

L'Arche Halifax Community Mandate

January 2020 – January 2024

INTRODUCTION

Throughout the previous mandate period L'Arche Halifax continued to mature, embracing our mission of supportive living and fostering a vibrant community. The next four years will be pivotal ones for L'Arche Halifax. While we must build on the momentum of the previous mandate it is clear through the voices of the L'Arche Halifax community that our efforts moving forward should focus on growth, bringing our life and our message out into the world in new ways.

GO DEEPER

Our community life is richer when we integrate our core values deeply into daily life.

- We will explore the meaning of our shared spirituality through intentional learning and reflection.
- We will nurture a culture of gratitude and appreciation with a commitment to honest and authentic conversations.
- We will let the principles of servant leadership guide our daily lives.

GO OUT

We believe in the value of community life – of welcome, inclusion, and growth. When we share the gifts of our community life with others, we can respond to the loneliness and social isolation in our neighbourhood and our world. The need is great and L'Arche has much to offer.

- We will increase the physical size of our community, to share life with more people in a diversity of ways.
- We will invest in mutual partnerships with like-minded organizations and groups throughout the city.
- We will enhance our external communications strategy so our outreach is strategic, consistent, and impactful.

GO WITHIN

Continuing to strengthen our current community life will ensure a strong foundation for the growth we dream of.

- We will continue to build strong internal, inclusive, accessible communication strategies and tools.
- We will review our community traditions on an ongoing basis, with a spirit of openness and creativity.
- We will build on our natural connections to foster a sense of solidarity with L'Arche communities around the world.
- We will continue to value learning opportunities for community members as a way to enrich their contributions to L'Arche Halifax.

Conclusion

If we are to transform these words into actions we must embrace a culture of accountability and measurement to track our progress, adjust our approach, and celebrate our successes as we live the core values of L'Arche in a tangible and meaningful way.

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Over the past four years, our community has done a great job! We are making friends with each other and caring for one another. The next four years will be important for L'Arche Halifax. We are excited to grow – to tell more people about L'Arche and invite more people to be part of our community.

GO DEEPER

Our life together is better when we talk about and practice our values.

- We will learn more about our spirituality – things like prayer, being together around the table, spending time together when we are sad.
- We will practice being thankful to each other and telling each other the truth.
- We will learn more about the Servant Leadership and what it means in our daily life.

GO OUT

We know that community life in L'Arche can be great – we feel at home and welcomed. We want more people to feel the way we do.

- We will invite more people to be part of L'Arche Halifax.
- We will make friends with other groups who are also excited about building community.
- We will share news and tell stories about L'Arche Halifax.

GO WITHIN

The new things we want to do will be successful if we take care of the community we have already created.

- We will learn more ways to talk and listen to each other that everyone can understand.
- We will review our community traditions on an ongoing basis, with a spirit of openness and creativity.
- We will make friends with L'Arche communities around the world.
- We will make sure everyone in the community has a chance to learn new things.

Conclusion

We want to work together to do all the things in this mandate. And we want to check that we are doing a good job. We will ask people to help us keep track of what is working and what might need to change.

