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Theme chosen: Prospects, methodology, research and innovatory practice in social work education.

Involving people affected by a mental disorder in the subject of Mental Health.

This abstract aims to describe a practice of teaching innovation carried out during the last two academic courses in the subjects of "Social work in the area of mental health" and "Social and educational action in the area of mental health" in the degrees of Social Work and Social Education at the University of Lleida (Spain).

The practice raises the participation of people diagnosed with a mental disorder in the teaching dynamics of the subject and is carried out in collaboration with the organization 'Obertament'. This organization was born the year 2010 through the joint work of different mental health social agents in Catalonia who fight against the stigma and discrimination in this area.

The overall goal of this educational practice is to provide social work and social education students with a broader understanding of mental health issues and the major mental disorders from the perspective of those affected.

This means in the first place, ensuring that students understand the ways in which people affected interpret and explain their mental disorders. The second aim is to allow students to understand the major effects of mental disorders in daily life. The third aim is to reflect on the different ways in which people affected integrate this biographical aspect into their identity. Finally, the intention is to link the academic knowledge with the experience and knowledge of the service users.

Key words: Mental Health; Service Users; Innovatory Practice; Social Work Education.