

I Fatime Hoblos, Chairperson of the Victorian Lebanese Community Council (VLCC) wish to nominate to become a board member of the Ethnic Communities Council of Victoria.

I am an Aerospace Engineer by profession and hold a Master's Degree in Engineering Management. I am currently working as a Business Development Manager. I have been heavily involved in community work since 2011 and have worked closely with the Islamic Council of Victoria, the Lebanese Future Movement and now I have been elected as the chairperson of the Victorian Lebanese Community Council. I have a strong passion in giving back to the community and giving a voice to people through the various programs and projects that I am involved in especially coming from a minority community.

Working with various community organisations with completely different visions and goals, religious, political and non-religious and non-political, has given me the opportunity to really understand where I fit in and how I can best contribute and hence why I have been elected as the Chairperson for VLCC.

I am someone who enjoys the challenge and always strive to reach beyond my potential and am constantly going the extra mile to cause a positive change in people's lives. This is what community work to me is mainly about. This change can be in the form of community projects, leadership projects, forums of various forms, art events and the list goes on.

The skills I have acquired over the years of working with various communities include the ability to work with people of different ages, different ethnic backgrounds and affiliations. My involvement in the community has helped me to see beyond any differences and made me appreciate them, because they are what unite us and they are something to celebrate rather than let them divide us.

I have also managed to develop strong leadership skills that have equipped me to become the Chairperson of a major community organisation. These skills have been refined through leading various teams of different sizes as part of my career and my community work.

Throughout my community work, I have worked on a number of projects such as the Melbourne Eid Festival which sees over 10,000 people attending, the Islamic Council of Victoria and La Trobe University Muslim Leadership program to name a few. I have also facilitated a number of youth forums alongside the Victorian Multicultural Commission.

Being on the board of the ECCV will give me and VLCC the opportunity to be engaged with other community organisations and learn from their experiences and will allow me to give my community a stronger representation. I will also be able to share my experiences as a leader of a community organisation and an active member of the wider Australian community in general to assist in better developing programs and initiatives that will benefit the greater society and be more tailored.

This opportunity is a milestone for VLCC and as an organisation; we look forward to be blessed with this opportunity.

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