

Abstract

The diploma thesis *Case study of Klecánky allotment site or there is not one gardener like the other* is a case study of one of the huge allotment sites located near the village Zdíby on the north periphery of Prague. The aim of the thesis is to find out who the garden plot users are and what motivations for being in the allotment site they have. Furthermore to find out which concept of their garden plots they have chosen and which functions the allotment site satisfies. The thesis puts special emphasis on sustainable development aspects of gardening and on the values and value orientations of the garden plot users.

The research was conducted with methods of participant observations and semi-structured interviews. In the course of the research it turned out that the gardeners demonstrate lots of common characteristics, however, their attitudes and values are different in substantial aspects. This is connected with the extent of their cultivation of fruits and vegetables. It also appeared that this fact is strongly related to the age and to the extent of busyness of the garden plot users. The analysis reflects these findings and besides the description of the gardeners as one social group it also refers deeply to each of the gardener groups.

The outcomes of the thesis can help to understand to the allotment sites in the 21st century and to the permanent transformation they are going through and how they are adjusted to their users. The paper also widens the knowledge of the allotment sites phenomenon and it can provide a data basis for more extensive quantitative measurements or follow-up for qualitative researches in other allotment sites. In addition the thesis is meant for the garden plot users in Klecánky who can find there a different view on their allotment site.