

Glossary entry

educational influence: The intentional learning that a professional practitioner has on the social formation in which they work, as a contribution to the flourishing of Humanity. The intentional learning is not the same as a causal effect such as, 'If I do this, then that will be learnt'. An educational influence includes a conscious response of the learner to what is being done.

Further explanation

Professional practitioners hold themselves personally and socially accountable for the consequences of their practice by researching their practice to understand and improve it. This research also tests the validity of their claim to be having an educational influence in the learning of the social formation that is the context of their practice; their educational influence also extends to the learning of others and their own learning. The knowledge generated (as the educational influence of the researcher) contributes to a global knowledgebase that helps Humanity to learn and to flourish.