

SOCIAL EDUCATION: BUILDING CHARACTER AND CARING IN THE COMMUNITY

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Abstract

Social education is an important aspect in shaping individual character and instilling a sense of caring for others in society. This research uses the literature study method to examine this matter. The results reveal that the participatory approach requires students to take an active role in the learning and decision-making process, thus increasing their sense of belonging and responsibility for the surrounding environment. The collaborative approach emphasises the importance of cooperation and interaction between students through group activities that enrich communication and conflict resolution. Reflective approaches encourage students to critically review their own learning experiences, helping to develop self-awareness and personal responsibility. Technological approaches utilise digital devices and platforms to enhance the learning process and enable remote collaboration. Meanwhile, the inquiry approach encourages students to explore important questions through research, thus shaping analytical skills and the ability to investigate. By integrating these various approaches, social education can be more effective in preparing students for future global challenges. Comprehensive and dynamic social education encourages students not only to understand but also to contribute positively to social change in their society. This article asserts that social education integrated with diverse approaches can facilitate the formation of strong character and a high sense of caring, both of which are crucial in creating a just and prosperous society. Therefore, innovative and adaptive approaches need to be continuously developed in the social education curriculum to meet the needs of the times and the challenges of the future.

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Introduction

Education is one of the main pillars in building an individual and society. Not only does it serve as a means to transfer knowledge and technical skills, education also plays an important role in shaping social character and attitudes. In this age of globalisation and modernisation, the challenges in fostering character and social awareness are increasing. Waves of information and rapid social change often have an impact on moral values and concern for others.

Social education comes as a solution that can answer these challenges. Social education is a learning process that leads to the development of positive personality and character and increases awareness and concern for the social sphere. This education includes formal education at school, non-formal education outside school, as well as the role of family and society (Sely et al., 2023).

Social education plays an important role in shaping an individual's character because through this educational process, a person receives not only academic