

What is the role of a community hub in a Rural Community?

This research will explore the role of a community hub in a rural location.

The aim of the research will be to establish what the community want and need by interviewing users of the facility and researching published literature on similar centres.

The Carwyn James sports centre is now a multi-Sports Facility and described as at the heart of the Gwendraeth Valley in Carmarthenshire, a rural part of Southwest Wales. (Canolfan Carwyn.2022).

Introduction

The purpose of this section is to explore the published literature on a variety of subjects all linked to the purpose of community hubs and their role in society.

The centre in question provides many services to the local community, some of which could be significantly linked to Maslows hirarchy theory (Aruma, 2017).

Community cohesion aims to create a positive vision for varied communities in which individuals from all walks of life feel like they belong and are appreciated, have similar life possibilities, and engage with others from different walks of life to dispel misconceptions and preconceptions and establish trust.

(Cantel, 2022).

Community hubs are multipurpose centres that hold a variety of activities and provide services such as health and wellness, social support, public information, and employment assistance (Power to Change.2020).

Methodology

The use of the chosen methodology of qualitative research would provide a more clear and detailed understanding as opposed to surveys which would only provide closed ended questions and prevent the researcher to gain a true insight into its role and its value in the wider community.

The researcher decided in order to gain a full understanding of the research questions, the best for of methodology for the research in this study would be qualitative as it would provide a much more clearer and detailed understanding as opposed to surveys which would only provide closed ended questions and prevent the researcher to gain a true insight into its role and its value in the wider community.

The researcher chose the selected participants due to them all having a connection to the centre regular basis for health and wellbeing purposes as well as having links to the local community. Participants also vary in age as well as a range of different sports that they are linked to.

. Once ethical approval was granted form the university the collection of data commenced, interviews were conducted at the centre

The researcher began by reassuring the participant that their identity would be protected at all times throughout the interview and in the dissertation

Themes

The themes identified were, social impact, opportunity for development, Equality, purpose, Location, support and sustainability

Social Impact

The centre is home to many community groups

Purpose

The centres purpose is to provide facilities to clubs within the community

Opportunity for Development

The participant suggested many ways in which the centre can further develop

Support

The participants explained how the centre currently supports its members

Location

The participants explained why the centre is vital to the survival of their clubs

Equality

The activities provided at the centre seem to cater mostly for the young and able bodied

Support

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