

Bee the Solution - Newsletter 12, October 2017

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ALL ABOUT THE PROJECTS

The newsletter articles are inspired by the situations that we have encountered while working on the projects. In addition to those articles, we are also writing more specifically about each project that we are working on.

We want to tell the stories of the people we are trying to help: about the individual we have met, how we came across each other, what was the seed of the project, how the projects are coming together...

We will sometimes link to those stories in the Newsletter, but you can read them @ www.projects.beethesolution.org

TOPICS OF THE MONTH

[CALL FOR IDEAS/INPUT.....](#)

In the last newsletter, we defined [education](#) as a start to a series about education. The main definition we highlighted was:

- Education is about **acquiring knowledge.**
- Education is about **gaining an understanding.**
- Education is about **getting instructions, guidance.**

Before going any further, we would love to hear from you about **YOUR** definition, view and/or understanding of **EDUCATION**... It is a very topical question as Education is a major development goal and we hear a lot about it on Social Medias. We also have our own views of the importance and definition of education that we will share as we go along.

Now, you might be biased by our initial thoughts - maybe we should have done this before, but we wanted to have some sort of common ground to ask the questions below and gather your views...

Based on the above definition, for **you**:

- *What is education? (especially if you disagree with the previous [article](#)...)
- *What is the place of schooling in education?
- *How one can gain education?
- *What is the right to education?
- *Why is education important (or not...)?

Give your opinion on all or some questions in the comment below (public) or by email to info@beethesolution.org - we will compile answers and build on it.

Share the questions with your friends - the more answers, the better overview we can have!

For inclusion in the November newsletter, please let us know by **27 November 2017**.

But, no worries, we will welcome later answers and add in further editions.

Sustainable Development Goals

SDGs or Sustainable Development Goals might be a familiar term for some or a far away notion for others. In view of our series on Education, we wanted to give a short overview of what SDGs are and what they mean for all of us.

“The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), otherwise known as the Global Goals, are a universal call to action to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure that all people enjoy peace and prosperity.” [UNDP: United Nations Development Programme](#)



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[Sustainable Development Goal #4 - Education](#)

The Sustainable Development Goal #4 tackles the need for (**quality**) education at all levels - from school children to adulthood. It emphasizes full inclusion, with regards to gender but also age, disabilities, income or any other ground that can lead to discrimination:



“Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all”

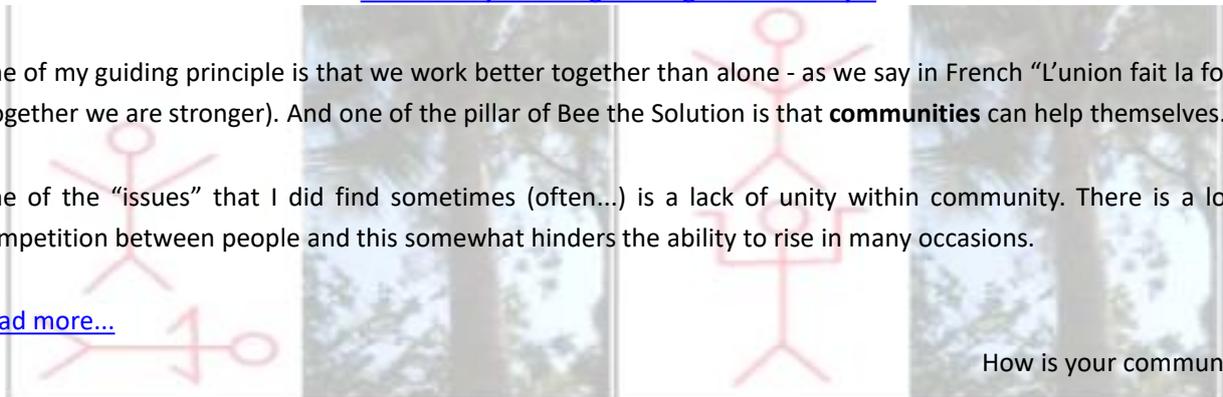
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[Community Challenge: Being a community...](#)

One of my guiding principle is that we work better together than alone - as we say in French “L’union fait la force” (Together we are stronger). And one of the pillar of Bee the Solution is that **communities** can help themselves.

One of the “issues” that I did find sometimes (often...) is a lack of unity within community. There is a lot of competition between people and this somewhat hinders the ability to rise in many occasions.

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[Why do we need to be on the ground? Part 7- Demonstration \(Continued\)](#)

We already mentioned the need that most of us have to learn through visual aid, more importantly through [demonstration](#).

A lot of people cannot learn through a book or written instructions. We often need/want visual aids. Think about the booming of step-by-step photo-instructions on the internet, and even more about the ever increasing numbers of video tutorials on Youtube. But even with pictures or video on the internet, some do need a “physical” demonstration. One of the reason is back to the access to internet (which we have touched upon when talking about [communication lines](#)): either for cost, practicality or “education”.

But there are also other reasons for demonstrations:...

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FEEDBACK

Please do not hesitate to contact us @ info@beethesolution.org.

Feel free to send us feedback. We are open to suggestions and comments. As we are still young and learning, we value your opinion even more than usual and are very grateful for it.

Let us know about what you want to see in the Newsletter, which projects you are interested in, any ideas you have for a project.

Have a safe month ahead

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