

Development of social competencies through volunteering in the community

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Abstract. *With a growing trend of technology development and an accelerated lifestyle, it is crucial to find activities that, with a relaxing escape from the daily routine, enable the acquisition of new skills and competencies which can help in everyday challenges. Just for that reason, paper deals with the topic of developing social competencies through volunteering in the community with an emphasis on acquired competencies and their application in everyday life.*

The aim of the topic of this paper is to determine the factors and ways in which social competencies are developed during volunteering and to examine the frequency of volunteering and participation in volunteer activities. During the writing, a research was conducted on the impact of community volunteering on the development of social competencies, the benefits of volunteering and the values they create for volunteers. An important part of research is also the impact of volunteering on employment. The research was conducted through a survey sent to one volunteer centre and four associations. The results were analysed using descriptive statistics and Chi-square tests. According to a survey, results show that women dominate in volunteer activity, and according to the results the average number of volunteer hours is 167. Most respondents believe that volunteering has contributed to the development of social competencies and also believe that volunteering has a great impact on employment.

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