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Neil Thompson has held full or honorary professorship at four UK universities and now works as an independent writer, educator and adviser in Wales, serving the whole of the UK. He has over 40 books to his name, including the best-selling texts, *Anti-Discriminatory Practice*; *People Skills and Understanding Social Work*. He has worked as a social worker, team manager, training officer, lecturer in social work and professor of social work. He is interested in the relationship between theory and practice and has published extensively on the subject, his latest work being the second edition of *Theorizing Practice* in which he challenges the traditional notion of applying theory to practice. His work is rooted in existentialist philosophy.

He is a member of the International Work Group on Death, Dying and Bereavement and is particularly interested in how grief issues are a key factor in social work, but often not recognized as such.

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