

# *The Path of Inheriting and Developing Excellent Traditional Culture in Community Education*

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**Abstract:** Through in-depth analysis of the concept and characteristics of community education, the connotation and value of excellent traditional culture, and the correlation mechanism between them, the article reveals the unique advantages of community education as an important platform for cultural inheritance. Furthermore, through field research and theoretical analysis, this article summarizes the practical cases of community education inheriting traditional culture, and shows the vivid practice and remarkable results of community education in cultural inheritance. Facing the challenges of uneven distribution of resources, low participation, cultural inheritance fault and cultural commercialization tendency, this article puts forward some paths to explore, such as innovating educational models and strategies, strengthening the construction of community cultural environment, and enhancing the ability and participation of inheritance subjects. This article holds that through government guidance, social participation, continuous innovation and practice, community education can play a greater role in inheriting and developing excellent traditional culture and contribute to building cultural self-confidence and promoting social civilization and progress. In the future, with the strengthening of policy support and the joint efforts of all sectors of society, community education will show greater potential and broader space.

## **1. Introduction**

In today's wave of globalization, excellent traditional culture, as the foundation of national spirit and the source of cultural confidence, is facing unprecedented challenges and opportunities [1]. Nowadays, people's lifestyles and values have undergone profound changes, and the mode of transmission and audience groups of traditional culture are constantly changing, and some traditional cultural heritages even face the risk of being forgotten [2]. The national level attaches great importance to cultural self-confidence and cultural inheritance, which provides strong policy support and social environment for the protection and promotion of excellent traditional culture [3]. In this context, it is particularly important to explore how to effectively use modern means, especially through community education, which is close to people's lives, to inherit and develop excellent traditional culture [4].

Community education can promote the popularization and dissemination of cultural knowledge,

stimulate residents' sense of cultural identity and belonging, and provide fertile soil for traditional live transmission [5]. Based on the community education platform, a variety of cultural activities can be carried out, so that traditional culture can be integrated into people's daily life in a more vivid and intuitive form, and the vitality and influence of culture can be enhanced [6].

In recent years, the research on community education and traditional cultural inheritance has gradually increased, and scholars have discussed the function, mode and effect of community education in cultural inheritance from different angles [7]. Despite many achievements, there are still some shortcomings in the existing research. The purpose of this study is to explore the unique role of community education in inheriting and developing excellent traditional culture, and provide practical guidance and theoretical support for building cultural self-confidence and promoting social civilization and progress.

## 2. Theoretical basis of community education and traditional cultural inheritance

### 2.1. The concept and characteristics of community education

The core of community education is to use various resources in the community to meet the diverse learning needs of community residents and promote the personal development and social integration of community members [8]. It goes beyond the scope of traditional school education and emphasizes the lifelong, open and practical nature of education. Community education pays more attention to imparting knowledge, cultivating ability and shaping values. By organizing various cultural activities, skills training and health education, community residents' sense of participation and belonging is enhanced, and a learning community is built. Its characteristics include regionality, comprehensiveness, flexibility and practicality.

### 2.2. The connotation and value of excellent traditional culture

Excellent traditional culture is a cultural form formed by the Chinese nation in the long-term historical development process, with profound cultural heritage, unique national characteristics and extensive social influence [9]. It contains rich philosophical thoughts, moral concepts, artistic achievements and scientific wisdom. These include: Confucianism's benevolence, Taoism's natural harmony, Mohism's universal love and non-attack, etc., which are all important components of the Chinese national spirit. The value of excellent traditional culture is reflected in many dimensions (see Table 1).

Table 1: Embodiment of the Value of Excellent Traditional Culture

Value Dimension	Specific Embodiment
Spiritual Guidance	Guiding behavioral norms through Confucian benevolence, Taoist harmony with nature, Mohist universal love and non-aggression, etc.
Moral Education	Emphasizing moral concepts such as integrity, filial piety, etiquette, shaping national character
Social Stability	Enhancing national identity through cultural inheritance, promoting social harmony and stability
Wisdom Inspiration	Rich in philosophical thoughts and scientific wisdom, stimulating innovative thinking
Artistic Aesthetics	Enhancing aesthetic taste and cultural literacy through achievements in calligraphy, painting, music, etc.
Historical Inheritance	Recording national history, inheriting cultural heritage, enhancing cultural confidence
International Exchange	Serving as cultural soft power, promoting international cultural exchange and understanding

Under the background of globalization, protecting and inheriting excellent traditional culture is of great significance for maintaining cultural diversity and enhancing the soft power of national culture.

