



REGIONAL FORUM WITH INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION FOR GOOD EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES ON SOCIAL WORK IN UNIVERSITY OF RUSE

The regional forum with international participation on “Good educational and professional practices” took place on May 30, 2018 at University of Rouse. It was organized at the initiative of the University of Rouse through the Social Worker’s Club in partnership with the Rouse Municipality, the Friendly Support Foundation and the National Alliance for Social Responsibility. The event was attended by 165 social work experts from municipalities and social assistance directorates, social services providers and managers, representatives of NGOs, social workers, university lecturers and students. It involved the Chairman of the Board of the Bulgarian Association of the Social Workers.

In the foyer of the university an exhibition with information materials and applied works, made by users of many social services in Ruse Municipality, Orthodox Center for Spiritual Care of Drug Addicts – Varna Municipality, Svishtov Municipality and others was presented.

The forum was opened by Assoc. Prof. Sasho Nunev, PhD, congratulating the participants and guests and who presented its organization, purpose and expected results. Vice-Rector of the quality education and continuing education of the University of Rouse welcomed the participants and wished success to the event. Video greetings were presented by the academic colleges of University of Pitesti, Romania and Brest State University named after A.S. Pushkin, Belarus. The participants in the forum were greeted with an interesting dance composition of children-users at Daycare Center for Children with Disabilities “Winnie the Pooh” – Ruse.

The work on the first part of the forum started with a presentation by Assistant Professor Ana Dumitrescu, PhD and Assistant Professor Diana Radut-Seliste, PhD of the University of Pitesti, Romania who presented legislative and practical aspects of social work and good educational practices in the training of social workers at the University. Academic and practical aspects of the training of future specialists in social work at the Brest State University named after A.S. Pushkin, Belarus, revealed the presentation of Associate Professor Nadezhda Leonyuk, PhD. Good educational practices in the education of social work students were presented by professors from Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski, from Trakia University Stara Zagora, University of Ruse Angel Kanchev, Veliko Tarnovo University St. St. Cyril and Methodius, Medical University of Pleven, Technical University of Varna and Technical University of Gabrovo.

In the discussion panel positions focusing on the necessity of professionalisation of social work, creation of a career development system for social workers and conditions for continuous qualification, standardization of social work education, change of the financing of the training of the students of the specialties in the social activities professional field on the basis of its quality, promotion of education and the social work profession and uniting the academic and professional



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community in their efforts to promote and develop were presented. So far, authorities in Bulgaria have not done the necessary to protect the education and the profession of social work and to introduce appropriate regulations. The academic and professional communities of social workers need to unite and make their fair demands on them.

The second part of the forum includes the presentation of good professional practices to the Ruse Municipality in partnership with University of Ruse (professional field Social Work) and non-governmental organizations, good practices of mentoring of social work students at the Day Care Center for Children with Disabilities (Child and Space Association), social services for women and children, victims of trafficking and violence (SOS families at risk Foundation – Varna), combating drug addiction problems through the Orthodox prism (Orthodox Center for Spiritual Care of Drug Addicts – Varna), good practices in working with children with autism (Day Care Center for Children with Disabilities – Svishtov), applying of software products in social services (municipality Veliko Tarnovo), therapeutic activities with people with disabilities (Center for Social Rehabilitation and Integration – Silistra), innovative practices in resident type social services in Razgrad Municipality. In the discussion panel, the second part of the forum highlighted views on improving the financing of social services, developing the status of the social work profession and supporting the proposals from the previous panel.

All participants agreed that integrating academic and professional communities of social workers and the active interaction between education and practice with a focus on raising their quality and initiating changes in them would contribute to tackling the challenges of today's social, political, economic and demographic conditions. This according to them is largely determined by legislative changes that must be made for the professionalisation of social work and regulation of social work education and profession. The forum will continue to take place over the coming years, providing more opportunities for exchanging good educational and professional practices in the interest of educating competent social workers and improving the quality and the effectiveness of social services.

