

# **Building Community Legal Awareness Through Increasing Legal Knowledge**

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## **I. Introduction**

Community service is carried out in accordance with our team's proposal. The citizens of Susiloharjo village, Boyolali sub-district, Boyolali district are the recipients of this community service. The location of this service was chosen because the residents of the village are unaware of the evolution of the existing legal arrangements, and as citizens, they must be aware of the intricacies of the legal restrictions that apply in the Republic of Indonesia. Legal principles, legal rights and obligations, legal subjects and purposes, legal sources, and legal classification are only a few of the fundamental concepts concerning the rule of law that we impart. While socializing or lectures and conversations are used in the execution of community service

The community, notably the residents of Susiloharjo village in Boyolali sub-district and Boyolali district, is expected to benefit from this community service by gaining knowledge and understanding. This will raise their degree of legal awareness since they will be more aware of the relevant legal regulations. Lecture and discussion techniques are used to carry out community service. The stages of the process begin with an introduction and prayer, then an explanation or explanation of the information we present, specifically regarding some fundamental legal knowledge, particularly regarding: legal principles, legal rights and obligations, legal subjects and objects, legal sources, and classification. the Republic of Indonesia's current legal system.

Lecturers at Slamet Riyadi University Surakarta were given assignments to do community service as part of the work schedule for the 2021–2022 academic year. The professors are solely responsible for carrying out this community service in accordance with the submitted ideas, which must address both the technical details and the nature of the activity.

Two professors and two students make up the implementation team for the community service. Depending on their individual areas of expertise, each team member is assigned a particular task. Legal advice on “*Building Public Legal Awareness Through Increasing Legal Knowledge*,” which covers topics such legal principles, legal rights and obligations, legal themes and objects, legal sources, and legal classifications, is provided as part of this community service. Everything is based on the laws that are now in force in the Republic of Indonesia, our nation. As a result, in order to accomplish the desired goal, it is unquestionably imperative that teamwork and the experience of team members be relevantly utilized in the implementation of community service.

The community service initiative has proven effective. Because they actively engaged in listening to the presentation and asking clarification on the issue or material covered in this community activity, it was argued that this was the case. The team wants to continue its community service in Susiloharjo Village, Boyolali sub-district, Boyolali district in the future, naturally with different but consistent themes with this theme. After carrying out community service regarding “*Building Community Legal Awareness Through Increasing Legal Knowledge*,” this was successfully achieved. Because everyone in Indonesia needs to become more conscious of the law, including the residents of Susiloharjo village in Boyolali district’s Boyolali subdistrict.

## **II. Discussion**

People are born with a variety of characteristics, personalities, talents, wills, and interests. Humans are social creatures, and social life depends on one another. Humans can grow as individuals in the community context by collaborating, forming relationships, and finding work that satisfies their basic requirements. Conflict in society, however, frequently results from disputes between people because of disparities in their goals and interests. This may result in a social setting that is unbalanced, disorganized, uncalm, and unsafe. We therefore require a law that governs affiliation and fosters a mindset of legal awareness to live life amongst communities if we are to stop these bad things from happening.

Legal awareness is the knowledge of the relevant laws or norms by an individual or group of individuals. A society desperately needs legal education. This is done in order to achieve justice, peace,

tranquility, and order in human interactions. This objective will be very challenging to accomplish without having a strong legal understanding.

This is also true among students, as seen by the conflicts and brawls that break out between them as a result of their ignorance of the law. Weak legal knowledge will cause people's lives to become anxious and unsettling. As a result, we ought to adopt a deliberate perspective on the law.

Early legal education must begin in the family setting, where each family member can learn to know and respect his or her own rights as well as those of other family members, and to carry out his or her obligations before asserting any rights. If this is successful, he or she will become accustomed to using his or her current awareness in a larger setting, such as the community or perhaps the state environment.

Knowing about legal awareness is the first factor that affects it. Laws must have legal validity and be extensively publicized. The public will then soon learn about the regulation and propagate it on its own. Not everyone who violates the law does it intentionally. This is owing to the possibility that it results from a lack of community awareness of the rules and laws that are applicable under the law itself.

Respect for the law in the community is the next factor that affects legal awareness. All of society's interests will therefore be dependent on the law's actual provisions. There is another school of thought, though, which holds that adherence to the law is motivated by concern over the penalties or repercussions of disobeying it.

Indications of legal awareness are actually quite tangible indicators of the degree of legal knowledge, claims Soerjono Soekanto. Again, it was simply explained that legal expertise is the first indicator. Someone is aware that some actions are subject to legal restrictions. Both written laws and unwritten laws are included in the legal norms being discussed here. This conduct includes actions that are either legal requirements or legal exceptions. The second criterion is legal knowledge. A community member is someone who has knowledge of and understanding of particular laws. For instance, the community has accurate knowledge of and understanding of the nature and significance of Law Number One of 1974 Governing Marriage. The legal attitude is the third indicator. Someone has a propensity to view the law in a particular way. The fourth indicator is lawful behavior, or when an individual or member of a community abides by the rules that are in place.

Law is a code of conduct designed to uphold the ideals that society cherishes. Order is one of the principles that law aims to uphold. Order refers to conformity and observance of conduct in carrying out what is forbidding and mandated by the law. We can use the regulation of traffic laws as a concrete example. The objective of any traffic laws or rule sets is to maintain orderly traffic flow. Additionally, this is done to uphold other people's rights and interests.

All parties must rise to the task of developing this habit of legal awareness. True awareness and observance of the law must be ingrained from an early age. The educational component then takes the lead in forming attitudes and routines that adhere to the laws currently in place. The key socialization channels that have a significant impact on how people shape their future character are educational institutions. If law-abiding attitudes and behavior are ingrained from a young age, attitudes toward respecting and following the law will become entrenched in society. Naturally, this is accomplished by imparting accurate understanding regarding what is permitted and what is not.

### **III. Conclusion**

A society that is civilized will have a high legal awareness rate. Early legal education is necessary; it cannot be accomplished by waiting until a violation has happened and law enforcement has taken action. The family, the smallest unit of society, is a great place to start when making prevention measures. We must begin by fostering this knowledge inside the family.

With this legal awareness, we will not observe any infractions, allowing us to live an ideal existence. Legal awareness and intelligence must be developed at an early age by bringing together formal, informal, and non-formal educational institutions. Legal education is not just formal education received in a classroom. But it can also be done away from the classroom. Children must be taught the legal system from a young age. Consequently, this later gave them a sense of the necessity of laws and rules. in order to develop legal knowledge from a young age.

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