

Development Features of Professional and Pedagogical Culture in The Process of Volunteering Activities of Future Specialists in Socionomic Sphere

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Abstract

The article presents a research on development features of professional and pedagogical culture in the process of volunteering activities of future specialists in socionomic sphere. Social problems escalation and absence of the system providing service to the most vulnerable sections of the population caused the appearance of the voluntary movement. The participation of young people in volunteer work gives them the opportunity to make personal contribution to the solution of social problems, to test their capabilities by taking part in projects and social programs. The level of professional pedagogical culture of future specialists of socionomical professions is determined with forming professional and personal qualities. After all, professional pedagogical culture, as a synthesis of the competences and professional qualities, is an important indicator of a highly qualified specialist.

Key- words: *professional pedagogical culture, future specialists, socionomic sphere, volunteering activities.*

Introduction

Social problems escalation and absence of the system providing service to the most vulnerable sections of the population caused the appearance of the voluntary movement. It's role in the social sphere was recognized at the state level and finds its confirmation in some legislative acts and documents, in particular, in laws of Ukraine "On social work with children and youth", "On social services" in which volunteer activity is emphasized as necessary and useful.

In 2003 the Coordinative Council on development and support volunteer issues, was created by the Cabinet of Ministers, the term "volunteer" was determined as a person, who performs charitable, none profitable and motivated activity, which is of socially useful character. Volunteers obtained legislative right to be involved to perform social services in accordance with principles approved by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine, regulating this activity. It also foresees the right of the subjects, who provide social services, to involve volunteers on the treaty basis for carrying out this job

The aim of the study

The article is intended to highlight development features of professional and pedagogical culture in the process of volunteering activities of future specialists in socio-economic sphere.

Theoretical framework and research methods

Native and foreign scholars point to the considerable volunteer role in conducting social-preventive measures work in children, youth and student environment, the work which was directed to negative phenomena prevention and overcoming the consequences of these facts. We sent to in these circumstances to didactic principles (Eşi, 2010, 24-34). Thus in the works by I. Zvereva, I. Laktionova, S. Savchenko the role of volunteers as a constituent part of social-pedagogic work with youth has been substantiated.

Researches made by O. Bespalko, R. Vainoly, N. Zaveriko, A. Kapska disclose technologies of youth involvement and training for volunteering activity. Peculiarities of volunteers' work in the social service centers for families, children and youth were outlined in the works of O. Kuzmenko, C. Jolstoukhova and others.

Volunteering as a constituent part of social-pedagogical activity of youth organizations was grounded in the works of Y. Polischuk. Peculiarities of volunteer work organization has been researched by Z. Bondarenko. Contents and directions in volunteer work, analysis of the peculiarities in the social-pedagogical student volunteer group activity were presented in the T. Lyakh dissertation.

Results

As the results of the research testify, volunteer activity ensures professional-pedagogical culture of future specialists' development in socio-economic sphere.

Students preparation for the volunteer work is carried out through specially organized practice, participation in charitable actions (A. Kalachev, A. Lyashenko, M. Shakurova), actions directed at collecting and spreading of the information, conducting socio-cultural events, participation in social projects (I. Fokin): scientific-research activity (scientific-researchers, participation in the conferences, preparation of the essays, abstracts and articles publication in the scientific publishing houses, realization of social projects, communicative activity (individual and group problem solving situations, "brain storm", training, discussion, role playing). Effective forms of teaching students specific character of the volunteer work are: free legal advice to indigent citizens; organization of entertainments, "summer squares" for children with special needs and kids from poverty - stricken families; work at the "office of (so-called) kind service" which provides assistance to the children and families in a complicated life situations; involvement of students into "telephone trust" work, accompany of victims from violation in the family during investigation and in the court. The participation of young people in volunteer work gives them the opportunity to make personal contribution to the solution of social problems, to test their capabilities by taking part in projects and social programs. In higher educational establishments students training for volunteer work is being carried out in the teaching process (while learning professional subjects) and in

extracurricular activities (participation in scientific-research work; in school training of volunteers, coaching studio activities); performance of professional functions in extracurricular volunteer work in the framework of the provision of social and pedagogical, psychological, informational, enlightening, rehabilitative, legal, leasurable, and educational services to children who need them, through consultations, conversations, different measures, theatrical performances, charity, and labor action, street games, agitator's theatre etc (Eşi, 2010, 41-50).

Our study has testified that students in the vast majority work as volunteers in organizations during the probation. Some of them quite often keep on working as volunteers in this organization after graduation. For future social pedagogues, social workers, practical psychologists' communication with professionals, discovering new techniques and technologies, everything that can help them in the future to become highly qualified specialists is important. The level of professional pedagogical culture (PPC) of future specialists of socionomical professions is determined with forming professional and personal qualities. After all, PPC, as a synthesis of the competences and professional qualities, is an important indicator of a highly qualified specialist. Therefore, there is no coincidence that among the requirements that apply to volunteers, interpersonal skills, integrity, and responsibility take the first place.

