

Serving others benefiting ourselves

Some people believe that doing community services benefits students by promoting their social awareness. Others argue that students may not be able to squeeze time from their hectic schedule to do voluntary work and they could wait until they have left school to contribute to society by serving the community. Personally, I believe that students should be required to do a certain amount of community service before they graduate.

To begin with, doing community services can broaden students' horizons and they can learn the knowledge beyond textbooks. Participating in community services is the combination of "services" and "learning", which means that we can gain the benefit of learning while serving others. The American educator – John Dewey liked to share with people the importance of "learning by doing". We are always told the importance of helping others. But we can never learn the most effective and appropriate way to help others until we really take action. While organizing activities to serve others, not only can we improve our resilience, but we can also enhance our organization skills that cannot be learned in books.

Furthermore, students can be aware of the needs of our fellow citizens while doing community services. While joining different volunteer services, like visiting the lonely elderly or tutoring the underprivileged children, we can be conscious of the needs of different classes in society and enhance students' empathy, personal, social and civic responsibilities. We will be more aware of the need to help people who are less lucky than we are.

Besides, doing community services also can improve our social and communication skills, which are important when we work in society. Social skills are very important because we need to make friends with and care about the people in need. While serving the needy, we talk with them to understand their needs before we know the best way to offer help. We also need to use our communication skills to care about others. These skills will be enhanced when we are students, which can greatly benefit us when we graduate from school and enter society and work.

In conclusion, doing community services will bring many benefits to students before graduation. Therefore, I think we should be required to do a certain amount of community services before we graduate.