

## **Relevance of Museums in Community Engagement, Benefits and Active Citizenship**

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### **ABSTRACT**

At present, museums are important places where we see rare collections of exhibits and museums also preserve, conserve and document these exhibits. But the history of museums is very old and it belonged to the upper class community. Today, museums are public institutions. Nowadays, museums involve long term strategy for community development. They build community ownership, participation, relationship and support for our museums and identifies that museum services are relevant. Museums always focus on developing relationships and increasing partnerships and collaborations with a variety of community groups. Very often we need to discuss about the local history of our earth and local community which represent the local history, culture and society and museums try to engage in their activities and develop their societies. The objectives of museums are to serve the community needs, working with the interests of others. Day by day museums and communities are depending on each other. If museums arrange the local history and their community to represent their gallery when public visit this museum, they will learn of their culture and heritage and fulfill their memory with many memorable things. They exchanged their thoughts and suggestions for the upliftment of the museum. The identity, goals and priorities of the museum could be fundamentally transformed in response to community input and ideas substantially increasing reputation, public service, value and standing in the community.

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