

BACHELOR PROJECT

A PEDAGOGICAL ACTIVITY INVOLVING SERVICE USER

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CONTENT

Organisations, individuals, or groups from society ask social work education institutions to carry out a project around a social need. The workfield prefers a research question about a complex professional challenge. The objective is that students investigate the social need and cooperate with organisations, service users, and policy.

ORGANISATION

A group of about 10 students identifies and analyses the research question. These students carry out practice-oriented research in function of complex challenges in the field.

The students start with a source survey: this is the basis for determining and deepening the research question. The group works on a project basis towards a final result that is presented to or carried out in the professional field.

The student group is supervised by a teacher-researcher and, depending on the research question, talks to various parties: service users, organisations, policy.

AIMS

This project leads to a result: (policy) text, article, leaflet, brochure, theatre performance, ...

The aim is to answer the question of the professional field, to formulate suggestions, which are in-depth and/or broadening.

EXAMPLES

How can we introduce social inclusion (including Housing First) as a methodology in the social work training curriculum?

How can we make car and bike sharing systems accessible to people living in poverty? Promoting participation in society.
