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ENGAGE • LEAD • IMPACT

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Engagement | Partnerships | Leadership



Community engagement and partnerships leader with 15 years of professional practice across settlement, national mobilisation and international development. Connects community perspectives with strategy, trusted relationships and practical organisational action.

30+
partner organisations

20+
engagement plans

243
community leaders

8
countries in portfolio

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Community Refugee Sponsorship Australia | April 2022–September 2026

National Manager – Community Partnerships & Engagement. Led national mobilisation, roadshows and partner engagement. Established the Supporting Community Organisation network, which grew to more than 30 organisations.

SSI / Access Community Services | 2019–2022

Community Engagement & Development Manager. Developed an engagement framework and more than 20 action plans, working with 243 community leaders and more than 170 organisations across South East Queensland.

WorldShare Australia | 2017–2019

International Programs & Partnerships Director. Led a portfolio spanning eight countries, with responsibility for partner agreements, budgets, quality, safeguarding, risk and reporting to senior leadership and the Board.

Earlier experience and professional practice | 2013–present

Community development and settlement roles with Access Community Services (2013–2017). Founder and Registered Migration Agent at Okapi Migration Services since 2015 (MARN 1571548), alongside broader leadership roles.

GOVERNANCE AND ADVISORY PERSPECTIVE

Experience across refugee legal services, multicultural health, primary health, public transport and community advisory settings informs an approach grounded in participation, accountability and sound judgement.

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