

How do workers contribute to the community?

This is a question that deserves to be studied further. However, it seems quite obvious to me. Without workers, there would simply be no community and society at all.

First, let's briefly describe the history of Labour Day in Canada to get an overview. Historically, this holiday celebrates the solidarity and the feeling of belonging to the working class in an era of rapid industrialization. Created in the late 1800s, it emanates from the first workers' gatherings of the time. Until the beginning of the 1950s, the event served as a forum for unions to express their demands, helped build workers' identity and was intended to be a moment of rest and sociability with colleagues outside of the workplace. Subsequently, the holiday evolved to lose some of its meaning and become just a public holiday in honour of workers. People take this opportunity to get together with friends or family or to take a mini-vacation away from home during this long weekend. The original idea behind this holiday, to celebrate the solidarity and the feeling of belonging of the workers, illustrates what work brings to workers.

Second, it goes without saying that each worker contributes to something much greater than each individual. It gives the feeling of being part of a whole. Every trade, every field and every type of job is a small piece of a huge puzzle that would not be complete without every piece. For example, without health care workers there would be huge gaps in public health. Without workers in education, valuable knowledge would not be transmitted fairly and uniformly. Without construction workers, cities would not develop as quickly. Without workers in the public service, there would be no social programs, for example. And so on. Every worker is essential to the overall smooth running of the community.

Ultimately, workers make the difference between a developed and healthy society and an underdeveloped and/or society with fragile health. They are the engine of the economy. In fact, the higher the unemployment rate in a country, the greater the poverty and the weaker the economy. Workers earn a salary that they distribute in the community through their daily purchases, mortgages, etc. They keep the economy going by buying from local businesses. For their part, employers do the same thing by paying commercial rent, buying equipment, etc. Without workers, there would simply be no economy.

For my part, I am proud to be a public servant and to contribute to society in my own way by participating in the administration of a social program that helps workers who have lost their jobs. Before that, I was proud to make people happy by helping them with travel planning and often making their dreams come true. I soon will contribute to the transmission of knowledge and I will share my passion for languages by becoming a second language teacher.

All workers in Canada and around the world can be proud of their daily contribution to their communities. They make a difference in people's lives, in their own way!

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