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We Need to Build Bridges: Lessons from the University of Life

I recently came across the following quotes/statements from an unknown reference and wanted to share them with you as they reflect a positive attitude to dealing with people resulting in a more productive and professional environment.

As quoted: urgently needed!! not blood but

An electrician, to 'restore the current' between people, who do not speak to each other anymore. . .

An optician, to 'change the outlook' of people. . .

An artist, to 'draw a smile' on everyone's face. . .

A construction worker, to 'build a bridge' between angry neighbours & relatives & friends.

A gardener, to 'cultivate positive good thoughts' . . . and

Last but not the least

A maths teacher, for all of us to re-learn how to 'count' our blessings everyday . .

We love ourselves even after making so many mistakes. Then how can we hate others for their small mistakes? A thought which is so true, but we always forget (Unkown reference)

The aforementioned quotes are profound, suggesting that we need to unite as teams, communicate more, foster a positive culture, and construct bridges to enhance our communication. We are all in the same situation, and I am certain that our shared intention is to make our workplaces shine. To accomplish this, we should all adopt the roles of electricians, opticians, artists, construction workers, gardeners, and math teachers in order to cultivate a positive culture. Constructive criticism in a professional manner is not personal, but a means to improve. Only God is perfect, and we all have our strengths and weaknesses. Let us build upon our strengths and address our weaknesses to become even stronger. The future is promising only when we function as connected innovative teams with abundant brilliant ideas and initiatives.

At ADU, our primary focus is on fostering connections among faculty, staff, students, alumni, as well as our academic and industry collaborators. We aim to establish a conducive atmosphere that promotes excellence and achievement through effective communication methods.

Allow me to conclude with a quote by Isaac Newton "we build too many walls and not enough bridges."

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