

THE ROLE OF RECREATIONAL PARK IN CREATING SOCIAL  
INTERACTION WITHIN A NEIGHBOURHOOD

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## **ABSTRACT**

Social interaction can be defined as how we act and react to the people surround us. It is the way we communicate and interact with each other. Social interaction includes the people that are so close to us such as family and friends or with acquaintances. Having a good social interaction is really important. A good social interaction can helps the neighborhoods to live in a better community. Social interaction can helps to build a harmonious community hence creating a sense of ownership in a community. Besides that, a good social interaction can help the community to get to know each other better and thus can increase the level of safety in a community. It is important to have a place or a space as a community center to bring the people together as a space for social interaction. Recreational park is one of a space provided in a residential area for the community. The community can get to know each other well during the activities they did at the recreational park. This research is carried out to prove this statement. Does the recreational park help creating an interaction within a neighborhood? Does it help bringing the people together? Does the park really help to develop the harmony in a community?

## **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

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A community area is supposed to be a space or a place where society meets and where one can interact and communicate with another. It is also a place where people go to do various types of activities that involves a large number of people. In other word, a community area in the neighborhood acts as a place for interaction to share their ideas and do various activities.

A social interaction is very essential in a community. According to Jo Williams (2005), social interactions provide the residents living in a community with knowledge about their fellow residents and social structure. This in turn helps to build and develop trust between residents, allows for exchanges to take place and creates social networks.

A good place for interaction can help the resident to develop a sense of community pride and ownership. Especially if they have worked together to develop or improve spaces where people can come together, the people who use them can start to see it as the centers of their community an as belonging to them (Phil Rabinowitz, 2013).