This introductory text:
● discusses the development of social pedagogy as an academic discipline
● explores its influence on UK debates about welfare practice.

It provides the theoretical structure for understanding:
● the potential of social pedagogy in UK welfare practice
● how key ideas from within social pedagogy can be linked to ideas of inclusion, creativity and personalisation
● the impact of power relations on the social pedagogic relationship
● the importance of creativity in building inclusive practice.

Focusing on practice situations within which social pedagogy can be seen to be effective, it:
● provides a background to the introduction of social pedagogy in the UK
● investigates how European and UK services could benefit from a better mutual understanding of what each other does
● discusses how social pedagogy can contribute to other areas of practice including youth work, adult social care and community development.

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