

MODULE #1: Defining Community

Objectives

- Participants will define community.

Context



It is important for youth to have an understanding of the meaning of community as well as to learn that involvement in community has a positive impact on their lives and those around them.

Handouts & Resources Needed:

Handout 1.1: What is a Community?

Sheet of paper- one for each participant

Pens/pencils

Journals

Activity #1: Defining Community (20 min)

Procedure:

- Icebreaker
- Tell participants that in order for them to continue with this module, they need to discuss the meaning of “community”.
- Have the group define community. Use a dictionary, if necessary. Take notes on the blackboard.
- Have the youth reach consensus on a definition of community.
- Provide Handout 1.1: What is a community and ask them to answer these questions.
- Engage in discussion based on the questions on handout 1.1.
- Debriefing

Handout 1.1

WHAT IS A COMMUNITY?

How would you explain the word community to someone who didn't know what it meant? Give at least three examples. Try to think of examples your class hasn't used.

1.

2.

3.

What communities do you belong to?

Pick one of the communities you belong to and describe it. Think about these questions:

Who are all the members of this community?

What do they do?

Why do they belong to the community? Why do you belong?