

# **Social Work in the Context of Social Entrepreneurship**

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Modernization of postindustrial society has caused many changes – for example an increasing significance of economics and economy and its influence on all subsystems of society. This brings lot of questions such as whether it is possible to connect social work with economy. In this regard the concept of social entrepreneurship is an often discussed topic recently. The presentation shall briefly introduce a research which had been realized in 2012 by doctoral and master students at the Faculty of Social Studies at University of Ostrava and which is focused on social work in the context of social entrepreneurship. Design of the research was as followed: identification of the area of research + exploration of literature, creation of a subject of quantitative part of the research, data collection and analysis, exploration of literature and creation of subject of the quantitative part of the research. The qualitative part was focused on procedures applied in social dimension of social entrepreneurship as it is seen by social entrepreneurs. We realized semi-structured interviews while focusing on two partial objectives: (1) understanding the procedures applied in social dimension of social entrepreneurship and (2) identification of areas and forms of application of social work within the social entrepreneurship + creation of social enterprise models related to the professional context of social entrepreneur. For the second part of our research and the formulation of hypotheses we used the positivist paradigm. Our objective was to explore the forms of integration processes in Work Integration Social Enterprises and to find out whether there are differences in the perception of integration among social entrepreneurs with different professional context. For this part of research we used questionnaires, which were sent to Czech social enterprises. During our research we had identified a model of social entrepreneurship category structure within the social dimension of social entrepreneurship and we had also created two new categories of social enterprise. Our conclusions may give some input information for another research related to this matter.