

EXPERIENCE IN USE OF MODELS IN SOCIAL WORK WITH THIRD COUNTRIES CITIZENS (FIELD OF STUDY: PROJECT OF MULTICULTURAL VOLUNTEERING CENTRE)

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Purpose – to reveal expression of models in work with third countries citizens, by Multicultural volunteering centre example.

Methodology – Qualitative research, interviews, data analyses of qualitative research, analysis of literature and legislation documents, generalization.

Findings – research showed, that helping to integrate third countries citizens (TCC) in to lithuanian society organization has to adapt different models. In Lithuania working with TCC are used – integrational in to citizenship model, anti-oppressive model and community social work model. In multicultural volunteering centre was dominating anti-oppressive model which asserts in common learning of TCC together with lithuanian volunteers.

In Multicultural Volunteering Centre all TCC are receiving services, which can be described as community social work – information, social consultation, mediation. All needed services are extended by volunteers – lithuanian and TCC longer living in Lithuania. All focus of needed help is spread in community of the centre and not only focused in to social workers. This makes TCC searching for any support more empowered not only to receive anything, what they need, but also to share what they have.

Research limitations – in research were participating 12 TCC and 12 lithuanian volunteers from the project “Multicultural Volunteering Centre (MVC): Lithuanian society and TCC coherence”. Important to name, that all answers of research participants are



based on personal experience and limited by time, involvement and place. Repeating research in different time or with other participants answers can be also different.

Practical implications – based on research findings we can realize what merits of used models are and how we can work in successful way with TCC in Lithuania. Shising most usefull model we can expect better cooperation in Lithuania with TCC and integration in to society.

Value – in research is found what social work theoretical models are implemented in work with TCC with the aim to integrate in to society, how each model is influencing TCC cooperation with lithuanina citizens and how different models contributes integration in all levels.

Keywords: Third countries citizens, integration, volunteering, models.

Research type: viewpoint.