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THE EXPERIENCE OF A TOTAL INSTITUTION

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THE BACKGROUND

- Previous experience of collaboration with the special care home
- The Walk out
- Commission from the Ministry of social affairs to resettle 50 people



AIMS

- Practice placement for the students
- An opportunity to connect the Faculty with the practice
- Make an assessment of the needs of the residents of the special care home



STRENGTHS

- Intensive experience for the students
- Experience of living in a total institution
- Making meaningful relationships with the residents
- Getting to know the institution from the users and professional perspective
- Direct connection between theory and practice and nurturing of a personal style
- Being able to consult the teachers when needed



STRENGTHS CONT.

- Learning from each other
- Experience of collaboration with various professionals
- Creation of a network, maybe a base for a movement



WEAKNESSES

- Opposition from the staff (especially in the enclosed unit)
- Non democratic relationships with the students
- Administrative work
- Finances
- Formal and informal obstacles in collaboration



OPPORTUNITIES

- Knowledge on resettlement and how to acquire housing
- Interest in training
- Will to use social work methods
- Interest in transforming the enclosed unit
- Collaboration between the users, professionals, students and academics



TROUBLES

- Opposition from front line staff
- Workers unions
- Interest groups
- Not enough support from the Ministry
- Professional chambers
- The institutional regime continuing in the community

