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TRAINERS, FACILITATORS AND GUEST SPEAKERS BIOGRAPHIES

Nicholas Stewart, Vice President Australian Lawyers for Human Rights



Nicholas Stewart is the Vice Present of Australian Lawyers for Human Rights and a partner at the Dowson Turco Lawyers. He is the recipient of the NSW Law Society President's Medal (2022), Friend of Distinction at the University of Technology Sydney, Vice President of New Theatre Properties, Member of the Diversity & Inclusion Committee of the Law Society of NSW and Chair of the Women's Advancement Subcommittee. Nicholas is a published writer and keynote speaker. He has spent four years campaigning for an inquiry into one of NSW's darkest chapters: the gay-hate crimes and bungled police investigations that plagued the state from 1970 to 2000. In that time, more than 80 gay men and transgender people are thought to have been murdered and a large number of those cases remain unsolved. A Special NSW Commission of Inquiry into historical LGBTIQ deaths was announced in April 2022 and is currently in the process of hearing witnesses.

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Lynda Voltz MP Member of the NSW Legislative Assembly Member for Auburn Member of the Australian Labor Party



Lynda Jane Voltz (born 1965) is an Australian politician and Labor Party member of the New South Wales Legislative Assembly, representing Auburn since 2019. Lynda joined the Australian Labor Party at the age of 15. Her grandfather, boilermaker Ben Walsh, was a founder of the Birrong Branch of the Labor Party. From 1984 to 1987 Lynda was a member of the Australian Army Reserve and between 1987 and 1993, Lynda served in the Australian Regular Army and was in the second group of women to train at Kapooka in NSW. After leaving the army, she worked as a political staffer and an electoral officer.

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Henry Zwartz, Award Winning Journalist



Henry Zwartz is a multi-award winning journalist, he has worked internationally and domestically as an investigative journalist and reporter including for ABC News, SBS News, the Nine Network, The Sydney Morning Herald and Karen News, an ethnic news media start-up based in Myanmar and Thailand. He was the 2019 recipient of the Young Walkley for Regional Affairs, and the 2020 recipient of the Pete Davies Memorial Campaigning Journalism Award. Henry received his Bachelor of Arts in Government and International Relations from the University of Sydney (USYD), and is a postgraduate journalism alumni of the University of Technology Sydney (UTS), and is studying postgraduate law.

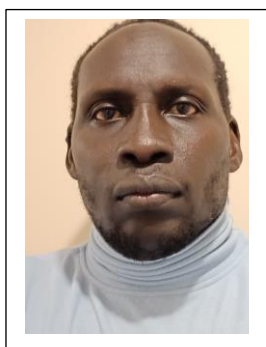
Patrick Earle, Executive Director Diplomacy Training Program



Patrick Earle has over 20 years' experience working in the human rights movement, both in Australia and internationally. Since 2003 Patrick has been the Executive Director of the Diplomacy Training Program, and in this role has developed and facilitated over 50 human rights courses in the region – including new thematic courses focusing on human rights and business, human rights and migrant workers and the rights of Indigenous peoples. From 1996 until 2003, Patrick worked with the Human Rights Council of Australia with a focus on its ground-breaking project on the relationship between human rights and development and is co-author of *The Rights Way to Development – Policy and Practice*. Prior to that he worked for Amnesty International in London and produced their first International Campaigning Manual.

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Atem Dau Atem Community Development Evaluation officer, STARTTS



Dr. Atem Dau Atem, PhD currently works for STARTTS in the role of Community Development Evaluation Officer. He previously worked for Fairfield City Council and Bayside Council in roles including Multicultural Officer, Social Planning and Advocacy Officer and Community Development Inclusion Specialist. Before working for local government, Dr Atem work for various settlement support services.

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Jasmina Bajraktarevic-Hayward
Community Service Coordinator, STARTTS



Jasmina Bajraktarevic-Hayward came to Australia in 1993 as a refugee from Bosnia-Herzegovina. She is a Social Worker (Hon 1, University Medal) and the Community Services Coordinator at STARTTS. Jasmina's involvement in the refugee field dates back to 1991. Joining STARTTS in the position of Counsellor/Project Officer supporting communities of former Yugoslavia in 1994, Jasmina remained in the position until 1999 when she took on the role of a Team Leader at Singleton Safe Haven. She has been in her current role of Community Services Coordinator since 2000 and manages over 60 staff.

Jasmina has an extensive knowledge and connections across many refugee communities including Armenian, Assyrian, Bosnian, Burundian, Chaldean, Congolese, East Timorese, Hazara and other Afghans, Karen, Kosovar, Liberian, Mandaeen, Rohingya, Rwandan, Sierra Leonean, South Sudanese, Tamil, Tibetan, Uyghur, and Yazidi, and has worked with them for the last 20 years.

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Loan Bui
Senior CiCT Project Officer, STARTTS



Loan Bui is currently the Senior Communities in Cultural Transition (CiCT) Project Officer at NSW Service for the Treatment and Rehabilitation of Torture Trauma Survivors (STARTTS). Her role is to support small and emerging groups and organisations from refugee backgrounds to build up their capacity and governance skills. She completed her Bachelor of Arts in Asian Studies and Psychology from the Asian University for Women and later came to Australia pursue her passion of helping others by becoming a social worker. She has a master's degree in social work (Qualifying) from Australian College of Applied Professions. During her time at STARTTS, she led a variety of projects. As the Volunteer Coordinator, she created the first centralised volunteer database. In another project, she coordinated the updating process of the resource "*Working with people from refugee backgrounds – A guide for Social Workers*," which was launched in 2022. She also organised three CiCT Forums, four leadership courses for community leaders and a formal Uyghur community consultation in the last three years.

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Mubashar Hasan, DTP



Mubashar Hasan contributes his time as a project officer at the Diplomacy Training Program (DTP). He is also an adjunct faculty at the Western Sydney University and holds a full time post-doctoral research position at a leading European University. He is a published book author, media commentator, a human rights advocate, and a torture survivor. His non-academic articles were published by the Foreign Policy Magazine, Lowy Institute, Georgetown Journal of International Affairs, Al Jazeera among others. He holds a PhD in International Relation from Griffith University, Australia. In 2021, Griffith Business School awarded him with an outstanding international alumnus award. In DTP among other things, Mubashar has contributed into preparing a parliamentary submission on Australia's role in promoting democracy in the region.

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