WISEs Employer engagement in preparation for work and citizenship

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- context:
 - WISEs
- research
- approach:
 - Sociology: Castel and Paugam
 - Pedagogy: Eraut
 - Social work: Avolio and Bas
- findings
- debates:
 - Are WISEs inclusive and meaningful devices?

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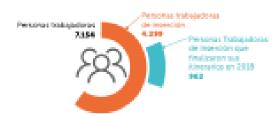
context

Work Integration (Social) Enterprises

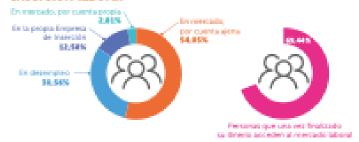
- Purpose
 - Transition companies
 - Social inclusion through work and learning
- Staff
 - Production workers
 - Integration workers
 - Accompanying workers
- Employers and organizations behind them
 - ENSIE
 - FAEDEI and AERESS
 - Legal support since 2007

WISEs in Spain

######\$CODAL 208# Empresas de Inserción (EE, IJ) participantes Datos sociolaborales Personas Trabajadoras



Inserción laboral



Sectores principales de actividad económica













Retorno económico* a las administraciones públicas

MP de personas contratadas que anteriormente eran perceptoras de Restas. Básicas de Inserción len sus diferentes denominaciones autonómicas!



Estimación en concepto de DCA, UR.P.E. Impuresto de sociedades y otros bibutos 5.02 millones de €



Retorno social por puesto de imperción a lorrada

Distribución geográfica



Ámbito geográfico



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research

Research -1

Focus

- Work-based training and learning
- Employment and employability
- Accompanyment and leadership:
 - Personal, social and occupational development

Strategy

- Observation, interview
- Questionnaire, case analysis

Research - 2

- 7 regions
- 12 companies
 - Recycling (7)
 - Industrial laundry (1)
 - Catering (3)
 - Care service (1)
- 45 workers observed/interviewed
- 24 job and lifecoaches interviewed
- 59 questionnaires

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approach

Learning trajectories (Eraut)

- Task performance
- Role performance
- Awareness and understanding
- Personal development
- Teamwork

relevant for autonomy? Individual and citizenship?

Leadership (Avolio and Bass)

- Transformational
- Transactional
- Laissez-faire

Distributed among support staff? Changing along time?

Labor relations (Castel and Paugam)

- Vulnerable people
- Integration and employability
- Identity formation

Adaptation vs emancipation?

Employment and vulnerability (Castel, Paugam)

- Experiencing exclusion
 - The subject positioned in a reified social structure
 - Destructing identities: negation, invisibility, stereotyping
 - Lack of control over one's own life
 - Social and organizational dynamics favouring passive subjectivities
- Need for empowerment
 - Experiencing stability
 - Strengthening links
 - Recognition (person, identity, rights)
 - Reflexive and critical understanding of life and context
 - Competent to take decisions
 - Self-control

Awareness and understanding

- Accompanyment for recognition
 - interpersonal relations
 - daily work accompanyment
 - systematic, reflexive, dialogic follow-up
- Experience as a process: personalized itinerary
 - participatory design of a professional project
 - competence-centered itinerary
 - solving conflicts and social support networks
- The context as a source of possibilities and limitations
 - Social context, labour market, organizational context
 - Agency

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findings (explanation)

Organization: support and qualification

- WISE
 - Relations with the institution
 - Relations with the productive system
- Organization of production activities
 - Teamwork
 - Levels of productive demand and work rythm
 - Opportunities to rotate and train accross placements
- Human resources
 - Access and linkages
 - Support provided
 - Diversity of staff and relations

Accompanyment

- Level of structuration
 - Between intuition and systematization
 - Different perception of integration workers
 - Structuration and raising consciousness
- Phases
 - Intensity of support in first stages
 - The longest phase, the least planned
 - Intense effort in transition and guidance
 - Difficulties of transition

Informal learning

- Processes are prolongued to provide habits
- Informal assessment
 - Not always registered
- Wide professional backgrounds
- Shared occupational/professional knowledge
- Short-term training is provided
 - Work related workshops
 - Literacy and basic skills
 - Qualifications available in cooking/catering

How workers learn

- Some training chances
 - Motivation and comittment
- Few career chances
 - Relative stability
- Systematization of processes / routines
 - Allocation and structuring of work
- Relational context: people care
 - Encounters and relationships
- Participation: membership and belonging
 - Expectations of progress
- Leadership: supervisión and jobcoaching
 - Feedback and support

Personal development

- Self assessment
 - acknowledging mistake is harder than success; sometimes fostered
- Self direction
 - generic and simple. Limited. Should be encouraged in transition into labor market
- Handling emotions
 - Many chances, training sometimes provided
- Developing social relations
 - Limited. Active listening to PTP. Loose companionship.
- Readiness to listen to new viewpoints
 - Warm atmosphere. Offer and solicit help
- Readiness to learn from practice
 - Great in the beginning, limited as time goes by

Work performance

- Speed and rhythm
 - Increasing productivity
- Complexity of tasks and problems
 - Job rotation
- Learning a variety of skills to increase employability
 - Technical rather than social or personal. Division of tasks between job coach and life coach. Basic literacy
- Communication with a variety of people

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findings (illustrations)

WIsE as educational contexts My nice laundrette – The Stall Horizons 1

- Staff development: towards self-direction
 - Occupational development
 - Personal development
 - Fostering social skills
- Expansive learning environments
 - Professional development of accompanying workers
- Education as the aim, production to support it

WIsE as production processes Horizons 2 – The Sparrow

- Allocation and structuring of work
 - Small size and managerial structure of company
- Encounters and relationships with people at work
 - Helpful others
 - Recognition
 - Belonging
- Individual participation and expectations
 - Competence
 - Circulation of staff: progression

Curriculum and apprenticeships Friends – 3R coop

- Occupational instead of academic knowledge
- Occupational not professsional knowledge
- No disciplinary background
- Competence-based curriculum design
- Output driven curriculum design

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- The Stall
- Woman, 41, divorced since 33, 2 kids, alcoholism
- Planning your own life
- Need to take control
- Recognition, interaction
- Feeling normal

Pepu

- The Sparrow
- Man, 46, divorced since 33, lives with mother, addictions
- Being responsible
 - Professionally
 - Before others
 - Before yourself
 - Of your own future

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debates

(Re)-education

- Personal reconstruction
- Skilling, upskilling, reskilling
- Development of work ethics
 - in an occupation
 - In an organization
- Participation and citizenship
- Qualification

Progress

- Crucial wellcome stage
- Support beyond the workplace
- Difficult transitions into the ordinary labor market
- Inhibition of social and employment services
- Raising consciousness
 - Acknowledgement
 - Expectations

dimensions for good practice

- WISEs as learning sites
- WISEs as transition platforms
- WISEs as inclusive devices
- WISEs as model of HRM
- WBL in WISEs and workers' autonomy Between:

education and production emancipation and adaptation

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