

The Crochet of a Community

Communities are combinations of different ethnicities. To build a strong community, people must embrace each other regardless of ethnicity, race, or heritage. Without this acceptance, it would be nearly impossible to connect with people. Think of it as crocheting, where the final piece will unravel if the strings will not stick together in the proper way. Each string represents an individual, and the final crochet represents a community. But there are a couple of base strings that hold the rest together; they are trust, acceptance, and patience.

In a community, *trust* is what keeps all the strings attached. The bonds that keep us together are fragile, and one wrong breach can disrupt the community. In crocheting, if one string unravels, it brings the rest of the woven piece down. It would take a long time to remake it, but once you do, it wouldn't be the same. Similarly, once trust is breached, the community falls apart. No matter how much time is taken to revive the community, doubt will linger in the slightest way because of that one mistake. Trust is fragile and key to building a strong community.

Accepting one another and embracing each person regardless of their looks is an important base to hold together all the strings of individuals. It is right to accept everyone so new ideas can be shared. Communities are only possible with everyone working together collectively. Part of accepting each other is active communication. Communicating with every individual in a community plays a big role in discussing and improving different perspectives. The only way you can gain knowledge about people in a community and vice versa is by talking with each other. Acceptance also ties into being inclusive, or not leaving anybody out of discussions. Embracing the unique differences in everyone just makes our community stronger.

Patience is a virtue when it comes to strengthening a community. Not everyone is fast at generating ideas or helping others. People must stay patient and wait for each other to learn and develop gradually. Learning is a slow, but meaningful process. Patience is a thing you must have while crocheting. Speeding through your crochet with agitation will do no good. In the end, it will only ruin your final piece. Likewise, a community requires a massive amount of patience to understand and learn.

In conclusion, building a strong community is more than just talking with one another. It requires trust, acceptance, and patience. If one is breached, the entire community comes tumbling down, and rebuilding it would not bring it back to its original shape. Communities are important to share your ideas and get to know others. They shape the world and make it a better place, as well.