

## **Lucienne Heyworth Bio:**

Lucienne was a Rotary Peace Fellow at Upsala University 2015- 17 and was one of six humanitarians who are members of the family of Rotary honoured as People of Action: Connectors Beyond Borders during the 2019 Rotary Day at the United Nations.

Since 2013, Lucienne has worked and volunteered in the Middle East to specifically support the needs of displaced persons and refugees by providing specific expertise and work in Education in Emergencies, and also strengthening general education systems with a focus on inclusive and quality education access for all persons, including the most vulnerable across the region.

Lucienne has contributed to and led programs, projects and policy developments across a spread of international and national non-government organizations, and UN Agencies.

Her work has focused on countries of the region including most substantively Syria, but also Jordan, Palestine (Gaza and the West Bank), Lebanon, Iraq and Yemen.

Her work in Education has sought to improve access to education for affected populations through the provision of formal and non-formal education programs, increasing support to refugees to access formal schooling, and in developing and enhancing curriculum for delivery in acute emergencies (e.g. Gaza war 2014).

Lucienne and her family were present during the 2020 Beirut Blast Explosion in Lebanon, where she and her family relocated to Istanbul, Turkey shortly after. She was responsible for leading a response to the Blast together with members of the Ministry of Education in Lebanon and Lebanese Non-Government Organisations.

Lucienne lived and worked in Turkey throughout 2020-2022. She returned to Australia in April 2022, and has since started a role with CARE Australia, where she focuses her humanitarian work on supporting local organisations across the Pacific region (Solomon Islands, Tonga, Kiribati and Fiji) in emergency preparedness and response. At CARE Australia the current programmes she manages, together with local counterparts, include support for the 2022 Volcano and Tsunami in Tonga, addressing drought in Kiribati, and supporting community preparedness for disasters in Fiji and the Solomon Islands.