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RESEARCH AND
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CENTRE OF EXPERTISE

EMPOWERING PEOPLE

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Through research and innovative projects, the centre of expertise Empowering People endeavours to react to social evolutions in the areas of welfare and healthcare. The group's projects within the field, in close cooperation with its major players, are aimed at empowering individuals, organisations and communities by helping them to improve their situation and surroundings. Typically, the centre of expertise tries to involve the target group, by sharpening their critical consciousness as well as by stimulating them to participate. People that are socially vulnerable are the central focus of the centre of expertise. The group's research specifically targets those who are formally involved in welfare and healthcare in the broadest sense of the word (eg. aid workers, policy makers, social care workers...) as well as those who play a more informal part (people who need help, volunteers,...).

Our main research lines are:

- **CESOC** (Centre for Social and Cooperative entrepreneurship) aims at solving problems where social and cooperative entrepreneurship can provide the answer to new challenges within our society.
- **CIVITAZ** (Centre for Citizenship and Participation) focuses on the role professionals and volunteers play and the contributions they offer when they try to support and strengthen civic action.
- **Youth Care group** concentrates on solving problems 'Integral Youth Care' faces.
- **ACHT** (dealing with conflict and aggression training) & **APART** (dealing with and preventing aggression, research, the development of tools) offer professionals, clients and policy makers insights and tools for the development of skills in order to take responsibility for one's own behaviour and for developing tools to deal with problems such as different forms of violence (within families), radicalisation, ...
- **eSocialWork** focuses on questions about the place of the internet in healthcare and welfare, specifically in areas such as media education and media literacy, online support, excessive use of internet and gaming.
- **ICOON** (Innovation Cell Supporting Development) offers expertise with regard to the support of people with disabilities, especially focusing on the life quality of those who suffer from developmental disabilities.

Services

By offering our services to society, we try to give back our expertise to organisations, companies and individual professionals. We organise state-of-the-art symposia, seminars and courses. We also provide courses in company and tailored advice. On demand and in close collaboration with organisations our researchers, teachers and students develop instant solutions for contemporary challenges. Examples are:

- Coaching, Intersession and Supervision
- Mediation
- Development of protocols and methodologies
- Consultancy

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