

PRESENTER PROFILES



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Dr. Janki Andharia is Professor and Chairperson of the Jamsetji Tata Centre for Disaster Management, Tata Institute of Social Sciences. Dr. Andharia graduated with an M.A. (Social Work) from the Tata Institute of Social Sciences and completed her PhD at the School of Environmental Sciences, University of East Anglia, UK. She conducts regular training programmes in collaboration with both government and non-governmental organisations, reaching out to people of different disciplines, particularly community-based health personnel, educationists, political workers, and trade unions. More recently, several training inputs have been provided on social impact assessment. Dr Andharia has undertaken projects with the Government of India, multilateral funding agencies such as the World Bank, the ADB, and the Government of Mauritius.



John Armstrong has a long involvement in the lives of people with disabilities, in both informal advocacy and friendship roles as well as the formal roles of service provider, teacher, adviser and service planner. John originally trained as a special education teacher (teacher of the deaf) and worked in Aboriginal Communities in the Northern Territory as well as school principal and educational adviser to schools for disabled children in Victoria. Having been exposed to Social Role Valorization training since 1983, he finally went in 1991 to train directly with Dr Wolfensberger and his associates at Syracuse University and has since been one of three Senior Social Role Valorisation and PASSING trainers in Australasia. John has also been involved with Citizen Advocacy for many years, as an advocate, Chairperson, Evaluator (utilising CAPE) and roving teacher. He is now President of Citizen Advocacy Australia, which raises money on behalf of Citizen Advocacy programs in Australia.



Shamini Atanayaka is lecturer in Social Work at the National Institute of Social Development. She holds a postgraduate degree in Sociology from the University of Colombo and a two year diploma in Professional Social Work. Shamini has directed research in mobility of women in low wage sector in urban employment and has involved herself in a number of research studies that include child labour and situation of the elderly in Sri Lanka. She is interested in shaping social work education in Sri Lanka and is currently involved in training of child protection officers offered by her institute in collaboration with the Child Protection Authority in Sri Lanka. Currently she is Field Work Coordinator for the student placements for social work students.



Divvyva Bajpai is a Ph.D. Research Scholar at the Department of Human Development and Family Studies, The M. S. University of Baroda. She has a BA in Clinical Psychology from M.S.U and after completing her Masters in Personnel Management from Indsearch, Pune University worked in the area of recruitment and headhunting. She completed her MA in Clinical Psychology this April'06 when she felt emotionally ready to work with survivors of multicategory abuse in the family. Her Ph.D. thesis is on Psychological Dysfunctionality and Maltreatment in Intimacy Relationships. Her interest and talent lies in preparing people's profiles of their personality, relationships with an intuitive understanding of one's strengths, vulnerabilities, problem areas and use this information as a psychologist assist in rehabilitating traumatized individuals. She has a keen interest in working with testing tools such as Rorschach, TAT, RPF and intelligence testing. Her research interest focuses on Attachment Styles, PTSD symptoms, the effect of Life Stressors on the social support network and quality of relationships one develops, Jungian Psychology, Trust and Jealousy in Relationships.



Jen Barron is the Youth Health Officer at the Dorset Council, which is a small regional area in North East Tasmania, Australia. The Australian Government through the Regional Health Services programme funds her job. As the sole youth service provider in the area the position of Youth Health Officer is exciting and varied. The part of the job that Jen enjoys the most is advocating and empowering young people to get involved in their community. Jen believes that the more young people are built up and have a sense of belonging and self worth in their community, the better it is for the health and well being of the whole community. Jen works with a very active youth advisory group called FEWCHA. The group has developed some exciting and innovative projects for which