

Seeking Community - Finding Belonging in Chaotic Times
Survey Results

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1	What does community mean to you?
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3	A place that supports the people who live there
4	Connections among people
5	A neighbourhood with people, green space, kids, service and commerce, recreation, and some sense of bond between those who live there. A collection of people who share a common experience (disability, Aboriginal, seniors, youth, newcomers, etc), and who can work together to support each other, create things to make their lives better, and unify a voice toward better conditions in part based on their common understanding of each others reality. Respect, solidarity, care and love for others, healthy economies rooted locally and
6	People and environment that make you feel happy, safe, content
7	Where I live, home
8	It means either a place geographically that I call home OR a group of people/individuals where I feel a sense of belonging.
9	Belonging, home, web of relationships
10	Where we live.
11	Support, friendship.
12	To me "community" is about belonging. It is a place that supports me in many ways - friends, neighbours, jobs, resources, play time. It is home.
13	Belonging, grassroots, of the people
14	People
15	A place of belonging and dissonance. A group of kindred spirits and diverse minds. A memory or sense of a feelings for which I had no words until they were given to me
16	Refuge and support, friendship and caring
17	Safety, belonging, caring
18	A sense of place, belonging, trust, mutual benefit. It consists of many different parts that must interact and collaborate.
19	Belonging, responsibility, relationships
20	Belonging
21	Responsible citizens living in harmony and working towards common goals. A sense of
22	A place where people come together, feel like they belong, and draw strength and identity
23	Inclusion
24	A group of individuals and/or families who choose to share some form of activity or identity e.g. geographic, social, employment, professional, etc.
25	People, trust, living together, sharing, support
26	Connections
27	A group of like minded people, or, a group of people brought together by location
28	Connection
29	Interdependency
30	Groups, common ground, culture, family
31	Belonging
32	A group of individuals - may be grouped based on physical, cultural or other means
33	Sense of well-being and belonging
34	A place and a group of people that provide some level of care for each other.
35	Support, there when you need it
36	Community means a sense of belonging and feeling valued.
37	Belonging, involvement, social interactions, resources, physical structures, support.
38	A shared space, physical, emotional, career based, with other people
39	An "exchange" , mutual in its "touch" or nature - a sharing or organizing of people and
40	A network of people who all have something in common be it location or whatever who interact on a regular basis in a holistic way.

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41	Belonging, leadership, a network of common interest
42	A group of people living, working and/or playing together - with some sort of a common
43	People working together for the common good
44	Sense of place and belonging
45	Supporting each other in lots of different ways
46	Geographical community - often with a variety of people or a community of people joined because of a common interest.
47	People who are alive and living outward
48	A group of people interacting with each other and share common needs, interests, culture, values etc. including a common location.
49	Mutual support; structures that ensure disadvantaged people are included
50	A place and people with whom I have a connection
51	Everything - family and friends
52	Sense of belonging and togetherness between people. It doesn't necessarily mean geographically, it is more of spirit.
53	Company, working together is more fun and easier too, complicated, confusing
54	Place to live, help, togetherness, sense of belonging
55	A place where things are pleasantly familiar, safe and welcoming a circle larger than self or
56	A neighbourhood. A place where you often find yourself stopping and speaking with people
57	Relationships, friends, the people that live around you.
58	A place to belong, a place I know and contribute to,
59	A sense of belonging
60	A place to belong and feel connected to others
61	My socially constructed environment
62	Involvement, commitment between people, sense of belonging
63	Important - life - it is central to everything we need to feel peace, happiness, and belonging
64	A group of people with whom I share a sense of belonging or a special interest
65	A sense of belonging, security and friendships
66	A group of individuals with common interest, passions
67	Community is a sense of connectedness between individuals and groups of people. It implies that with a sense of community that there is a common element, experience or bond that is shared within the group that is identified with by its members that also distinguishes the group from other groups. A sense of community ties its membership people together in unique psychological, socialological, anthropological, cultural, physical, spiritual and familial ways for each community an individual is connected to and in unique ways for each individual. Our sense of belongingness and connectedness is at the core of a person's
68	Safe, interesting (culture) economic, friendly, support, inclusive
69	A sense of belonging
70	The people I have deep enough relationships with that I can disagree with them passionately knowing that they will still be there for me.
71	A group of people living in the same area with common goals and interests
72	People living together creatively and humanely in all their similarities and differences.
73	Connections, relationships, power.
74	People living near each other; neighbours; quiet streets; friendly meetings
75	A group of people connected by a common intention, working together to meet that intention and share resources
76	Inclusions
77	A sense of belonging, a context
78	A place to belong, a sense of connectedness, being part of a group where you feel at home.
79	Having a place contributing directly connection

