



Experts by experience in the Faculty of Social Studies, Ostrava, Czech Republic

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How do you implement co-teaching in the classroom?

- since 2018
- first contact through NGOs and their recommendation
- initial interview with expert by experience about mutual expectations
- one week training in storytelling
- in September (each year) – meeting of experts by experience and academicians – mutual introduction and matching topics and courses
- in September (each year) meeting with students in the „adaptation courses“
- we have a team of experts (9) – regular meetings of the team each 2 months
- supervisions quarterly



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What sets apart your university (When it comes to co-teaching)?



- We are the only university in the Czech Republic that cooperates long term with experts.
- We are linked to social work practice – workshops for municipalities (their social workers).
- Networking – we do workshops for other university (Brno) and we take part in conferences about experiential learning (Jihlava).
- We address public (e.g. event People to people in 2022).

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How have you been sharing your experience?



- Storytelling + discussion
- Living Library + discussion
- In Covid – videos
- „Technique Backpack“ – introducing experts to students



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What is required to make co-teaching successful?

- To be in peace with our past.
- To work on the story, update it (from the past to the present).
- To know how to take a negative feedback from students.
- Safe environment – take care of experts and students.
- Feedback from students (even written) reflection with the teacher.
- Before the course – support from the teacher, to meet beforehand, possibility to have team coordinator in the course (at the beginning of the cooperation).
- To attract students, so they take something to social work practice with them.
- Understandable story.
- Possibility for students to co-create the course.



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How is the relationship between EbEs and academic staff and students?

- With academics – good, super, open, supportive, cooperation, friendly, intimate
- With students – we break stereotypes (not always), on a good way, friendly, intimate



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