

Arch 76 Values and Objectives

Values Statement

Arch 76 is inspired by the teachings of Jesus in Matthew 22:36-40:

“Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?” Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

The Arch is a beautiful, safe and creative space for local women. Within this space we try to offer relationships that are open and transparent as we share our whole lives together and learn to love one another. The Arch is a place where people can come to know that they are loved by God and to explore what that might mean and how they can respond to that.

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As a reflection of this, our core desire is to build relationships that are inspired by a loving, creative God. Our aim is that these become healthy relationships. This includes practicing conflict resolution; being honest and real; having integrity in our lives; learning not to judge one another; proactively sharing life; and learning to rely on God in all areas of our lives.

We aim to create a body where we all have a part to play and something to offer one another. The Arch is energized and facilitated by volunteers who want to share their lives in these ways and hold the same values. Those who have committed to volunteering regularly at Arch 76 are largely followers of Jesus who are based locally. We aim to train and support these regular volunteers through providing supervision at a local counseling service (Crossroads Counseling) and the opportunity to pray with a mature Christian. This team of regular volunteers meets at the beginning and end of the day to pray, discuss and support each other.

Our desire is to encourage every person involved with the Arch to pursue restoration and wholeness in Christ. This comes through each of us being aware of our own vulnerabilities and weaknesses. In this place, as we focus on God, we offer a reflective time which can include a discussion using the bible, prayer, worship and sharing what we have. In doing this we see ourselves as church.

We hope to develop into a broader group of people, to include local families. We also hope to draw in more local women through outreach and building relationships in the community.
