

THE COMMON GOOD IN MY COMMUNITY



Learning Intention: To understand how we can work towards the common good in our own local communities.

True community is a free association of human beings who want what is good for themselves and for others. An individual cannot bring about this common good; it can be attained only through combined efforts.

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True community is when people not only want what is good for them, but for others as well. This is at the heart of the common good. There are various opportunities for us to work towards the common good in our own local communities.

For each of the areas below, explain the ways in which your local community provides opportunities for true community. You will need to conduct research for this, and your local government council website might be a good place to start.

Spread Awareness

- What are some issues present within your local community?
- How can you spread awareness for these? Create an advertisement of your choice for one of these issues.

Promote Sustainability

- Are there particular areas of concern regarding the environment in your local area?
- What can households and community members do to help? (Are there issues around pollution, traffic congestion, endangered animals etc).

Participate in Events or Activities

- Are there any community-run events or activities held by the council or local community members? (second-hand items sale, book swaps, cultural fairs etc).

Volunteer

- Are there opportunities to volunteer to help others or the local environment?