

How 4-H Impacts My Community

From my experience of being part of the Durham West Sheep Club for the past two years, I've noticed the many effects of 4-H in my community. Numerous kids have benefited from all the clubs and groups of 4-H, learning new skills and trades that benefit the community. 4-H also brings diverse people together, to collaborate in community activities and events. Last of all, 4-H brings multiple opportunities to their members, such as job possibilities, involvement with other youth, and chances to volunteer in their community.

It seems that with all the simple, easy ways to do things nowadays, hard work, responsibility, and perseverance are all but a notion. In 4-H clubs, kids can learn and practice these skills while being part of a club that corresponds with their interests. 4-H also aids children in becoming a better version of themselves, to be more confident in day-to-day activities. For myself, 4-H has really helped me to take pride in my work/skill and to take a more proactive stance in school and 4-H matters. 4-H has, and continues to give youth skills and wisdom that, without a doubt, have benefited my community greatly.

I also find that 4-H has really brought my community closer for issues, events and learning opportunities. 4-H brings the youth together to learn skills and knowledge from 4-H leaders, and most importantly, from one another. By collaborating with other youth of similar interests, one tends to learn much from one another as they do from a leader. This is why it's valuable for communities to have 4-H clubs available for kids, as it's a chance for them to meet new people, and those with a similar passion to them. These events or learning opportunities aren't just for people with an agricultural or 4-H background though, as anyone can join 4-H and participate in clubs that they enjoy.

4-H also provides the opportunity to complete volunteer hours, which in turn gives service and help back to the community. Events such as fairs and exhibitions produce chances for students requiring volunteer hours to complete them while aiding their community. What better way to complete volunteer hours than giving back to your town? Being part of 4-H also provides job possibilities that might not have seemed available, or something to consider before. Participation in 4-H opens doors for jobs in the agricultural sector or in skilled trades from which the community benefits.

Therefore, as expressed, 4-H impacts my community by providing opportunities for youth to connect and collaborate, by teaching fundamental skills, and by producing chances for youth like myself to complete volunteer hours and to do volunteer work. 4-H gives us the tools we need to succeed, and teaches all of us to give back to our community.