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reasons why education is
everyone's business





In order to have a well-balanced society, one needs a society comprised of continuous, lifelong learners. Learners who learn without textbooks and tests, without certified teachers and standardized curricula. Learners who love to learn. W. B. Yeats said it this way: "Education is not the filling of a pail but the lighting of a fire."

When one thinks of the real goals of education, one realizes that they are as follows:

Becoming a lifelong learner

Learning opportunities bring an attitude of wonder and curiosity into your life. Calls to learn come from everywhere: inside, outside, from the past, from the future, or they just tickle your innate curiosity. You can choose to ignore the calls, actively defend against them, or explore them with wonder.

Being passionate

Being passionate requires dedication, hard work, focus and the willingness to fail over and over again. However, if you're ready to put in the work, then being a passionate person can bring excitement, joy, and a sense of true purpose to your life.

Being ready to take risks

Many of life's greatest achievements require going outside of your comfort zone. Whether it means overcoming shyness to perform onstage, or investing money to help your business grow, some of life's most rewarding experiences come as a result of taking risks.

Being able to problem-solve and think critically

Critical thinkers rigorously question ideas and assumptions rather than accepting them at face value. They will always seek to determine whether the ideas, arguments and findings represent the entire picture and are open to finding that they do not. Critical thinkers will identify, analyse and solve problems systematically rather than by intuition or instinct.

Being able to work independently: This means

- a. Becoming self-aware, self-monitoring and self-correcting;
- b. Knowing what you need to do;
- c. Taking the initiative rather than waiting to be told what to do;
- d. Doing what is asked to the best of your ability, without the need for external prodding, and working until the job is completed;
- e. Learning to work at a pace that you can sustain;
- f. Taking ownership of your mistakes without looking for excuses; and
- g. Refusing to let self-doubt or negative emotions due to negative past experiences take you off course.

Being creative

Creativity is a skill that you can work on with time, training, and effort. Engage in creative exercises like reading, writing, and listening to music to sharpen your creativity. Learn as much as possible and open yourself up to new ideas and experiences. Make lifestyle changes like walking more, exercising regularly, and getting more sleep to give your brain the boost it needs to increase your creative skills.

Giving back to your community

Giving back is an important way to stay engaged in our community and to be a good citizen. There are ways to give back to your community. Volunteering and giving back your time is a great way to invest in the well-being of your community. Giving back to causes and organizations that you care about will often benefit everyone involved.

Persevere

What's the key to perseverance? Putting one foot in front of the other will get you the finish line, but there are tools you can use to help you face down challenges meet your goals and truly enjoy the process, rather than just getting by. Banishing self-doubt, living by your values and nourishing your spirituality are a few ways you can strengthen your resolve to keep moving forward.

Having integrity and self-respect

Personal integrity involves being the best, most honest and morally sound version of yourself. Your integrity may stem from your religious beliefs, your personal goals in life, or from some other formative experience. When you work on improving your personal integrity, you enrich your own life and improve the lives of others.

Having moral courage

Courage is considered by many to be one of the most important human virtues. In fact, in medieval times it was considered one of the four cardinal virtues, and modern psychologists agree. Learning how to be courageous, doesn't mean not being afraid. It means learning to do things despite your fear.



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