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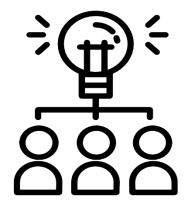
The research team

Choosing the research topic

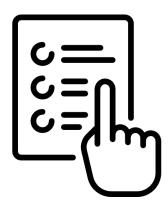
Followed steps:

"How does society see us?

How do we see ourselves and how do we feel when we relate to other people?"







Meeting 2: Choosing the research topic



Meeting 3: Setting the research goal

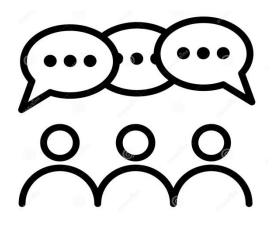
Research methods

Followed steps:





"Schools have an important impact on the way we are seen by others. So, what do teachers think about people with intellectual disabilities?"



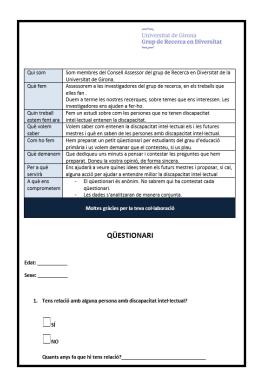
Meeting 4: Analysis of what the experts say

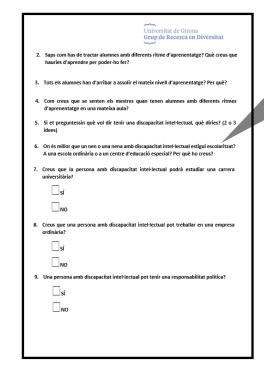
Meeting 5: Analysis of own experiences

Meeting 6: Reflections on why other people sometimes treat people with ID badly

Research methods

Followed steps:





Question 6:

If someone asked you what it means to have an intellectual disability, what would you say?



Meeting 7: Design of the questionnaire

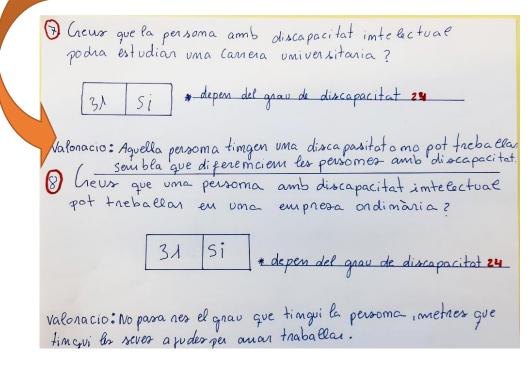
Application of the questionnaire to **31 future teachers**

Analysing and interpreting data

One of the murals with the answers collected from the questionnaire



The results synthetized by the co-researcher



Meetings 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14: Data analysis and interpretation of the results

Main results

What the future teachers said:



- Most have never met a person with an intellectual disability
- Having an intellectual disability is considered a "problem"
- The degree of disability may represent a limitation for learning
- They could feel unprepared and without patience

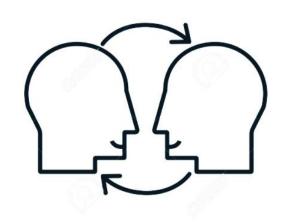
Reflections from data analysis

What the co-researcher said:



- Education to understand people with ID is necessary.
- If you want to become a teacher, you must like the job.
- Supports needed by the person with ID are more important that the disability degree.
- The well-being of people with ID should be a priority.

The impact of the pandemic and main learnings







"I've learned what future teachers think. As a person with a disability, I can now put myself in the place of future teachers and see what they think about working with us."

"Doing this type of research helps not to hide things, to show the reality that exists"

"We need to show society not only the results we obtained, but also how we did the Research. They need to know the rights we have."

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(On behalf of all the persons that have participated as researchers and co-researchers in this study)





