



editorial

Equity

Equity is often used interchangeably with equality, yet there are subtle but important differences. Equity goes beyond equality. While equality means everyone is given the same opportunity, equity goes a step further. Equity aims for an equal outcome by giving opportunities according to individual circumstances. To illustrate, equality is giving everyone the same pair of shoes. Equity is giving everyone a pair of shoes that fit.

For example, equality could be providing free education for all – a noble goal to be sure! Yet, some might not be able to access that free education due to a lack of transport or the classes being held during working hours (for adult learners). Equity tries to make sure that everyone has access to that free education, instating proper public transport and flexible class times, for example.

Achieving an equitable, just, and fair society seems utopic. Yet, the starting point lies in recognising the uniqueness of each individual, making sure that everyone has the means to thrive and reach their full potential.

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