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A Short Resume

Institute of Social Studies and Curative Education of the Comenius University is tiding up together a multi-professional team of experts (psychologist, sociologists, social workers, social educators, lawyers and psychiatrists) in the area of child protection, older people care, capacity building of professionals, social exclusion, social policy, penitentiary and post-penitentiary care, in the region of Central Europe. The Institute was based under the department of Social work and his practical and research expertise. As a first and oldest school of social work in Czechoslovakia (1990), it was directly involved in activities related to building of a new welfare system based on democratic principles and in respect to human rights.

Department designed a successful study programme for undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate students. The leading idea is to encourage our students to develop their values, skills and knowledge that respect the dignity of all people.

One of the Institute expert and employee is Prof. Malcolm Payne a writer, academic and consultant on social work, social care management and multiprofessional teamwork. He published over 14 books; more than 300 articles in magazines, academic and professional journals in health and social care in 14 languages and including leading professional publications.

The department as well provides number of specialized trainings for professionals in social policy and social work practice; networking activities with the public sector, NGO's, and private sector and emphasize students and the Institute of Social Studies and Curative Education involvement in professional and academic associations.

Our mission and vision is:

- to prepare students and professionals for leadership roles and effective practice
- to higher competencies, theoretical and practical skills of professionals
- to support social justice and diversity
- to research in the field of social work care and protection of vulnerable people
- to better quality standards of social services and counselling
- to develop, implement and evaluate ethical principles and emphasize professional's values
- to help with creation of new policies related to development of the services
- to publish on various social topics

Biographical background information

Dr. Pavol Kopinec is a researcher at the Institute of Social Studies and Curative Education at Comenius University in Bratislava. His main subject of interest is migration.

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