

Summary

This thesis „*Community service as an opportunity to return at the labour market*“ deals with the topic of public services offered to receivers of jobseeker’s allowance as a voluntary possibility to increase their incomes from social benefits. It focuses on the question whether community service for the long-term unemployed can be a means for their integration in the labour market.

In the theoretical part different concepts of labour are introduced with emphasis being put on the importance of labour for people when it comes to their human needs, basic rights and at the same time to freedom of choice. The thesis deals with the problems of unemployment and mentions consequences of loss of a job. It introduces the development of unemployment, labour market policy and focuses on social policy in the area of support for people in material need which is connected with involvement in community service.

This thesis also tries to introduce the application of community services in the Děčín region in a complex way. In the practical part the author makes a survey and compares evaluation of community services in four categories. The four categories comprise job centre employees who offer community services, organizers of community services, those who do community services and unemployed people who refuse community services. By comparing views of these categories the author tries to discover whether this service can be a solution for the long-term unemployed in their integration at the labour market and she maps problem fields in applying community services based on views of people involved.

Keywords

Community service, labour, unemployment, material need, social allowances