



Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Interests

Multicultural Advisory Group

Former Members

Ms Teresa Kwok

Theresa Kwok migrated from Hong Kong in the late 1980s with a background in social work and is CEO of Chung Wah Community and Aged Care.

For more than 25 years, Theresa has worked to promote access and equity in migrant and aged-care services in Asian and other culturally diverse communities. As the driving force and architect of Chung Wah's culturally appropriate aged-care services, she is always sensitive to the needs of non-English speaking seniors and constantly reshapes existing ways of delivering aged and community care services to meet changing demands.

Theresa has received many awards including a Multicultural Community Service Award in 2003 for her dedication to the Chinese, Vietnamese and Cambodian communities, and a High Commendation in the 2016 Community Organisation Awards for Outstanding Contributions to Multiculturalism.

Mr Iqbal Samnakay

Iqbal Samnakay migrated to Australia from Africa in the early 1970s and grew up in the Pilbara.

He has more than 25 years of operational, regulatory and policy experience skills developed through a variety of positions in government agencies and has a strategic outlook focused on improving community outcomes. In addition to his professional career he holds qualifications in science and public health.

Iqbal has an established record of voluntary work with sports and social organisations, including membership of the Muslim Social and Sports Association where he has held the positions of secretary and Chair. He is currently Chair of the Metropolitan Migrant Resource Centre.



Mr Ramdas Sankaran OAM

Ramdas Sankaran OAM is a professional social worker with 35+ years' senior managerial experience in Commonwealth and State public services and the community service sector.

He has been the CEO of the Multicultural Services Centre of WA and is the current president of the Ethnic Communities Council of WA and Deputy Chair of the Federation of Ethnic Communities Council. He co-founded and administrator of the Ethnic Disability Advocacy Centre, and is a member of the Australian Institute of Management and the Australian Association of Social Workers.

Ramdas has extensive experience in public policy development, research, evaluation, advocacy and lobbying, as well as planning and implementing a wide range of programs and services. He has served on a variety of Ministerial Committees.

Ms Sara Shengeb

A former refugee from Eritrea, Sara is an advocate for empowering and engaging young people to shape the policies that influence their lives through her work with government and non-government organisations.

Sara has designed and led programs that bring the voices of refugee and migrant youth directly to Western Australian politicians and policymakers. Having graduated from the University of Western Australia, Sara is currently working for the Commissioner for Children and Young People.

Sara continues to work for young Western Australians. She has been recognised as a finalist for the Australian Young People's Human Right Medal, the West Australian Young Achievers Award and for Outstanding African Australian Youth WA.

