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VARIOUS APPROACHES TO SOCIAL WORK PROFESSION

Social Work in the Czech Republic is not a field of great status.

I am seeking the reasons contributing to this state of affairs in the varied splitting of the concept of the field of social work.

The concepts, according to Musil (2008), of being philanthropic, professional, administrative and activist, arise from various sources, which also help to form the identity of a social worker.

These divisions demonstrate the level of the philosophical values of, and can be applied to, all social workers.

Social Work is also handicapped by its division into various layers.

Here these conceptions play a role in the form of the abilities of philanthropists, professionals, administrators or activists in cooperating to create the system which surrounds the clients served by social work.

The social constructing of the reality of social work in the Czech Republic is influenced by a schizmatic position of all those involved, both insiders and outsiders.

The aim of this study is to reflect on the various attitudes of the students of social work and also of the students of technically focussed or scientific study areas.

The main goal should be to find an answer to the question of whether it is possible to find a common ground for all of these conceptions, so that social work could be seen by a broad spectrum of the public as something transparent, valuable and significant.

What social work is, what strengthens it, what weakens it and what joins together individual paradigma will be the topics which I will examine with the help of my qualitative research.

I will carry out both partially structured and narrative interview with both the insiders and the outsiders of social work. Further I will use the "focus group" method with outsiders and, with the help of the analysis of selected documents, I will fill in what picture of social work has been drawn by students of social work in Hradec Kralove in their scholarly works up until this time.

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