

A Study of Factors Influencing Senior Citizens' Participation in Volunteer Team

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Abstract

It is reported that community participation significantly facilitate aged people's life adjustments. This study was aimed to examine the crucial factors affecting the willingness of senior citizens to participate the volunteer team in Taitung county. The collected data, based on a survey of 179 respondents, were analyzed by contingency tables and Chi-square test. The results indicated that “health” and “interpretation experience” had significant impact on interviewed senior citizens' willingness to participate the volunteer team. As senior citizens have their aged life well-planned and actively participate the community activities, they will be satisfied with their lives.

Key words: Senior Citizen, Volunteer, Talent

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Appendix : The talent characteristics of senior citizens in Taitung county.

附錄：臺東區高齡者人才資料庫分布情形

Talent	Age	65-69 yr.	70-74 yr.	75-79 yr.	above 80 yr.	Total
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
Technical skill						
Handy craft						
Basketry&Knitting	9.5	5.0	3.4	1.7	19.6	
Flower arranging	5.6	2.8	0.6	0	8.9	
Sewing scrappy clothes	5.6	3.4	0	0	8.9	
Pinch Tao	1.1	0.6	0	0.6	2.2	
Carving	1.1	0	0	0	1.1	
Dye of plants	0	1.1	0	0	1.1	
Cooking						
Traditional rice food	21.2	15.6	11.7	3.9	52.5	
Special recipe	1.7	2.8	1.7	2.2	8.4	
Bakery	3.4	0.6	1.1	0.6	5.6	
Exercise						
Qigong	25.1	22.3	14	4.5	65.9	
Hiking	11.2	10.1	6.7	3.4	31.3	
Dancing	8.9	1.7	2.2	0	12.8	
Cultural skills						
Music	29	16.2	15.7	2.3	63.2	
History definition	3.4	2.8	2.2	1.1	9.5	
Calligraphy&Painting	1.7	1.1	0.6	0.6	3.9	
Leadership						
Head of production and marketing team or home economic team	8.4	5.6	2.2	0	16.2	
Head of association or community	3.9	3.4	2.2	1.1	10.6	
Document	2.8	0	0	0	2.8	
The village head	0	0	0.6	1.1	1.7	
Management						
Farming	23.5	21.2	14	6.7	65.4	
Landscape	5.6	2.2	2.2	0	10.1	
Environmental protection	2.2	1.1	1.1	0	4.5	
Food processing	0	2.2	2.2	0	4.5	