

Abstract

This thesis is focused on examining the organisation Pionýr, which has a unique position among the organisations working with children and youth. It is a qualitative research, which analyses the functioning of the organisation Pionýr before 1989, its transformation into a civic association and status twenty years after renewal of the independent Pionýr. Main topic is the transformation of the Pionýr organisation and how do the organisation leaders perceive it in interviews and documents. The thesis examines, if it is better to interpret the story of the Pionýr in the context of break in 1989 or rather in the context of continuity. In conclusion there are identified and analysed particular aspects of the break and the continuity.