

Review of: "Working on the Root System of Social Connections in a Community"

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The paper provides an interesting reinterpretation of some classic concepts on life in neighbourhoods and small local communities, which can also be extended to villages and rural areas. In brief, from the proposal I was given, I would have expected to read a research paper (also because I myself am currently engaged in a research project on neighbourhood lifestyles), but this paper is not, and even if it were, this makes it surprisingly interesting with a mix of classical references and some references to modern sociological and psychological constructs. I liked the very practical approach, although I am not sure that the role of a paid community builder is so exportable to other socio-cultural contexts than the one given in the article's example. Here, socio-cultural variability (or the absence of any possible generalisation on these issues) might be something to explore in a future paper.