**ACTIVITY 5.1: Evaluating My Community**

Use the following score card to evaluate your community's strengths and weaknesses. Indicate if you ‘Strongly Agree’, ‘Somewhat Agree’, ‘Somewhat Disagree’ or ‘Strongly Disagree’ with each statement by putting a checkmark under the appropriate responses.

| **CATEGORY** | **STRONGLY AGREE** | **SOMEWHAT AGREE** | **SOMEWHAT DISAGREE** | **STRONGLY DISAGREE** |
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| I feel a strong sense of belonging in our community. |  |  |  |  |
| I feel that our community is safe. |  |  |  |  |
| We have plenty of parks and green spaces and they are well kept. |  |  |  |  |
| Our community has enough recreation facilities and recreation programs. |  |  |  |  |
| Access to community programs and services is not a problem. |  |  |  |  |
| Our community has increased alternative methods of transportation, including public transit, carpooling or bike lanes. |  |  |  |  |
| Poverty and food security (availability and access to nutritious food) is not a problem in our community. |  |  |  |  |
| Our community does a good job in celebrating its history and culture through festivals, museums and galleries. |  |  |  |  |
| Internet connections are fast and reliable in our community. |  |  |  |  |
| Our local government has an effective tourism campaign, which helps attract many visitors. |  |  |  |  |
| Affordable housing is not a problem in our community. |  |  |  |  |
| I am confident I will find a job that interests me in our community. |  |  |  |  |
| I am planning to stay to live and work in our community after school. |  |  |  |  |
| I have a great deal of trust in our police. |  |  |  |  |
| I have a great deal of trust in our local government politicians. |  |  |  |  |

**Calculate your community’s score by calculating the totals for each response below.**

**Strongly Agree**  Number of responses \_\_\_\_\_\_ x 4 = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Somewhat Agree**  Number of responses \_\_\_\_\_\_ x 3 = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Somewhat Disagree**  Number of responses \_\_\_\_\_\_ x 2 = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Strongly Disagree**  Number of responses \_\_\_\_\_\_ x 1 = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Your community evaluation score (out of 60): **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

| **Question:** What are your local government’s main **strengths** and **weaknesses**? Identify three of each.  |
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