### **2.3. Association mechanism between community education and traditional culture inheritance**

There is a close correlation mechanism between community education and the inheritance of traditional culture. Community education provides a platform for the spread of traditional culture. By holding traditional festivals and celebrations, displaying folk art and protecting intangible cultural heritage, community education has enriched the cultural life of residents and promoted the live transmission of traditional culture. Community education integrates traditional culture into daily teaching through curriculum design, such as offering Chinese studies classes, calligraphy classes and ethnic dance learning. This makes traditional culture an important part of community residents' learning and deepens their understanding and recognition of traditional culture.

Community education encourages residents to participate in cultural heritage activities and enhances their sense of cultural responsibility and heritage awareness. Furthermore, community education connects schools, families, communities and all walks of life by building a cultural heritage network, forming a joint force to jointly promote the protection and innovative development of traditional culture. This association mechanism promotes the effective inheritance of traditional culture, enriches the cultural connotation of community education, and realizes a win-win situation of cultural inheritance and educational development.

## **3. Present situation and challenges of inheriting and developing excellent traditional culture in community education**

### **3.1. Community education practice case of inheriting traditional culture**

Throughout the country, there are numerous practical cases of community education inheriting traditional culture. They all show the unique charm and great potential of the community in cultural inheritance. Community education plays an irreplaceable role in inheriting traditional culture. It can make traditional culture closer to the people and more vivid.

For example, in Beijing's Hutong, the community invites residents to participate in traditional cultural activities such as Peking Opera performance, shadow play display, and old Beijing snack making by holding the Hutong Culture Festival. These activities let residents experience the charm of traditional culture and promote the communication and harmony between neighbors. In Hangzhou, some communities have set up tea training classes based on local tea culture, which not only teach residents how to make tea and taste tea, but also tell the history and philosophy of tea culture, so that tea culture can be passed down from generation to generation in the community. In addition, many communities have set up workstations for the protection of intangible cultural heritage, invited inheritors into the communities and taught traditional handicrafts, such as paper-cutting, embroidery, pottery, etc., so that these endangered skills can be rejuvenated in community education.

### **3.2. Challenges and causes analysis**

Although community education has made remarkable achievements in inheriting traditional culture, it still faces some challenges in Table 2. The formation of these challenges has its profound social background and complicated reasons (Table 2). To solve these problems, we need to start with policy guidance, educational innovation, cultural inheritance mechanism and other aspects to

form a pattern of cultural inheritance and development with the participation of the whole society.

Table 2: Challenges Faced by Community Education in Inheriting Traditional Culture

Challenge Content	Influencing Factors/Specific Manifestations
Uneven distribution of educational resources, insufficient investment in some areas	Regional disparities, funding shortages, outdated facilities
Disconnection between traditional culture education content and modern life	Outdated content, lack of contemporary relevance, difficulty in resonating
Scarcity of professional teachers, uneven teaching quality	Insufficient number of teachers, low professional quality, inadequate training mechanisms
Low participation of residents, lack of motivation to actively learn traditional culture	Lack of interest, time constraints, lack of guidance
Single mode of traditional culture inheritance, lack of innovation	Traditional inheritance methods, lack of technology integration, monotonous activity forms
Impact on traditional culture from accelerated modernization process	Influence of Western culture, faster pace of life, changing values
Inadequate evaluation and feedback mechanisms, difficulty in measuring educational effects	Vague evaluation standards, blocked feedback channels, lack of motivation for continuous improvement

#### 4. Explore the path of inheriting and developing excellent traditional culture in community education

##### 4.1. Innovative education models and strategies

Facing the new challenges of traditional cultural inheritance, community education must constantly innovate educational models and strategies to meet the needs of the times. On the one hand, community education can learn from digital and networked modern technical means, so that traditional culture can reach more people, especially the younger generation, in a more convenient and vivid way. On the other hand, community education should advocate interdisciplinary integration, integrate traditional culture education into science, art, history and other fields, and stimulate students' interest and desire to explore traditional culture through interdisciplinary learning projects.

