

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Citizenship: Australian/British

IMMEDIATE PAST ROLE:

- Consultant to two organisations in Australia on a range of training and development practices and policies
- coaching/mentoring for senior staff in business
- authoring international educational materials.

PREVIOUS SUBSTANTIVE ROLE

CEO of The Australian Reproductive Health Alliance, an NGO specialising in the reproductive and human rights of women in developing countries as well as in Australia.

TERTIARY QUALIFICATIONS

- ❖ Bachelor of Education (Hons) London University UK
- ❖ Graduate Diploma in Community Counselling Canberra University Australia

ACCREDITED TRAINING QUALIFICATIONS

- ❖ Myers Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI) Accredited Trainer
- ❖ NLP Trainer
- ❖ Team Management Index (TMI) Accredited Trainer
- ❖ Certificate IV in Workplace Training – Workplace Assessor (Melbourne University)
- ❖ Health Training Certificate – Australian National Training Authority
- ❖ Occupational Health and Safety Training Certificate – Trades and Labour Council

NON ACCREDITED QUALIFICATIONS

- ❖ Media Skills Training
- ❖ Analytical Writing
- ❖ Family Planning in developing countries
- ❖ Internal Consultancy Skills
- ❖ Managing the Contract, Contract Law, Developing the Contract

GROUP FACILITATION

- ❖ Convenor and Facilitator of Professional Development Programs for nurses, Doctors, Community Workers and business

MANAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS

- ❖ Managed and led ten people as CEO of a small non-government organisation
- ❖ Senior manager in Australian Public Service
- ❖ Budget monitoring and report
- ❖ Policy development and advice
- ❖ International and national presentation and liaison.

WORK EXPERIENCE

July 2007 – present

- Consultant to government agencies and individual clientele in the UAE in problem solving a range of workplace issues
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- Consultant to Marie Stopes International (Australia) developing a package of educational information about the need for emergency treatment and care of women in conflict and refugee settings.
- Training individual clientele in the UAE in managing personal and workplace behaviours and situations
- Consultant to national non-government organisation on starting a Secretariat for NSW Parliamentarians.
- Mentoring young women and men in Australia about a range of workplace and interpersonal skills including NLP and MBTI to assist in the workplace.

June 2004 – June 2007.

Chief Executive Officer Australian Reproductive Health Alliance and Secretariat Chair of the All Party Group on Population and Development

The role entailed leadership and management of an organisation and its people to achieve broad national and international objectives consistent with CEDAW and ICPD principles. Working closely with other agencies such as the International Women's Development Agency, Marie Stopes International and Women's Plans Foundation my role was to progress a range of gender issues focusing on empowerment through the achievement of good reproductive health outcomes for all including.

- Policy development and input in formulating submissions to Australia's aid program in the White Paper consultation phase

- Submissions and presentation of evidence to two enquiries in the Federal Parliament on Pregnancy Counselling and The Repeal of Ministerial responsibility for approval of RU486.
- As Secretariat Chair, organising two Roundtable Discussions on Sexual and Reproductive Health and the MDGs in Australia's aid program hosted by the All Party Parliamentary Group on Population and Development.
- Presentations and papers delivered nationally and internationally on issues of gender including economic benefits of gender equality and mobilising political will. Radio and television interviews on related issues.

July 2003 – June 2004

Manager of Volunteers at ACT Hospice, ACT Palliative Care Society

Responsible for recruitment, selection, training and retention of volunteers (110) at Clare Holland House. Supporting the work of the organisation, the volunteers, conducting training and professional development programs and integrating the work into the broad scope of Palliative Care.

April 1999 – July 2003

Director for PNG Economic Policy Section: Education and Health Sector Analyst

Responsible for reporting on Australia's \$300m aid program to Papua New Guinea, supervising the development and production of the Economic Report on PNG for 2002 and representing the organisation at meetings, conferences and at international fora. Monitoring and reporting on programs in education and health in Australia's aid program including working closely with the gender unit and country program areas.

July 1997 – April 1999

Education Manager at Family Planning ACT (FPACT)

Represented the organisation on committees, working parties and community consultations; preparation, delivery and evaluation of training programs to the community, government and non-government sectors; responsibility for achieving revenue targets, revenue raising and program budgeting, major carriage of the annual report and financial reporting; managing six staff; preparing Board reports and leadership of the Education Department of FPACT.

April 1996 – July 1997

AusAID Training and Development

Training and Development Co-ordinator for the Australian Agency for International Development delivering a range of training programs to staff and other agencies.