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80	Engagement, connection, family, friends, advocacy, commitment, vibrancy, interconnectedness, shared learning, shared responsibility, shared success
81	Connection to the people who have similar interests, value systems.
82	A group of people accepting norms of behaviour that include and exclude, sharing common space (real or virtual; physical, emotional or ideological; or, a combination thereof), and
83	C. means (to me) that the individual streams are prepared to pool their gifts, resources, time, etc. to form a Community eventually resulting in justice and peace for both individual
84	Sense of belonging, place of support, mutual responsibility meaning I give to community in
85	People working together for a common purpose.
86	A group of people that shares common interests, values and goals in life, could be
87	A place that's safe and caring and has a small town feel.
88	A sense of belonging - who I share my worldly existence with
89	Support of and for all people living in an area or other 'defined' entity
90	People helping people
91	Group of people living together
92	Belonging to a supportive group of people who know each other with some level of intimacy.
93	Community is a sense of belonging to something shared and bigger than myself, I see community as a fabric-----we're all strands but together create something bigger
94	A group of people with commonality. Home, belonging, support.
95	It means having something in common with the people around you, even if you have nothing in common. It is a shared identity and a shared interest.
96	A defined geographic area comprised of people with a common factor
97	A group of people working together to forward a common interest
98	Place to live, family & friends, sense of belonging to an area or group
99	People, comfortable place to be, a place I belong
100	Friendship and support/ good times/ happiness
101	Being familiar with resources and people
102	People, neighbourhood, cultures, togetherness
103	A group of people to which I belong and from whom I receive part of my identity.
104	Connection with people who live in area
105	Support, friendship and looking out for one another Especially when it hits the fan!
106	A group of people living in the same area who are inter-dependent for the best quality of life possible for all its citizens.
107	Connection, support, friendship, fun
108	Neighbourhood, City, networks
109	A group that provides a sense of belonging and common purpose
110	The people you associate with daily, monthly
111	Shared identity, interests, purpose...one can have or be part of many communities. I would also reference place - but it needs to be nuanced as place as community is typically experience through interactions with people or with the planet (environment, wildlife,
112	Everything from a small or narrow definition (community of artists on this street) to a large definition - the world community of folk artists.
113	Belonging
114	Group of people who come together with common interests and goals and who provide intrinsic support to its members as well as acceptance.
115	Support
116	Neighbours, people I see every day, friends, familiar faces
117	A coming together of individuals to create a group of individuals who share a commitment to
118	Belonging, caring, somewhere special

