Abstract
This paper explores the problems and possibilities of the changing world of Scottish Social Work education as it responds to the requirements of new legislation to regulate standards of social care in Scotland. Changes throughout social care and social work education are being pursued against a background of tension between professional and public demand and the current practical realities of a recruitment and retention crisis in social work services. The article is written within an exciting, but charged context of change where much is still both uncertain and unclear.

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