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Summary

I am a union organiser helping to protect employment rights for members as well as providing members with advisory and advocacy service. A large part of my membership responsibilities is statutory social workers. Previous roles in the social services sector have been as Campaign Coordinator for the ANZASW (Aotearoa New Zealand Association of Social Workers), Family Social Worker and Residential Youth Worker.

I hold a Bachelor of Social Work, a Post Graduate Diploma in International Development (with Merit) and I have recently completed a research proposal for my Master's thesis which will commence, part time, in 2019. My research proposal is exploring the state of radical social work practice in Aotearoa New Zealand through the voices of contemporary Aotearoa New Zealand social workers.

Prior to my move into the Social Services sector I had been employed in the Information Technology industry across a variety of roles for 18 years. Through promotions and restructures I have held several positions (for example Service Line Manager - Trans Tasman IT Outsourcing, Site Services Manager – Air New Zealand IT Outsource) in companies such as IBM Australia, EDS New Zealand and Gen-I New Zealand, many with direct people management responsibilities.

I am happy to supply details of my Information Technology employment career.

Skills & Abilities

- Politically astute and forward thinking
- Environmentally and socially focused
- Strong leader and team player
- Highly motivated and hard working
- Excellent time management skills
- Excellent people management skills
- Process orientated but have the ability to think outside the box
- People focused

Current Memberships and Roles

- Board member of Aotearoa New Zealand Association of Social Workers (ANZASW)
- Member of Aotearoa New Zealand IFSW Co-ordinating Body
- Co-Chair of the ANZASW Social Justice Committee
- Team member of the Global Community Council for the IFSW Climate Justice Program
- Staffing Committee member for Christian World Service (CWS)

Recent Relevant Activities

- Part of the team advocating for the release of Munther Amira following his detention by the Israeli military and subsequent sentencing by the military judicial system
- One of the lead organisers of Hikoi Whakaara, the successful September 2017 three-day protest highlighting the levels of poverty, homelessness, inequality and health funding cuts experienced in Aotearoa New Zealand (please see <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wg4xE0Ic2qo>)
- I was one of the authors of the policy and motion presented and passed in Seoul 2016, working towards creating an IFSW Trade Working Group
- I was also a contributor to the 'Social Work Promoting Community and Environmental Sustainability: A Workbook for Global Social Workers and Educators'

Employment Experience

UNION ORGANSER | NZNO & PSA | APRIL 2016 - PRESENT

- Protect employment rights for members
- Negotiate employment agreements
- Provide member with advisory and advocacy service
- Organise and increase membership

CAMPAIGN COORDINATOR | ANZASW | OCTOBER 2015 – APRIL 2016

- Promote ANZASW's role as the voice of the profession
- Develop and coordinate media campaign activity
- Develop ANZASW responses to political and policy issues
- Develop and coordinate the ANZASW social media strategy

FAMILY SUPPORT SOCIAL WORKER | WELLBEING NC | MAY 2014 – OCTOBER 15

- Deliver the Wellbeing North Canterbury (WBNC) home based Family Support Social Worker Service.
- Ensure that all clinical practice, administrative and logistical arrangements are made in a timely manner in a way that is respectful to families

RESIDENTIAL YOUTH WORKER | ORANGA TAMARIKI | NOVEMBER 2013 – MARCH 2014

- To provide professional care and protection for children and young persons entrusted to Child, Youth and Family
- To deliver day to day care services for the children and young people

SOUTH ISLAND REGIONAL MANAGER | TABW | FEBRUARY 2012 – APRIL 2013

- Hosting Community Basketball tournaments in East Christchurch for at risk youth
- Organised and ran basketball training camps at Child Youth and Family Care and Protection and Youth Justice residential facilities in Christchurch