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119	Belonging - connected to people who we interact with every day. This includes people I directly interact with (e.g. friends, colleagues) as well as less directly (passing on the street, coffee-shop attendant or customers, etc). - connected to place - liking and feeling safe in
120	People living / working together in common cause, and/or sharing resources
121	Family, location
122	A place to belong. People with like mindness
123	Sense of belonging, sense of feeling part of something big, comfort, safety, important
124	The area in which I live or the community in which I participate in activities.
125	A place of belonging, joining together with other people on some common place or ground.
126	Belonging
127	Group with shared (communal) properties/characteristics/interests
128	Community is the place where I feel at home and welcome and where I feel I belong and am
129	Belonging, safety, closeness
130	Community is like an extended family
131	Belief and belonging
132	Sense of belonging
133	Family, friends, neighbourhood, belongingness, togetherness
134	People
135	A group that shares something: a common idea, goal, or sense of place.
136	Inclusiveness
137	People relying on one another.
138	Shared experience
139	Feeling whole Being a part of something bigger than myself
140	Belonging - safety - acceptance - nebulous concept that's tough to define (the word "Community" has many different levels and forms)
141	A collection of people bound by a common understanding, purpose or geography who have something to contribute and receive something of importance in return.
142	Belonging, included, together
143	I choose a community of interest vs a geographic community, and it means being with people for a common purpose.
144	Belongingness and diversity among a group
145	Community means belonging - family
146	Home
147	Health, connectedness, everything
148	A safe space and a space that you feel connected to
149	Friends. Enemies, engagement.
150	A geographic area, people living in proximity to each other, people with some common
151	A physical environment; a web of mutually supportive relationships.
152	Familiarity
153	My neighborhood; friends around my place. A safe place where I can get support and help.
154	A group of people that make you feel like you belong. The place you feel most at home.
155	Spirit
156	Belonging, being myself, safety in spirit
157	Where I live, work, and spend time friends, neighbours, colleagues, etc
158	Positive connections with a group(s) of people
159	A place where one feels safe and secure, is emotionally supported by friends and family, a place of opportunity - be it work or education, and a place to call home.
160	Seeking and finding common ground/common purpose
161	A place to live and play
162	Belonging and living with people who care and work together, offer support
163	Working together to make it good for everyone

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164	Conectedness, friendships, belonging
165	It is a sense of belonging that does not necessarily have boundaries.
166	Belonging, identity,
167	Shared effort - common causes - connection
168	While communities of interest that are not geographically defined can be powerful and even comprise effective lobbies at times (I think of writers in PEN offhand), the geographically place-based community is the most alluring to me -- whether neighbourhood, borough,
169	Belonging, escape from isolation
170	Togetherness.
171	Belonging, resilience, support
172	A comfortable place where friends, neighbours, strangers and pets live work play and shop and experience everyday life in peace.
173	Solidarity, sense of belonging, people helping each other, neighbours
174	Belonging, home
175	Connection
176	A friendly neighbour
177	support
178	Geographic location; sense of belonging
179	sense of belonging and makes you feel worthwhile as part of something bigger
180	connecting to neighbours, businesses
181	it is a group of individuals who connect through a common interest whether it be physical, social or initiative based.
182	I can count on someone
183	a place a set of people a feeling
184	a group of people with similar interests, like faith, a hobby, geographical.
185	A gathering of those who share come common connection
186	Connections with other people, whether in my neighbourhood or with like-minded people
187	A community of interests, like a church or organization. In addition to the place we live.
188	relating to neighbours, being involved in the city I live, helping those who need help
189	a group of people operating for mutual benefit and care. A place we belong
190	physical, emotional and psychological space, with boundaries, within which I belong -- includes the networks of human relationships that exist within these spaces
191	both physical space of daily life and set of social contacts that sustain daily life
192	connections, relationships
193	The things that bring us together. A Cohisiveness that enhances the Quality of Life for
194	action, belonging, opportunity, synthesis, energy, evolution, growth, swarm, patience,
195	relationships
196	belonging
197	connection, association, alliances, supporters, friends, familiarity
198	people living together in a positive way
199	Relationships. A sense of belonging.
200	"Community" means a support network. While traditionally geographically-bound, to me, this now expands to the possibility of a support network that is based on a connection of communication, sharing, honesty, "tough love" and choosing to be "related" in a supportive manner. (I come from Scott Peck / Foundation for Community Encouragement style of
201	A close knit group of people with something in common who choose to be in relationship
202	Community is a group of people who live together or come together with a same identity or
203	belonging, support helpful, important
204	a group of people that care about others
205	Connections
206	people, connected, included, belonging, safe, welcoming, supportive

