

PROJECT DIGNITY



Dr Karen Dunwoodie is co-director and research fellow at the Deakin Centre for Refugee Employment, Advocacy, Training and Education (CREATE). She's worked, volunteered, researched and advocated in the refugee sector in Australia for 10 years and her research interests include progressing the field of refugee resettlement, principally focussing on career development and the impact access to tertiary education and training may have on the lives on refugees and people seeking asylum.

Prior to her commencement with CREATE, Karen spent 20 years working in the tertiary education and corporate sectors, as well as running her own learning and development consultancy for 10 years. In addition, Karen consults and volunteers at several refugee and asylum seeker agencies in Melbourne, co-ordinating and providing food and material aid as well as supporting clients who looking to apply for tertiary education courses and scholarships. Her extensive networks are used to gain employment opportunities for those still waiting the outcomes of their refugee applications.



Nicole Brown is a member of Temple Beth Israel's Project Dignity group and a co-coordinator of the Crisis Relief program. She grew up in Adelaide and moved to Melbourne in 1985 after a year in Israel on a youth leadership program. She once worked as a paediatric physiotherapist, and more recently as an administrative assistant at Maccabi Victoria. Nicole has three children and enjoys walking adventures, weaving, reading and volunteering.