



I Am Because We Are

STRENGTHENING SOCIAL SOLIDARITY & GLOBAL CONNECTEDNESS

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I am because we are

A person is a person through other persons

It takes a village to raise a child



- **Community social work**
- **Shared decision making**
- **Equality**



- **Community social work**
 - Challenges individualism
 - Focuses on communal rather than individual need
 - A new community-centred model needs to be developed



- **Shared decision-making**
 - Focus needs to be on finding agreement
 - Power is held by the community as a whole
 - Take time to seek consensus



- **Equality**

- UK is one of the most unequal countries in the world
- Campaign for a fairer, more equal society
- Support people to maximise their income and enhance life opportunities
- Work with communities to become more inclusive



Thank you

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