

# **Community Lifestyle Statement** - *Why all the fuss?*

## **We are different!**

TeenStreet is a community of people from many different nations, cultures and Church backgrounds. At TeenStreet we try to focus on basic Bible teachings and the most important issues of life. We want to set aside our “self” priorities, and our selfish nature.

This may mean we need to be more sensitive. We are not here to push our way, but to learn from one another.

The Community Lifestyle Statement and Dress Code have been written for the TeenStreet week. We are not saying that this is how everyone should live at home, however it helps us to live in unity during TeenStreet. Remember to live according to the Bible. The words and teachings of Jesus cross all cultural differences.

## **Understanding the Community Lifestyle Statement (CLS)**

At TeenStreet our first concern is to have the right attitudes towards God and one another. But we also know that we need some clear rules for our life together during this time.

We want:

- To Love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength and to love our neighbours as we love ourselves (Mark 12: 30 – 31)
- To stay pure in our thoughts, in our words and in how we treat other people (1 Peter 1:13-16.)
- To accept and love others who are different.
- To enjoy the various styles of worship, behaviour, speech, conduct, manners, culture and nationality during the TeenStreet week without judging them according to our personal lifestyles. (Matthew 7:1)

## **Understanding the Dress Code**

At TeenStreet, we need to be sensitive not to offend other people by the way we dress. This list dealing with clothing issues is made after research from the different countries, and comments made by teens and leaders what has been, or would be considered offensive.

In the world around us normally, there are few standards like these listed below. People wear whatever they want, or what is in fashion, without even thinking about the effect on others around them.

Our focus cannot be on details (where we end up measuring millimetres) but on helping everyone at TeenStreet to motivate and equip Christian Teens to have a real friendship with Jesus and reflect it in their world!

Therefore, we may need to change the way we dress at least for this week, to be a blessing to other Christians.