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Introduction

Community engagement implies the process of working in collaborating with others. This kind of work is usually done by making a group. In this type of work all members of the group work on a common goal with mutual interest. This kind of work makes the working process easier and more achievable as many people work to achieve a common goal. Sometimes this kind of work is done voluntarily, especially in case of common problems. For every social worker, community engagement is very important. This makes the work very easy and effective. This also helps to engage people with each other. It is a very good sign of a healthy society. This kind of work makes people more responsible and engaged in society. So it makes the atmosphere of society more friendly and cooperative. To make a happy and healthy society, community engagement is very important. This kind of work improves mutual understanding and respect in society. This present research is going to discuss the project that has been facilitated based on a scenario. It has been carried out through the means of community participation programmers and various skills-related analyses are going to be enlisted in this respect.

Description of project (literacy skills)

I used to live in a colony there was a lack of coordination among the colony members. Everyone in the community is busy with their work. There is vacant land on the outside of the place where I was living, which is mainly covered with garbage and unnecessary plants. During the Christmas festival time, some of the members of the colony came forward and arranged a meeting regarding the use of vacant land (World Health Organisation, 2019). The whole community came to the agreement that the vacant land will be used to make a garden where the community can arrange festivals regarding Christmas. Every member of the community was very excited about this work and everyone came forward to make the vacant garbage land a beautiful garden (Pratt, and de Vries, 2018).

In the working process, every family contributes money to the success of the initiative. There was no lack of money as everyone has a common goal. The participation was not only through the money (Corbett, and Le Dantec, 2018). Every member of the colony comes forward to work collaboratively. The members come to a mutual agreement that on every holiday, the colony members come voluntarily to work. The works associated with this initiative are- cleaning the land, transferring the garbage to the appropriate place, making the land plain, and

planting in that place. Magically the whole work is completed in just two weeks. Now every member of the community takes responsibility to maintain the garden (Lowe, et al., 2019). The maintenance process includes making the garden clean and taking care of the plants. The cleaning work has been done voluntarily by the colony members. Every member is very much interested in keeping the garden clean and maintained (Pratt, and de Vries, 2018). Now the plants in the gardens are fully grown and a beautiful garden belongs to the vacant land. People from different colonies and surroundings come to visit this garden regularly. This motivates our colony members to maintain this garden.

Analysis of best practices (community engagement principles, standards, benefits of participation among stakeholders)- knowledge understanding skills

In the garden-making process, I saw every colony member come forward voluntarily to do work. It was a very joyful as well as a learning moment in my life. This work includes lots of hard work and proper planning, but with the collaboration and participation of every member of the colony, the work became so easy and joyful. This hard-working and time taking task was completed in just two weeks (Yamamura and Koth, 2018). This work can be analysed through the principle of community engagement.

There are seven principles of the community engagements which can be used to analyse the garden making work.

1. Proper planning and preparation

The garden-making work is a perfect example of proper planning and preparation. In this process, the colony members arrange a meeting regarding the work process. In that meeting, they made a routine of the work with everyone's opinion and agreement (Abimbola, 2020). Every member of the colony contributes their time and money based on potentiality. So there is no lack of money to buy the required equipment and plants.

2. Inclusion of every people

In the garden-making process, every colony member comes forward irrespective of their age and gender. The young adults are taking responsibility for heavy work like - garbage cleaning and preparing the land for gardens (Corbin *et al.*, 2021). The children and the old people are engaged thereby shopping for equipment and plants. The middle-aged people are taking responsibility for planting. This work very much follows this principle.

3. [Collaboration and common purpose](#)

The work is based on good collaboration among the colony members (Pratt, and de Vries, 2018). Every member has a common purpose to make the colony more beautiful and healthy. This work is beneficial for each member of society. This garden became commonplace to arrange any party. This place also makes a good reputation for the colony to other peoples.

4. [Learning and openness](#)

This principle implies listening to each other's perspectives and ideas and cooperatively making decisions. In this project, the decisions are made based on collaboration (Pratt, and de Vries, 2018). Every suggestion is taken in this work

5. [Mutual trust and transparency](#)

To get success in community work, this principle is most important. Every person in the colony was aware of every step of the grading-making process.