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207	Those people I care about and who care about me. This tends to mean we are joined both by bonds of affection and by a common passion or concern.
208	It means a group of people who are bound together by something. For example geography, interests, faith, ability, money or lack thereof
209	community is about finding meaningful connections and sharing personal expression - for growth, development, support and felicity
210	space, place in my heart, where I connect and hold caring relationships - I also immediately think of neighbourhoods most probably because those are my favorite community stories -
211	Belonging, able to work together for the common good of ALL
212	a sense of connection and "place"
213	a coming together of people - we are one
214	My city, my region, my common value/interest friends wherever they are.
215	A group or collective working together to fulfill common dreams, visions and goals.
216	people supporting each other
217	a collection of people who are linked and whose futures/present and past are or may be
218	belonging in neighbourhood, networks, and giving and receiving support
219	collective, togetherness, whole more than units, ubuntu (I am because we are)
220	belonging, friends
221	A place to feel safe, to feel relevant, to be known
222	group of individuals or individuals that work, live, and/or play together in a set are (i.e. community of Stanley Park, community of K-W
223	My extended home
224	Group surrounding
225	communication and support and caring
226	people living with similar circumstances in their lives
227	people, places...working together to make life better and have fun
228	A place where you feel like you belong
229	belonging, solidarity, caring
230	family, friends, where I live and where I belong. Also groups that I may chose to join such
231	a group or a geographical place where something is shared in common
232	When i talk about community, i think about an area in which people live or an association of people. The key point is that it relates to people and their experiences, shared or otherwise.
233	People and places
234	home
235	A shared sense of connectedness
236	solidarity; like mindedness; pride; cooperation
237	common identity, membership, history, and development
238	connection, support, lovingly pushing, common purpose/stake, regular interaction
239	Connecting, supporting, mutual inter-dependencies
240	relationships of support and caring
241	I guess it's about unity or oneness with other people - coming together to support and sahere
242	connectedness people warm surroundings
243	A group of individuals brought together by a common geography, cultural background, or
244	belonging
245	people engaged in same activities
246	more than one entity (person or organization) sharing value(s)
247	belonging to a tribe, safety and security of home networks of friends, kin, neighbours, acquaintances, local kooks and also communities of like minded people, can be online or
248	People interacting together
249	home, friends, networks
250	Connections Caring Support

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251	A place where I live, play and feel included. It is my city or neighbourhood
252	people living together
253	A connection to things and people outside of my home
254	friends... identity... support... being there... health
255	A coming together of people to act for the common good.
256	People you know with whom you share common connections of some kind. There is often an element of geographical proximity.
257	Belonging. Validation of self and ideals.
258	Community is where I experience belonging and acceptance
259	group of people, shared interest
260	people around me, co workers, colleauges, places in my surrounding that are important to
261	Both, Individuals representing a particular interest group (e.g. ethnic, aboriginal, gblt etc.) as well as representatives from a geographical area.
262	family friends local organizations
263	A group of like minded individuals who share a common interest or interests
264	a place where I belong/fit and am accepted and respected by others; home
265	Belonging to a group with a common thread or interest
266	knowing people around you feeling comfortable in your surroundings benefits of working together - greater than the sum of the parts
267	Relationships Safety Holders of social conscience Inclusive or exclusive
268	people working together
269	Connectedness, old-fashioned neighbourliness, in which we look out for each other and the village raises the child.
270	Community is a natural collective of individual strengths, experiences and dependencies that are maintained through an organizational structure and mutual benefits (i.e. security,
271	Small area in which I live, shop, and learn and earn.
272	People and the environment in which one lives
273	Providing a sense of belonging, brings people together
274	A support system of people, organizations and meeting places
275	People helping each other
276	Connectedness to others. Sense of belonging to something larger. People to lean on. Ever
277	Friends comfort
278	It is where I live. It is where I find myself through the relations with others
279	More than one person - Supportive
280	Sense of belonging
281	A place where i am known and feel accepted.
282	Belonging, friendship and family, support for and from others. Action on issues, collaboration, resolution through negotiation, and solution-building.
283	A group with a sense of shared purpose.
284	People (with something in common (interests, not always agreement))
285	People working and living together with a common goal/purpose
286	Connectedness
287	Belonging. Opportunity to contribute. Opportunity to make a difference. Diversity.
288	A safe supportive network of people that consistently are there for you
289	Belonging, comfortable, safe
290	Inter-connectedness
291	A group of people with some shared reason for being together (ie geography, culture, issue,
292	Where people come together to support each other, create together, organize around
293	A safe place to live, a place to belong
294	A place to belong
295	Residency; belonging; knowing people

