

Dalal Samaan – Profile

Dalal Samaan is business-focused executive with broad experience across not-for-profit and community organisations, commercial sector and educational services.

Dalal has:

- Twenty years in leadership roles in the community sector with expertise in community development; enabling communities through social enterprise, capacity building and learning and development. This includes eight years as Community Development Manager with World Vision International in Lebanon. Two years with Multicultural Centre for Women's Health, two years with Youth Affairs Council of Victoria and four years with Whittlesea Community legal Services, Whittlesea Community Connections in Melbourne.
- Six years' experience as a Community Development Officer/Coordinator with Hume City Council which included multiculturalism, Interfaith, diversity and inclusion.
- Ten years in private business sector including marketing, business development, sales, human resource, operations and finance management. This include six years as Manager of Joseph Semaan's Furniture Factory & Showroom in Lebanon. Two years as Business Development Manager with MCU Solar and one year as Northern Regional Manager with TMG College in Melbourne.
- Twelve years as board member of various NGOs in Melbourne. Served for 10 years as a board member of Victorian Immigrant & Refugee Women Coalition (VIRWC) in different roles including Chairperson for 4 years and Deputy Chairperson for two years. Served for two years on the Board of Multicultural Centre for Women Health, eight years on the Board of Beth Nahrin Assyrian Cultural Club, two years with St Aphrem Syriac Church and two years with New Enterprise Women, Women's Health in the North.



Dalal holds many qualifications, which includes Bachelor in Computer Science, Diploma of Community Development, Diploma of Quality Management & Assurance, Graduate Diploma in Management and Masters in Business Administration (MBA).

Dalal Samaan is of Assyrian-Lebanese background, and since her arrival in Australia in 2000 she been very active within the Assyrian Chaldean Community, multicultural community and the wider community. Dalal was recipient of the Victorian State Government's **Multicultural** Award for Excellence in 2013, recognised for her service delivery to Multicultural Victoria in community services and Local Government.

Currently, Dalal is the Director of Business Bloom International. Business Bloom International provides Education Services for local and international students; also Consultancy Services in business development, community development & engagement. This involves working with different multicultural communities in the Northern Suburb of Melbourne providing career advice, career pathways and educational services. Further it involves working closely with over 300 newly arrival families from Iraq and Syria to provide the support needed in Education, Settlement and Employment.

Dalal is currently an active member of Australian Assyrian Art & Literature Foundation, Beth Nahrin Assyrian Cultural Club and on the board of North West Blue Light Foundation and Silent Witness Network.

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