6. [Action and impact](#)

In this garden-making process, every person has an impact on their work. Every work is equally important in this regard. Every member creates a difference through their work.

7. [Sustainability of community engagement \(Johnston and Lane, 2018\)](#)

It is very important to do continuous work through community engagement. In this garden-making project, the engagement does not stop after the compilation of this project. There is a variety of workers engaged in the maintenance of the garden (Johnson-Lawrence, and Selig, 2019). Every member of the colony does the maintenance task with good collaboration.

[Relationship among stakeholders-cognitive intellectual skills](#)

As opined by Johnston and Lane (2018), the stakeholder in this garden-making project was every member of the colony irrespective of their age, gender, and economic condition. As cited by Johnston and Lane (2018), every member of the colony contributes to work based on their potential. Every step of the work has been done with the agreement of all colony members. Every member of the colony was very much aware of every step of work. Due to the full engagement of every person, there were no problems with funding and other things. After this initiative, the colony's atmosphere changed. There are good and strong relationships among the colony members. They participate in one another's happy and sorrowful moments. The Christmas party is celebrated collaboratively after making the garden which was celebrated separately before this initiative. The collaboration made the festival more joyful and attractive (Johnston and Lane, 2018). This makes good relations

among the colony members. This also improves the mutual respect among the colony members. Nowadays more people want to join the colony. The garden has become an attractive place for the surrounding people. Now every

person gets help from others financially and emotionally. This makes the colony a very good place to live.

On the other hand, this collaboration also helps to get ideas from others. Every member of the colony has expatriates for different things (Tuttle, *et al.*, 2021). Due to good collaboration, every member gets the required support from the colony members. The different expertise was also very helpful in the garden-making process. Some people have a good idea of making a landscape of the garden. Some of the colony members have good ideas regarding the plant, some of them are experts in the plantation process. In this way, every member of the colony became valuable due to the garden-making work (Henry Akintobi *et al.*, 2020).

Suitable strategies- practical application skills

To make the community engagement more sustainable, there should be different kinds of programs in a year that should be done through community engagement. The common goal is very important to make community engagement (Johnston and Lane, 2018). By taking different initiatives on a community basis, the bonding among the members has become strong which leads to sustainable bonding.

In the garden-making project, the sustainability of community engagement is provided by the maintenance work of the garden (Henry Akintobi *et al.*, 2020). The garden requires frequent attention to maintain properly. In this work, every people of the colony engaged from the core of their hearts. People from the surrounding places and colonies very much appreciate the garden work. This provides the colony members more motivation to maintain that garden properly.

Promotion of community participation- transferrable skills

The approach to educating community members

Due to community engagement every person has respect for others. Every person has different expatriates. In any community work, there is a requirement for different kinds of skills and knowledge (Johnston and Lane, 2018). So to get the full attention of every person in the community, it is very important to teach them the required skills and knowledge. Some of the community members take this responsibility to teach others (World Health Organization,

2020). This improves the skills of the other people as well as this makes more involvement of people the society. In this process, every man can be a teacher to others. This improves mutual respect and reduces the division of class in society. As cited by Henry Akintobi *et al.*, (2020), everyone feels respect in the approach of educating community members. This also makes the community members more efficient and knowledgeable which helps them in their professional and personal life very much.

Conclusion

From the above discussion, it can be concluded that community engagement is very important to make a good society that is very suitable for life and livelihood. Various community participation program has been included in the research where it has been focused on certain engagement plan. Skills have been found fruitful in implementing the particular project in this current project. For the community work engagement of every person in the society is very important along with a common goal. This immensely improves collaboration in society. This improves mutual respect among each other and people feel more engaged in society. Community engagement makes any work more easy and more efficient. It has become so easy to complete the task at the right time. To make community engagement, transparency and involvement are the most important things. This improves the mutual belief among the group members.

In community work, the boundary of work can be easily resolved as many people are engaged in this. Different people have different kinds of expertise. Due to the community work, every person helps with their expertise to complete the work. This kind of work is very important to make a good society. This also reduces the possibility of crime in society as every person has mutual respect and understanding. Appropriate planning with the mutual agreement is another key to doing community engagement. I learned a very important lesson by seeing the garden project. Now I am very engaged with society and it provides me lots of support. There should be planning for every society to make community engagement.

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