

LOCAL COMMUNITY

A community is a group of people who live in the same geographical area or a group of people who share certain characteristics such as common religion, social ties, common perspectives, leadership and engage in joint actions or work in the same setting.

There are some features or characteristics of a community which include:

1. Common culture which is inclusive of a common language spoken by all its members.
2. Common geographical area and boundaries. These they use to know who the insiders and the outsiders are.
3. A community has a name that gives all the members an identity among other people.
4. A similar set of laws, rules and regulations by which all members should abide.
5. In some cases, a common religion.
6. A common origin or ancestry.

Other than that, good characteristic of community also must be pointed out which are firstly a good community is one that is free of poverty, crime and provides high quality of life to everyone in it. Secondly, it is one that celebrates their heritage. This makes for a very important trait of a good community because it shows gratitude for where they have come from. Thirdly, is one that has carefully selected leaders to drive them towards community development. The leadership is responsible for solving disputes and making the right decisions for the good of everyone they serve. Next, promoting inclusivity and communication is another trait of a good community as the members are able to work towards a common good. This also makes it easier for community development to take place. Last but certainly not least another important characteristic of a good community is that it promotes fairness and equal access to certain rights.

There are three types of communities that exist which are rural, urban and suburban. Firstly is rural. They are placed where the houses are spread very far apart and many people think of rural communities as farmland. This is because, in most rural communities, people have quite a bit of property, and they can have many plants and animals on their property. However, there are a few downsides to the rural community, the biggest of which is the distance that someone must travel to get places. People who live in rural communities also need to think about schools and their distance to travel to get there.

Second is, urban communities. They are located in cities. These are areas where people live in very close proximity, and there is almost always something going on or noise of some kind. They also usually have access to all the latest and greatest things. Since there are more people, there are usually large companies and access to better jobs for people. When it comes to schooling choices, urban areas also have lots of different school options for both private and public education. Many people will have cars, but some will use public transportation or even walk to get the necessary things.

Last is suburban communities. It is the mix of the urban and rural. People will most likely to get many of the same conveniences a city has. Many communities across the world are built in suburban areas. This allows people to travel into the city if they need to for work and then return to the suburbs at night and on the weekends. The suburban area is probably the most popular area for families to live because it gives the best of both worlds.

Having defined the term community, stated the characteristics of a good one, outlined the purpose of community development and types of communities it is believe that this has somehow given people an understanding of this important term.