This article holds that community education can also try experiential and participatory teaching methods to let students feel the charm of traditional culture through personal experience. For example, organizing cultural field trips and traditional handicraft workshops to deepen the understanding and recognition of culture. In this way, community education can better undertake the important task of inheriting and developing excellent traditional culture.

##### 4.2. Strengthen the construction of community cultural environment

Community cultural environment is an important carrier of traditional cultural inheritance. In order to create a strong traditional cultural atmosphere, the community should strengthen the protection and utilization of traditional cultural elements, so that residents can feel the existence of traditional culture in their daily lives. The community can hold various traditional cultural activities regularly. These activities can be festivals, folk performances, cultural lectures, etc., which can enrich the cultural life of residents and promote cultural exchanges and dissemination.

The community should encourage residents to spontaneously organize cultural interest groups (poetry clubs, calligraphy classes, opera troupes, etc.) to form a mass base for cultural inheritance. Based on the above measures, we believe that the community can build a good environment full of

cultural vitality and conducive to the inheritance and development of traditional culture.

### **4.3. Enhance the ability and participation of the inheritors**

Inheriting subjects (including community residents, educators, cultural inheritors, etc.) are the key to the inheritance of traditional culture. In order to improve their ability and participation, the community should carry out targeted training and education activities to improve their cultural literacy and inheritance ability. Furthermore, the community should establish an incentive mechanism to commend and reward individuals or groups that have made outstanding contributions to cultural heritage, so as to stimulate more people's enthusiasm for participation.

The community can also encourage "intergenerational inheritance" between teenagers and the elderly. Through activities such as studying together and performing together, the cultural exchange and inheritance between different age groups can be promoted. In this way, a dynamic, enthusiastic and capable cultural heritage team will be formed to provide a solid talent guarantee for the inheritance and development of traditional culture.

### **4.4. Policy advice**

This article suggests that the government should increase the investment in community education to inherit traditional culture, and provide funds, venues, talents and other support; Formulate relevant policies, encourage social capital to participate in traditional cultural heritage projects, and form a diversified investment mechanism with government guidance and social participation. The government should also strengthen the evaluation and monitoring of the inheritance effect of traditional culture and establish a scientific evaluation system to ensure the quality and effect of cultural inheritance activities. In the future, with the continuous progress of science and technology and the sustainable development of society, community education will show greater potential and broader space in inheriting and developing excellent traditional culture. Through continuous innovation and practice, we can look forward to a more colorful and dynamic new situation in the inheritance and development of traditional culture, and make greater contributions to building cultural self-confidence and promoting social civilization and progress.

## **5. Conclusions**

In the discussion of this article, we deeply realize the key role of community education in inheriting and developing excellent traditional culture. Community education, with its unique regionality, comprehensiveness, flexibility and practicality, provides fertile soil for the spread of traditional culture. By innovating education mode, strengthening the construction of cultural environment, and enhancing the ability and participation of inheritors, community education has enriched residents' cultural life, enhanced their sense of cultural identity, and effectively promoted the live transmission and innovative development of traditional culture. Community education has become an important bridge connecting the past and the future, tradition and modernity, and has made indelible contributions to building cultural self-confidence and promoting social civilization and progress.

With the rapid development of society and the continuous progress of science and technology, new problems and challenges facing the inheritance of traditional culture will continue to emerge, which requires continuous and in-depth research and exploration. The future research direction can further focus on the following aspects: First, deepen the comparative study on the inheritance of traditional culture in community education in different regions and cultural backgrounds, and explore more targeted inheritance strategies; The second is to pay attention to the application of

science and technology in the inheritance of traditional culture, and how to use digital and intelligent technology to improve the efficiency and effect of inheritance.

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