

Meeting of the Catalan Universities Service Learning Network

4 July 2018. Palau de Congressos de Girona



Presentation

The Catalan Universities Service Learning Network (Xarxa d'Aprenentatge Servei de les Universitats Catalanes, ApS(U)Cat), is a platform that brings together teachers with an interest in this methodology in higher education. Its annual meetings are a place for discussing the experiences and challenges faced by teachers who use this focus and also an arena for advancing its deployment and development. At this third meeting, which is being organised by the ICE Service Learning Teaching Innovation Network (Xarxa d'Innovació Docent d'ApS) at the University of Girona as part of CIDUI 2018, we are proposing an exploration of how creativity can serve to design and transform service learning projects; and discuss the different channels for institutionalising service learning at Catalan universities. The meeting draws together teachers forming part of the Xarxa ApS(U)Cat but is also open to anyone else with an interest in this methodology.

The creativity session will be run by professor and doctor Wolfgang Stark (from Universität Duisburg-Essen, an expert psychologist in empowerment, social transformation and service learning), who considers it to be a critically basic skill that should serve to build the community and foster social change. So, he is proposing a design for social action based on three components: design strategies, which are useful for boosting mutual knowledge, awareness and play; social strategies, which foster the construction of a community through engagement and empowerment; and action strategies, which promote the co-creation, implementation and evaluation of new concepts and forms of social innovation in different settings.

The session on the institutionalisation of service learning at Catalan universities will mainly be based on participation and dialogue: with the help of dynamic techniques, the proposal is for the represented universities to present the state of the question at their own institutions and to interactively seek shared strategies and actions to foster SL at universities.

Schedule

9.00-9.30. Welcome and registration

9.30-12.00. Dr. Prof. Wolfgang Stark (Universität Duisburg-Essen). Lecture-workshop. A Pattern Language for Service Learning and Community Engagement

12.00-13.30. Institutional welcome and CIDUI conference. [For this period, the specific Xarxa ApS(U)Cat activity will be paused]

13.30-14.30. Lunch

14.30-16.30. Workshop. The institutionalisation of SL at Catalan universities: state of the question and future challenges

16.30-17.00. Break

17-18.30. Xarxa APS(U)Cat Assembly. Presentation of the work done by the different commissions

18.30. Close

Registration

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