Are You Aware of Your Community?

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No matter where we live, we all live in communities. We have people around us in houses, businesses, flats and other locations. It doesnâ€™t matter whether we know them or not, they still exist and we all share many of the same resources on a daily basis â€“ even if we donâ€™t consciously think about it.

But many have said that the community spirit we all had has disappeared in recent years. How true is this though? Older people generally say that there is less community spirit now than there has been in the past. This could be partly to do with looking back to the past through rose tinted glasses. Alternatively it could be to do with the fact that communities have really changed.

In any event community awareness is a very important thing to have. The good news is that we can all become more aware of the world around us, more particularly our local area. What services are there? What can we do as individuals to help others? This could be as simple as watching out for an elderly neighbour to make sure they are okay. Community awareness doesnâ€™t have to mean making grand gestures on a daily basis, although of course we can do this if we want to. But it shows that we can all make a difference to our communities by acting differently to the way we might do now.

The good thing about becoming more conscious in this way is that it can lead to the discovery of future leaders in philanthropy. Some people who earn a good living like to give back to the world in some way. This can be done by donating money to various good causes, but people also do it by actually getting involved and doing lots of things in their spare time. As you can see, becoming aware of what is happening in your community is essentially the first step to improving it. You might be one of those future leaders in philanthropy if you start moving in the right direction.

If you are interested in finding out more about this way of living, the best method is to start getting involved on a local level. Find out about local charities that require volunteers to help them in various ways. You might find your best skills are in need by such organisations, so this is a good way to get started. You can also use this method to find out more about the particular needs in your community rather than wondering how you can get involved. Knowledge really is power in this situation.

So donâ€™t leave it too late â€“ get involved now and start finding out more today. You could end up making a real difference in your community in lots of different ways.

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