

Our Growing Understanding of Community Engagement

Benefits of Community Engagement

We found some sources that listed different benefits of community engagement. According to the literature we reviewed, the overall benefits of community engagement can include:

- creating higher quality solutions
- increasing conflict management and resolutions
- strengthening a sense of community and creating communities that take a greater responsibility for what is happening in their area.

The Effective Interventions Unit in Scotland suggests that community engagement benefits both organizations and communities.

Community engagement benefits organizations in that it:

- informs policy-making at the local level
- improves the targeting and effectiveness of services
- helps to measure how agencies and partnerships are performing
- helps to build community ownership.

They also suggest that community engagement benefits communities by:

- involving those who might not be normally included
- building community spirit and cooperative working
- empowering individuals.