The biggest volunteer work experience has been acquired in the practice of social services for youth. One of the popular lines of voluntary assistance is social assistance for the disabled, orphans, children left without parental care, street children, people addicted to drugs and alcohol etc. With this purpose such programs as "Street Children", "Books for disabled children", "Friends on phone", "Games for children with disabilities", "Pages which came to life", "Together for development", "Modern understanding of life and healthy lifestyle" and the like are being implemented.

Due to volunteer associations, headed by veterans of work, young teachers from Khmelnytskyi National University and the student government board members students gain a huge experience of civil formation. To develop positive motivation to the university education among students, the Days of Mercy, the Days of Tolerance, Days of Health, Days of Specialty; decades and weeks of science are being organized and conducted with our support. We constantly celebrate national holidays, anniversaries of statesmen, writers, and, if possible, we invite veterans of work, veterans of the Second World War, ATO participants, Red Cross representatives, scientists.

Together with the students we held such charity events as "Help children", "Share with others", proceeds from which were transferred to seriously ill children, low-income people and people with special needs. Volunteer group "Donor" repeatedly saved the lives of the city residents. A public order volunteer group, which includes both students and teachers, organizes a daily duty at the University near-by and dormitory areas, thereby increasing the student groups responsibility over the observance of the internal regulations, regulations of the hostel and the public order in the district.

Veterans of work, veterans of the Second World War, ATO participants, student families, students-orphaned, students from low-income families is a subject of constant concern. Till 19 December, we along with students collected a plenty of soft toys, clothing, shoes for children of Antony boarding school.

Khmelnytskyi National University (KhNU) has been working in close cooperation with various organizations: city and regional departments of education, juvenile service, family and youth department, etc. One of the spheres of volunteer activity of the students of KhNU is child care. Among the children's organizations patronized by the students are orphanages, children's hotlines, teen clubs, "The School of Life" and "Family Comfort" rehabilitation centers for ill and disabled children, the Red Cross of Ukraine organizations.

The volunteers assisted in preparation and holding of social and educational events, organized consultations for parents, helped the teachers in conducting relaxation activities for ill children at "The School of Life" rehabilitation center. The members of volunteer organizations provided essential psychological, moral, emotional, social assistance to children, disabled persons, elderly and other people, who require support.

On the basis of Khmelnytskyi Sciences and Pedagogical Academy the "Art-doctor" voluntary project was initiated by the students for primary school pupils who are treated in Khmelnytskyi regional children's hospital. Active members of the "Students' Republic" Ukrainian youth NGO joined the charitable work. Starting from 2010 this educational establishment has been hosting "Grant a book" initiative, dedicated to Prophet Nahum under the slogan "Nahum, help us become smarter!" The moderators of the initiative together with the students collected and presented signed books to the members of local residential schools and orphanages.

Humanity, dignity, charity, kind-heartedness are the traits that are formed and developed by the volunteer-students of Kamianets-Podilskyi. They are working for people, who are in dare straits and those who need assistance, moral and social support. I. Ohienko National University annually hosts volunteers' conventions which are aimed at promoting volunteers' movement and sharing the expertise in this important sphere. Interactive exercises, new technologies, innovative and interesting ideas create the atmosphere and grounds for fruitful work and success of the joint social project.

Considering the complicated political situation in the country the students of Khmelnytskyi National University strongly support the soldiers who take part in the anti-terrorist operation (ATO). In September they organized the second charity auction and fundraising fair. Future specialists of socio-economic sphere (social teachers, practical psychologists, social workers) prepared hand-made crafts and home-made pastry for the event. The money that was raised by the students was spent to purchase layered clothing, gloves, portable gas-stoves, pepper spray canisters, flash-lights, hair clippers, footwear, sleeping bags, etc.

For Christmas holidays the students initiated a campaign to buy the medicine for wounded soldiers treated in the military hospital. Besides, they sent Easter cakes directly to the warriors who carried their duties in the area of anti-terrorist operation. The students of KhNU together with us visited Khmelnytskyimilitary hospital where they met WWII veterans and the soldiers who had returned from the ATO zone. The concerned students prepared and handed special postcards to the young warriors. The group of volunteers has organized close cooperation with the Red Cross organization. The students together with the members of the organization raised money for temporarily displaced people from the East of Ukraine. They also initiated collecting of clothes and food for charitable funds on the regular basis.

Conclusions

Sympathetic approach to every activity helps students to be active participants of various charitable activities, to fulfill their civil duties, to be ready to assist other people. It is the volunteer activity that helps to form professionally important qualities of future specialists, to organize volunteer initiatives concerning prevention of alcohol and drug consumption (usage) by pupils; participation in volunteer school services, actions aimed at providing services to children and advanced years persons. The peculiarity of voluntary movement in Ukraine is that the most numerous group of volunteers, who work in the social sphere is represented by pupils and students.

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