

Relations of solidarity work? The occupational therapy and their contributions in organizing collective work and solidarity

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In response to changes that occurred in the working world, there was an intensification of the solidarity economy movement, as a way for workers to organize the search of alternatives to generate income to provide the autonomy, collective decision making and the achievement of common goals. In this context, the occupational therapy aims the social inclusion and the rescue of the citizenship of workers excluded from the labor market or whose perform precarious activities. These actions, developed by occupational therapy and administration students of USP, aimed to an interdisciplinary performance, to solve diversity of issues and demands brought by the group. These actions, developed by occupational therapy and administration students from USP, intended to develop an interdisciplinary actuation according to different issues and requests brought by the group. The groups were composed of women who make handicrafts and live in different neighborhood in Ribeirão Preto. They were monitored weekly during nine months. It was approached issues such as collective work, division of responsibilities, collective management, interpersonal relationship and corporative legislation. This action showed that the formation of cooperative groups, based on solidarity principles, involves learning of new work organization culture based on cooperation and sharing of knowledge through the exercise of collective work, the decision combining interests and ideas in the group, the division of responsibilities and tasks in learning new forms of relationships based on respect for diversity and potential of the other. In this context, the occupational therapy aims the social inclusion through the fair and solidary job to allow workers to participate in the exchange market and give the possibility to generate and transform values, build new relationships, recovering their citizenship, autonomy and independence