

Abstract

This thesis examines the political participation of homeless individuals in the Czech Republic and the significance of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in supporting this participation. The theoretical part introduces the concepts of civic and political participation and homelessness. In the empirical part, interviews with homeless individuals and NGO representatives are used. The results show that practical barriers such as lack of information and resources for participation in political processes are the main obstacles to political participation for homeless individuals. It was also found that NGOs play a significant role in supporting political participation of homeless individuals and can help remove some of the barriers that prevent these individuals from political engagement. The significance of this work lies in its focus on a marginalized group of citizens and contribution to the discussion on inclusive political participation in the Czech Republic. The thesis also shows the importance of NGOs in supporting political participation of homeless individuals and can serve as inspiration for further research in this area.