



Community Work Days



All over the world, people come together to get work done. Maybe you have helped with a work project at school, in your community or at your place of worship.

These women are working together to make a quilt.

This is called a **quilting bee**.



Here is a picture of a **barn raising**.



In **Kenya**, the word for working together is **harambee**.

(Swahili pronunciation:[haram'be:])

The idea of harambee is so important, it is on the Kenyan coat of arms.





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In the **Philippines**, the word is **bayanihan**.

The idea of bayanihan is symbolized by the traditional way people used to work together to move a house.



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Here are some more words for community work days in different languages:

- Cherokee: **Gadugi**
- Norwegian: **Dugnad**
- Ireland: **Meitheal** (Irish pronunciation: ['mehəl])
- Hungary: **Kaláka**
- Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, Poland: **Toloka**
- Indonesia: **Gotong-royong**

Not everyone can do every kind of work, but everyone can help in some way. Some people fix food for the workers. Some people clean up.

To think about

How could you help with these projects?

- A barn raising
- A quilting bee
- Organizing a basement
- Making a new playground
- Cleaning up a park

If you could do any family work project this summer, what would it be?