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PROGRAM

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**UNIVERSITY OF ROUSE ANGEL KANCHEV
CORPUS 2, HALL 101**

Registration of participants

Placement of informational materials on the exhibition panels

Opening the forum

Greetings from the official guests

Legislative and Practical Dimensions of Social Work in Romania. Good Educational Practices in the Training of Social Workers at University of Pitesti

Assist. Prof. Ana Maria Dumitrescu, PhD; Assist. Prof. Diana Radut-Seliste, PhD – University of Pitesti, Romania

Academic and Practical Aspects in the Training of Future Specialists in Social Work at the Brest State University named after A.S. Pushkin, Belarus

Assoc. Prof. Nadezhda Leonyuk, PhD, Brest State University named after A.S. Pushkin

Specialty Social Work at Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski – Achievements and Challenges

Assoc. Prof. Ivailo Tepavicharov, PhD, Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski

Supervision of Teaching Practice and Pre-graduate Traineeship of Students of Specialty Social Work in Veliko Tarnovo University St. St. Cyril and Methodius

Assoc. Prof. Stella Stoyanova, PhD, Veliko Tarnovo University St. St. Cyril and Methodius

Good Practices in Organizing and Conducting the Practical Training of the Students from the Specialty Social Work

Assoc. Prof. Ivanka Stoyanova-Todorova, PhD, Technical University of Gabrovo

Student Clubs – Student Initiative to Develop Professional Identity and Improve Practical Knowledge of Social Work

Assist. Prof. Irina Todorova, PhD, Technical University of Varna

Good Educational Practices in the Training of Students from the Specialty Social Work at Trakia University Stara Zagora

Assoc. Prof. Anton Stoykov, PhD, Trakia University Stara Zagora



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The Project of Social Work as a Method in the Training of Social Activities Students

Assoc. Prof. Iskra Petkova, PhD, Medical College, Medical University Pleven

The Interaction between Theoretical and Practical Training and Extracurricular Club Forms of Activity – Factor for the Training and Development of Social Work Students at University of Ruse Angel Kanchev

Assoc. Prof. Sasho Nunev, PhD, University of Ruse Angel Kanchev

Discussion panel:

Current Situation, Challenges and Opportunities for Development of Social Work Education in Bulgaria

Moderator: Assoc. Prof. Sasho Nunev, PhD, University of Ruse Angel Kanchev

Partnership Model of Rouse Municipality with University of Ruse Angel Kanchev (professional field Social Work) and Non-governmental Organizations

Mariela Licheva, Director of the Health and Social Activities Directorate, Rouse Municipality

Integrated and universal Early Childhood Development Services – Opportunities and Challenges

Elena Petkova, Galina Bisset, Equilibrium Association, Ruse

Good Practices of Mentoring in Day Care Center for Children with Disabilities - weekly care. Early Intervention in Conducting Pre-graduate Internship of Students from Specialty Social Activities at University of Ruse Angel Kanchev

Representative of the Child and Space Association

Social Services for Women and Children Victims of Violence and Human Trafficking – Good Practices and Challenges.

Anna Nikolova, Chairperson of the Board of SOS families at risk Foundation

Combating Addiction through the Prism of Orthodoxy

Sire Georgi Fotakiev, Spiritual Caregiver at the Orthodox Center for Spiritual Care of Drug Addicts St. Prince Boyan Enravotta – Protomartyr Bulgarian, Varna

Day Care Center for Children with Disabilities in the Svishtov Municipality – Good Experience and Practices

Temenujka Todorova, Manager of the Day Care Center for Children with Disabilities, Svishtov Municipality



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Software Products for the Benefit of Social Services Specialists – Organization, Speed and Quality of Work

Margarita Sarieva, Manager of Center for Social Rehabilitation and Integration for People Over 18 with Mental Disorders and Persons with Intellectual Disabilities, Veliko Tarnovo

Innovative practices at the Center for Social Integration and Rehabilitation – Silistra

Krassimira Georgieva, Manager of Center for Social Integration and Rehabilitation, Silistra Municipality

Innovations in the Social Sphere of the Example of the Complex for Social Services for Disabled Adults, Prostorno, Razgrad Municipality

Diana Georgieva, Manager of the Complex for Social Services for Disabled Adults, Prostorno, Razgrad Municipality

Development and Social Inclusion of the Example of a Complex of Family Type Centers for Children/Young People with Disabilities, Razgrad.

Ralitsa Yankova, Director of Family Type Complex for Children / Young People with Disabilities, Razgrad Municipality

Discussion panel:

Development of Social Services and Cooperation between Education and Practice in Social Work in Bulgaria – current situation, challenges and opportunities for improvement

Moderator: Mariela Licheva, Director of the Health and Social Activities Directorate, Rouse Municipality

Acceptance of a Memorandum of Ensuring Conditions for the Development of Education in the Professional Direction Social Work and Social Work Profession

Moderator: Assoc. Prof. Sasho Nunev, PhD, University of Ruse Angel Kanchev

Closing the forum