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296	Connection to others
297	Community is about people and developing relationships & coming together to create a
298	A group of people with similar interests, values, goals, and/or geographic space walking alongside each other, perhaps even holding hands.
299	Belonging to a group of people, and not necessarily in a close way
300	Bringing people together from all backgrounds
301	People who support one another, celebrate together and have intention about their
302	A group of people with some common elements (live close together, all have a particular spiritual goal, common cause, common health struggle)
303	People working together, supporting each other. People become what they can become ... achieving the possible.
304	People working together for the betterment of all
305	Togetherness, common interests, shared work
306	Common geography, shared interest in immediate surroundings / projects/ programs
307	Place and sense of belonging
308	People with common sense of belonging, clearly know what the group thoughts processes
309	A group of individuals with a common interest
310	Being together with others, sense of feeling of belonging and the notion that people are not
311	The area I live in
312	Belonging to others, being able to rely on others, responsibility to others. Living in a group. Realizing that you are not your own person, but somebody else's too.
313	Inclusion, diversity, grassroots, where I feel that I belong
314	Security, belonging, likemindedness
315	Fun, family, interaction
316	It means a collection of individuals who share some area of commonality be it spacial, interest, values, religion, belief, etc
317	A sense of connection and participation
318	Knowing other families
319	People who support you. Sense of belonging
320	A sense of togetherness and belonging
321	Support, health, neighbourhood, friends, belonging, completeness, fullness, safety, giving & taking, all ages and backgrounds together
322	A sense of belonging for all members of society to actively participate
323	Sharing, co-operativeness, supportive, accepting. (Can be as small a group as my neighbor, to all the people in a city.)
324	Support, warmth, safety, familiarity, comfortableness, networking
325	Safety, family, friends and place to refresh. Not necessarily geographic but interest as well.
326	A coming together of people to meet the needs of the whole and to share services and ideas.
327	Getting together for a specific purpose or activity
328	A place/group(s), network where individuals have a sense of belonging, and can participate
329	A common sense of belonging amid diversity
330	Being able to have people when I am in need or in times of happiness and to be able to be there for others when they are in need and in times of happiness. A sense of safety. A sense of organisation and that when things go wrong there are systems in place and ways of working together to correct them. Group of people working together to make sure their individual needs are met, as well as helping others as well as the environment around them
331	Home
332	Belonging. A group of people that share common values and other similarities (e.g. living location, group affiliations).
333	People meeting their needs in collaboration with others.
334	Belonging, place

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335	Family and Friends
336	Community means different things. A geographic community is about people living and working within a certain radius. There are also communities of people with similarities, for example the "disability community" is made up of people from all areas of a city, country, etc that share a commonality. So I guess community means commonality.
337	Security, diversity and opportunities to serve
338	Identity
339	Belonging - support
340	People looking out for each other
341	People helping people
342	A collective that has a common goal
343	To me, community means belonging to interlocking circles of support, which includes individuals and organizations, I may be either giving or receiving this support
344	Working together for a common purpose.
345	Partnerships
346	Support family connectedness safety togetherness
347	A group of people with something in common and who also relate with one another
348	People coming together to achieve common goals or to participate based on common
349	Community is not houses, neighbourhoods, it is people - connecting people.
350	A place to belong, it can change, it can be geographic, gender based, sexual orientation, age, etc. I belong to many communities
351	Belonging
352	A group of people living together with a purpose
353	Supportive networks - A place where I feel I belong - Can be physical (geographic community) or virtual (affinity community)
354	Community means a sense of belonging, respect, and participation in the life of the
355	Shared values, shared commitment & vision, mutual support, synergy, creative possibilities... in its best form possibilities to access and act from collective or global
356	People who care
357	Supportive partnerships
358	Belonging, closeness, defined scope
359	Everyone working together to support and encourage the positive growth of people in our area with a holistic approach.
360	A place where people live in close proximity to one another. It also means there is common
361	Working, living, supporting each other, growing, dealing with issues together
362	Family, neighbours & people with common interests/ beliefs
363	A group of connected people.
364	Sense of connection with others
365	Community means a group of people
366	Belonging within a context larger than myself
367	Community of interest. I don't live in a geographical box.
368	Belonging, like-mindedness, similar interests, taking part - helping to shape what happens there, both geographic as well as communities of interest
369	Sharing space, ideas, common goals
370	Quality of living in my space
371	Sense of belonging
372	Belonging, support
373	A sense of belonging
374	Belonging
375	Community is a sense of pride in a region or area that results in a high level of volunteerism, and means that people cooperate meaningfully to attain goals for the benefit

