

Why it is important to be involved in your Community

There are many reasons why it is important to be involved in your community, even for young people. By performing community service, young people learn valuable lessons that will help them throughout their lives. In addition, by serving their community at an early age, young people will be more likely to serve their community as they get older and enter the business world. Being involved in our community means we will interact with more people and therefore, strengthen our ties with others. Stronger ties will allow us to help others in need and solve problems faster.

When young people participate in helping their community, it is typically called youth service. By participating in youth service, young people help to strengthen their sense of community and national pride. This can be done as an individual or in a group. Such examples of individual service could be volunteering at a nursing home a few days a week or at a local YMCA with underprivileged children. As a group, one might see a classroom collect materials for needy families or perhaps serve meals at a soup kitchen. On the national level, groups such as the Red Cross help those in need, such as the people in Haiti who are recovering from last month's earthquake. These all give back a positive impression of that individual or group to the community they live in.

High schools in some parts of the country require their students to participate in youth service projects as part of their educational development and to prepare them for college. Many colleges like to see students with a strong youth service background because they will be more likely to serve the community while they are in college, which will reflect positively on the colleges. The earlier a student performs community service, the more likely that student will continue serving and helping the community. Studies show that if a student performs community service regularly, it will help them succeed in the real world.

Community service projects have many benefits beyond those for the people performing the work. There may be specific projects to rebuild an area, such as those that occurred in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina, that help those people who lost their homes. The projects also help government organizations that do not need to spend money hiring people to do the work. This helps keep our taxes lower.

In conclusion, community service is a helpful act on one's part to serve their community. It is also an important program for high school students who may be looking forward to college. If we all go out and do at least one act of community service, we'll be helping our neighborhood in a tremendous way. So, the next time you are sitting on the couch doing absolutely nothing, why don't you go down to clean up your local park or volunteer to help out at your library? You'll be helping your community if you do and I bet you will feel better afterwards.