

CCOEI 2018 Excellence Award

Jasmina Mulugeta.

Manager South East, The Victorian Foundation for Survivors of Torture Inc.

Jasmina came to Australia on a skilled migration visa in early 90's after catching the last plane from former Yugoslavia – the country's borders closed soon after, due to the war in the region. From two people in the family, they became four a few years later - now proudly a multicultural family from three different continents.

Jasmina has been working with refugees and asylum seekers for over 20 years and is very committed to this work and human rights in general. She has been involved in working with individuals, families and groups and has been very active in strengthening partnerships and relationships with refugee services and schools. She says that working in partnership with agencies, having the same goals of improving humanity and human rights for refugees and asylum seekers, is deeply rewarding.

Jasmina has contributed at a high level on a range of MSC working groups and been a speaker/presenter at a number of forums resulting in positive outcomes. She is proud to have been involved with the working group that successfully lobbied for the establishment of the Refugee Health Clinic in the East. Just a few of the most recent MSC forums she has contributed to include: The Refugee Celebration 2014, The Refugee Welcome Celebration 2015, The CCOEI Refugee Health Forum in 2016 as well as numerous Family Violence Forums and Youth Forums. In addition, the *Together in Harmony* event held in partnership with the MSC and Mullum Mullum Indigenous Gathering Place, March 2018, was short listed for a HART Award.

Jasmina emphasises that all this work would not be possible in isolation and is the result of connections with amazing, committed people in the field.

The CCOEI Committee of Management congratulates Jasmina on receipt of this well-deserved award.



**Gitta Clayton (left)
and
Jasmina Mulugeta**

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