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376	Inclusiveness; connectivity; support
377	Connecting to people, especially with some common interest, but also of difference
378	Friendship, caring
379	Collective caring and support
380	People engaging with people
381	Inclusion, belonging, support, common vision
382	Belonging, being centred, being grounded Safety, happiness
383	The people with whom I connect in my life
384	Cooperation, collaboration, tolerance.
385	Sense of connection, of belonging, of shared experiences and concerns
386	Belonging Caring for each other Home
387	A group of people that have something in common and are therefore connected.
388	Belonging, home
389	Being part of something bigger ... it supports individuals and families, offers friendship and guidance, opens a whole new world of opportunities and experiences, and provides a safe place where we never feel alone. It is waving to neighbours from my garden, kids playing kick the can or a game of pick-up scrub, working together at group functions, supporting neighbours in need (or receiving support when in need), or merely sipping wine with a group
390	Everything
391	A place to belong, live, work, volunteer and be myself.
392	Culture, familiar people, traditions
393	Relationships
394	A sense of belonging; connectedness
395	Not feeling alone
396	Sense of belonging
397	People communicating with common interests
398	What you define by "we".
399	Family, health, active living, balance
400	A group of people that share a common interest or similar values and beliefs, and they meet regularly as a group.
401	Network of people I can turn to when my individual resources aren't enough
402	Community is belonging to a group that shares core values and interests
403	Interdependence. Feeling comfortable asking for or offering help. Talking about issues that matter to me and not feeling like I have to watch what I say. Knowing that the people who I
404	Heart and spirit through connections and people
405	A place where people live
406	Community is means people living in cooperation with other and with the living system which is all one and inextricably interdependent.
407	A place of affinity
408	Knowing my neighbours enough to request/offer help or have a chat; opportunities to gather to celebrate and share.
409	A place of belonging--acceptance--to love and be loved and make a contribution that
410	The place where I live and work
411	Community is an old quilt: patchwork at times; fraying in a few parts; warm in times of need; forgotten often when times are good; virtual in the parts that are missing.
412	Everything - safety, sense of belonging, sense of place
413	A group people that share a common bond. (eg same neighbourhood, a particular concern, certain common experience etc)
414	It is the place where my family and I live, work, go to school, have fun
415	A group of people with common interest(s)
416	Belonging; collective concern

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417	A sense of belonging and support
418	A supportive network
419	A group of people living in a specific area, expressing connectiveness through common
420	Connection, sense of sharing something be it values, place, work, passin
421	Community means where I live, where I work and who lives and works with me.
422	Group of people with shared interest
423	A sense of belonging and support
424	Commonality of experience, values, aspiration and space
425	How I interact with the people, places and things in my immediate surrounding.
426	Both the geographical area I live and work, and the friends and family contained in that geographical community.
427	Belonging, a place "where everybody knows your name"
428	A place to belong. Shared values. Home.
429	Belonging
430	Family, friends, people that I associate with or with whom I have a common interest.
431	Friends - parks - markets - mix of commercial & residential - safety - relationships - family