

group called FEWCHA. The group has developed some exciting and innovative projects for which they have received state and national recognition but more importantly have built up their sense of well being and contributed to making Dorset a better place to be! Jen has both Teaching and Social Work qualifications.



Benita Bierzynski (BSW) graduated from The University of Queensland in 2002. She currently provides clinical social work practice in the neurosurgical team at the Royal Children's Hospital and has oncology experience. During her time here she has been required to provide social work services across all areas of paediatric social work practice. Benita has also been given the task of formally developing the social work role in both the juvenile arthritis team, and orthopaedics. Prior to joining the Psychosocial Services Department, Benita worked for three years with the Child and Family Support Service at the Cerebral Palsy League. This multidisciplinary early intervention service required her to develop specialist skills for working with children aged 0-6 yrs.



Fr. AXJ Bosco S.J. is a Jesuit Priest, belonging to Andhra Province. Besides his priestly studies, he has completed an M.A. in English from Nagarjuna University, specialized in Spirituality and NLP (Neuro Linguistic Programming) in U.S.A. Among his many offices he was the Principal of Jesuit Training Center in Guntur for 6 years, Provincial, head of the Jesuit institutions in Andhra Pradesh for 7 years, President of Conference of Religious of AP and Episcopal Vicar of Religious for the Archdiocese of Hyderabad for 3 years, Director of VRO (Village Reconstruction Organization) for 5 years and Secretary for Forum of Religious for Peace and Justice for 2 years. At the moment, he is the secretary of Andhra Pradesh Bishops Conference for SC, ST, and B.C. Commission, Director of CITRA, Jesuit Social Center and the Coordinator of UFDCR (United Front for Dalit Christian Rights)

Father Bosco has been working for the cause of Dalits and especially for that of Dalit Christians for many years. He had promoted Dalit Rights in National and International Conferences. He is also a member of the local organizing committee of the International Conference on Strength Based Strategies, 2006.



Dr. Shankariah Chamala worked as Faculty Member (Communication) at the National Institute of Small Industry Extension Training (NISIET) Hyderabad. In 1972 he was invited by The University of Queensland to work as a Visiting Scientist for two years. Since 1974 he has joined the faculty. Dr. Chamala has taught several postgraduate courses including Community Development, Group dynamics, Research Methodology and Extension & Management. He has also conducted research into the ways the community and farmers can participate in technology development and its use in natural resource management. He has supervised more than 120 postgraduate (Masters and Ph.D.) scholars who came from several countries and was commissioned to write three books on Landcare. Based on his experience in teaching and research he has developed a generic Participative Action Management (PAM) Model to actively engage stakeholder participation in sustainable development. Dr. Chamala has published 6 books and more than 100 papers in national and international journals. He has been a visiting Professor at several Universities in the USA, European countries, Brazil and several countries in Asia. He has also conducted several training programs in many countries for personnel involved in development projects funded by AusAID, World Bank etc. In 1999, he established Shankar Rural Development Foundation (www.srdf.in) in Hyderabad and adopted his village as a base for development of surrounding villages. He has used PAM model in this project to involve stakeholders in development. He has been a Rotarian for the last 18 years and was awarded Paul Harris Fellowship in 2003. Since 2001 he has been the Honorary Reader at The University of Queensland, Australia.

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Lesley Chenoweth BSocWk, MSocWk, PhD is Professor of Social Work at Griffith University in Queensland, Australia. She has more than 30 years experience as a social work practitioner and academic, 20 of these in the disability area. Her current research interests span disability issues, human services and rural communities and welfare reform. Lesley has conducted research on disability policy analysis, deinstitutionalisation, families, violence and abuse and delivering human services to people in rural communities. She is a regular consultant to government and community organisations and has served on numerous boards and committees for disability, legal and family welfare agencies. Lesley is a regular invited speaker at conferences both in Australia and overseas.



Michael D. Clark (MSW, LMSW) is a Consultant, Trainer and an Addictions Therapist. Currently the Director of the Center for Strength-Based Strategies, United States, Michael is a member of the Motivational Interviewing Network of Trainers (MINT). He has provided training and/or onsite technical assistance to mental health, criminal justice and child welfare organisations throughout the United States, as well as Europe, Canada, the Caribbean and Micronesia. With over 20 publications on Strengths work to his credit, Michael has important information to share about motivating challenging clients.



William D Dar, Ph.D. is a man on a mission and a champion of the poor. Director General of the International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT) near Hyderabad in Andhra Pradesh, India, since January 2000, he has had a long and distinguished career as an agricultural scientist and humanitarian in his native Philippines and abroad in Africa, Australia and the Asia Pacific region. Dr Dar held the distinction of being the first Filipino and Asian to be Chair of the Alliance Executive of the Alliance of Future Harvest Centres in 2005, a collegial body that facilitates collective action among the 15 CGIAR Centres. Dr Dar has also been a member of the UN Millennium Task Force on Hunger. Prior to joining ICRISAT, he served as Presidential Adviser for Rural Development, and Secretary of Agriculture in the Philippines (equivalent to Minister of Agriculture), the first ever alumnus of the University of the Philippines Los Baños (UPLB) to become one. Before