Objective

To understand the nature of community-based voluntary groups, and explore their benefits for individuals and communities.

ROLE-PLAY

1. Get together in a small group of about four or five.

Stapley is a small village of 800 people. Over the last 18 months, the village has been transformed from a group of loosely connected individuals to a tight-knit community where everyone feels involved. This has come about as a result of a community project that started in a small way and grew. Imagine you are a group of young people in Stapley. Make a video diary charting the progress of the community project outlined below. Your diary should feature different times in the project, and should show how the project has affected the lives of individuals and the community as a whole. You will need to role-play events and carry out interviews.

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Consider

2. A book has been published on the Stapley park and playground project, featuring photographs and interviews with the people involved. Write the introduction to the book, outlining why the project was so important and what the benefits were.

3. There are all kinds of community-based voluntary groups, from ones like this to groups who will shop for the elderly, run summer play schemes, sports groups, youth clubs, PTAs, provide support and counselling, and all manner of other things. What kind of voluntary work do you think you would be good at? In what ways might you benefit from doing voluntary work?

Keywords

CONSIDER

Community-based voluntary groups

LOCAL AND NATIONAL Citizenship and PSHE

Fact to think about...

Voluntary community benefits

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