

Volunteering Practice in the View of Vulnerable Groups

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Abstract:

The current paper aims to reveal a brief presentation of the specialized literature regarding the previous researches on volunteering specific aspects. As there are mentioned two forms of volunteering, there was a need of defining this concept according to the Romanian legislation and to the distinction between formal and informal volunteering, as well. And that is due to the fact that the present research study approaches exclusively the formal volunteering type performed by different associations from Alba Iulia.

As regards the qualitative methodology of the study, one can take into consideration the subjects' perception on volunteering and their own involvement in this action, on the one hand, and if these perceptions change according to the number of years of active volunteering. In order to answer these two questions of the research, a semistructured intensive interview with two open questions has been used.

Therefore, in defining the time influence in volunteering perception, two groups of volunteers have been chosen, ones having at least 5 years of volunteering and others with less than 5 years.

We could easily notice after the results interpretation that there is a kind of culture in volunteering and that this becomes progressively a second family for the most experienced volunteers.

Another important conclusion is that the senior volunteers are much more attached to this action and volunteering does not represent something bringing bonuses; more than that, it is considered as part of them, which gives them a sense of belonging. On the contrary, those having less than 5 years volunteering show their interest in the results of this action, which can mean that, they are not so bond affectively by volunteering. So, the time you worked as volunteer determines a kind of change in perceiving the importance and the benefits of practicing volunteering,

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