COMMUNITY ORGANISATION

A community is a group of people living in the same place or having a particular characteristic in common. It could also imply a group of persons that share or have certain attitudes and interest in common.

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Community organization is the process of people coming together to address issues that matter to them. For example, community members developing plans for how the city can be a place where all its children do well, neighbours joining protests to stop drugs and violence in their community, members of faith communities working together to build affordable housing, etc.

Kinds of Community Organization

Community organization can happen in the variety of contexts that define "community."

Shared place. People come together who share a common geographical place such as a neighbourhood, city, or town. For example, local residents might come together to address neighbourhood concerns such as safety, housing, or basic services. Problem solving through community-based organization (CBOs), neighbourhood associations, and tenants-organizations are common forms of place-based community organization practice.

Shared Work Situation or Workplace. Community organizing also occurs among people who share a work situation or work place. For example, union organizing among industrial or farm laborers brings together those

concerned about working conditions, job security, wages and benefits.

Shared Experiences or Concerns. It is a good opportunity for community organization when people share a common experience or concern. For example, organizing might happen among people who are poor about jobs, housing, education, and other contributors to financial security.

Community organizing frequently occurs among those who have concerns about the same issues such as substance abuse, violence, or child welfare. Those who share a common race or ethnicity may organize around issues such as discrimination that are barriers to achieving common goals. Finally, those who have physical disabilities, such as mobility or visual impairments, may come together to create conditions that affect independent living.


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