

Citizenship Education and Community Engagement

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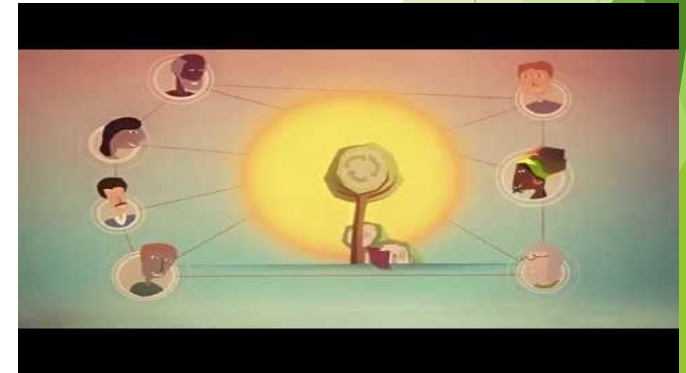
What is in this Chapter

- ▶ What is Citizenship Education
- ▶ How it was started
- ▶ Why there is a need to introduce this subject at University Level
- ▶ What are its benefits to the learner and the society



What is Citizenship Education

- ▶ If you are online, follow the links of the videos to know what the students think about Citizenship education.
- ▶ 1 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=59IUqc0JSSQ&t=19s>
- ▶ 2 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KuKzq9EDt-0>



What do you understand from this information cloud ?



Defining Citizenship Education

- ▶ Citizenship Education is teaching or promoting those skills that help people to become active and responsible citizens in a society.
- ▶ These skills help the person to understand Rule of law, democratic process, Critical thinking, Personal role with rights and responsibilities.
- ▶ Citizenship education is a way of providing background knowledge and skills to the young generation so that they may understand their role in future for a democratic and tolerant society



- ▶ Citizenship education gives people the knowledge and skills to **understand, challenge and engage** with democratic society including politics, the media, civil society, the economy and the law.
- ▶ Democracies need active, informed and responsible citizens - citizens who are willing and able to take responsibility for themselves and their communities and contribute to the political process.



Themes in Definition

Initial themes of Citizenship education were

- ▶ Information of political issues
- ▶ Increased awareness about democracy
- ▶ Enhancing participation in political and social life

Further it Added

- ▶ Involvement in discussion decision making process
- ▶ Equality
- ▶ Human rights
- ▶ Cultural diversity



History of the Citizenship Education

- ▶ Ancient objective of the education system
- ▶ Formal Efforts: Boys Scouts
- ▶ Impact of World War-2
- ▶ Case of France and England
- ▶ Introduction of Citizenship Education as subject in 1998
- ▶ A compulsory subject in British Primary Curriculum; 2002
- ▶ **Other Countries ??**



Why there is a need to introduce this subject at University Level

- ▶ Creating a sense of Rights and responsibilities
- ▶ Case of war on Terror in two decades of 2000,s
- ▶ Religious and political intolerance
- ▶ Alien Youth - Less understanding and involvement in democratic process
- ▶ Being an agent of change in local regional ,national and international level
- ▶ Critical thinking to save then from several anti social agents



How does it benefit young people?

- ▶ It helps them to develop **self-confidence, socialization and a sense of activity**, It gives them a **voice**: in the life of their schools, their communities and society at large.
- ▶ It enables them to **make a positive contribution** by developing the knowledge and experience needed to claim their rights and understand their responsibilities



What are its benefits to the society

- ▶ Citizenship brings benefits for schools, other educational organizations and for society.
- ▶ For **schools** /educational organizations, it helps to produce motivated and responsible learners, who relate positively to each other, to staff and to the surrounding community.
- ▶ For **society** it helps to create an active and responsible citizenry, willing to participate in the life of the nation and the wider world and play its part in the democratic process.



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Apologies for technological weaknesses of the presentation !!!!