

How to invite men?

Project Patron - the case study of engaging men in the areas of civic, public and private life
which needs their deeper participation

Abstract

The support of engagement of men in the areas of civic, private and public life which showing the lack of their involvement becomes a topic in the last decade on the level of EU and some national states. But there is just little social research focused on the practical ways how to support the engagement of men in these areas. This paper offers the view from perspective of the studies of civil society – which is especially focused on the motivations to volunteering – combined with the perspective of the studies of men and masculinities. The core of this paper is a case study of the project Patron in which the adult men creates friendly-based relationships with the young men from the institutional care and help them to manage the leaving of this care to the „real life“. The aim of this research is analyze the motivation of these men which leads to their participation on this project – mainly in the relations to the experience of manhood and masculinity. This paper offers the basic findings in the form of assumptions which can be used in the following social research and also as the practical inspiration for projects and organisations which want to include more men to their work.

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