

Abstract

The diploma thesis deals with homelessness of Czech women. This issue is analysed in a case study research, which is focused on a project called Homeless Women Cook for the Public, which operates under the auspices of a non-profit organization Homelike. The project provides employment opportunities to clients of asylum houses, homeless women, rooming house occupants or women in similar difficulties. Through cooking they can make money for their essential needs. This project also aims to break through the barriers between the homeless people and the public, to change the opinion about homelessness in the Czech Republic and could help to a potential dialogue between both sides. This thesis focuses on clients of the project Homeless Women, deals with the causes of their difficult social situation, how and why they got into it and alternatively, how to help them to get back to their normal life. The following case study research can contribute to understand the whole situation but it can also help in practice. The goal of the semi-structured interviews with staff and cooks of the organization Homelike was to get answers to the following research questions: What are the causes of women's homelessness in the Homelike organization? What are the options for homeless women in the meaning of reintegration into mainstream society?

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