

A recipe for a good society

Ingredients

- * Trust. Trust that people will keep to their side of the road, for example, and that the functionaries will act in the interests of the greater whole.
- * Responsibility. That each member has the mindset to safeguard the entity of the society, in their way and according to their abilities.
- * Respect. Allowing each to express themselves, without impinging on the rest of us.
- * Care. That the vulnerable members of the society - the young, the old and the infirm - should be looked after.
- * Boundaries. There is a sense of what is us and not-us, both in terms of physical space and of behaviour that goes beyond acceptable norms, with sanctions in place that can be backed up.

Method

1. Work out the agreements for proceeding together. This builds the substrate, the platform that is the basis of the society. How to allocate the jobs that nobody wants to do, for example. How to manage disagreements and disputes.
2. Ensure that there are opportunities to affirm the connections between us all, to reinforce the sense of shared community.
3. Ensure opportunities for the society to grow and thrive. Encourage individual initiative.
4. Put it all in the pot, season with smiles and politeness to taste, mix it all up and let it brew!

I wonder what ingredients others would have in their recipe for a good society.