



## **Please vote for: Parsu Sharma-Luital**

Dear ECCV Members,

I would like to seek your support to continue working for the issues & challenges faced by the Multicultural communities in Victoria. Please find below my community work & contribution I have made/will continue making for better Victoria and migrant communities **and kindly vote for me.**

I am a former refugee, arrived in Australia from Bhutan in 2002. I am the current Board of Director of ECCV since 2009 and the Convener of the New and Emerging Communities Policy Committee of ECCV. I am also the current Chair of FECCA's New & Emerging Communities Advisory Committee elected in Oct 2017 in Darwin (Served in same role from 2011 to 2015) and the immediate past Hon Secretary of FECCA.

I have been appointed as the Inaugural **Multicultural Champion** by the Victorian Government at the Government House on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2017 in recognition of my service to Victoria's Multicultural communities.

I have served as the Chair of Statelessness Working Group of the Asia Pacific Refugee Rights Network (APRRN) 2014-2016 and Organizing Committee of Statelessness Network in the Asia Pacific (SNAP) 2015 to 2016. I have represented Australian refugee communities at the annual UNHCR NGO Consultations in Geneva for eight years (2010-2017) to advocate on issues of refugee communities from Australia and the Asia Pacific.

### **I have completed:**

- Master's degree in Horticulture from the University of Melbourne in 2004
- Folio Community Leadership Program in 2016
- I am studying Master of Public Policy at RMIT University current.

### **I am the member of:**

- Member of the DIBP NGO Dialogue
- Co-Chair of Refugee Communities Advocacy Network-Victoria Inc
- Member of Ministerial Roundtable in Melbourne chaired by Hon Peter Dutton MP, Immigration Minister.
- Member of the Leadership Victoria Alumni 2016
- Founder/patron of Help-Himalayan Youth Foundation Inc
- Founder of Bhutanese Community in Australia Inc (President 2009-2012)

### **I was fortunate to be awarded:**

- Inaugural recipient of New Australian of the Year 2014 (Australia Day Council Inc. (Vic))
- Multicultural Award for Excellence: Service Delivery to Multicultural Victoria in 2012
- Multicultural Awards for Excellence for outstanding service to the community in 2010
- and Victorian Refugee Recognition Record award in 2009

Locally, I serve in following organization as a volunteer: Former President of Rotary Club of Coburg (2015-2016); White Ribbon Ambassador; Welcome to Australia Ambassador; Melbourne Victoria Community Ambassador, and AFL Multicultural Community Ambassador, & sit in Local Government advisory committees.

**Thank you and with your support I am looking to make bigger contribution to Victoria**  
**Parsu Sharma-Luital**