



Dr Frank Tesoriero Senior Lecturer University of South Australia became a professional social worker in 1974. His interest is in primary health care, community health and community and social development stemming from his peasant Italian background. Frank espouses and works for social justice and human rights that underpin social work. In Australia, his work includes Indigenous and Indo Chinese refugee communities and disadvantaged urban communities in Adelaide, South Australia. Frank worked in Fiji and South Africa. He is a member of the People's Health Assembly. He currently works in South India in a local community development project based on the WHO Healthy Districts approach and also teaches the MSW program at Madras Christian College.



Pamela Trotman is a private practitioner and consultant living in Darwin, Northern Territory. In 1965, aged 17, Pam left home to begin her social work education as part of the first intake of students to a newly created course. Thus began a career which, without planning, often placed her at the forefront of new initiatives or thinking. A penchant for exploring new and foreign territories, matched with a capacity for reflective practice, has resulted in an ever present search for paths to take Pam beyond the confines of everyday thinking. Pam is committed to rural social work practice and more recently to accessing one's inner strengths through connecting to the 'inner spiritual guide. Pam is committed to exploring ways to become part of the global force to promote and achieve a peaceful, just and equitable human society.



Metaxia Tsoukatos is a rural practitioner from North West Victoria, Australia, who has worked for the last 16 as a social worker in both the public and non government sector. Metaxia is currently working with Mallee Family Care as a Manager of their Family Relationship Services. Over the years Metaxia has gained invaluable skills and understanding working with families and individuals across a broad range of sectors including child protection, accommodation and support services, intellectual disability services, family support, out of home care and psychiatric disability, rehabilitation and support services. Metaxia has been a direct provider of services as well as providing staff supervision and service management.



Professor V. Uma is a Social Work educator teaching masters students of social work for nearly two and a half decades. Currently she is a professor of social work at the Sri Padmavathi Mahila University, located in the temple town of Tirupati in Andhra Pradesh, India. Uma has a doctorate in rural development from the University of East Anglia, Norwich, England, under the commonwealth academic scholarship. She obtained her masters degree in social work from the Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, India. As a teacher of social work, Uma is engaged in research guidance leading to MPhil and PhD, student support and counseling and extension work in addition to the regular teaching. Uma has been instrumental in promoting a network of NGOs spread over 10 districts, currently working on child trafficking and HIV/AIDS, Disaster Management, NRM, Livelihoods, Migration, all of which impact rural poverty. During the 23 years of her work life, Uma worked full time for four years on a rural poverty reduction project (APDPIP) of the Government of Andhra Pradesh, funded by the World Bank. Her assignment related to Monitoring and Learning, and Process monitoring to be specific. She worked as Consultant for the Government of Andhra Pradesh and organizations like UNICEF, CARE, ITAD-England. Her key areas of interest include rural poverty and livelihoods, monitoring and learning, methodologies for development research and practice, HIV/AIDS, trafficking of women and girls and counseling.



Fr John Vattamattom has a Masters in social work from Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai. He was the Founder Director of Andhra Pradesh Social Service Society, a position he held for three years prior to taking over the Directorship of the Catholic Health Association of India (CHAI) - an Association of more than 3000 catholic health care institutions in India and perhaps the largest health care network in the world. It was Fr John who introduced the concept of community health in and through the Member Institutions thereby bringing about a change in the thinking of health care services in India. He continued as the Director of CHAI for nearly 16 years. After which, he was made the Central Mission Secretary for the Society of the Divine Word (SVD) in India for 3 years. John is Member of a number of organizations in the country, Convenor of the Strength based strategies 2006 conference, Secretary, Sanghamitra and its Chief Executive Officer of the Society. Contact: frjohnv@rediffmail.com



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Amanda Vos graduated with a Bachelor of Social Work from The University of Queensland (Brisbane, Australia) in 2001 and has since spent her professional life exploring and celebrating the diverse pathways a social work career can offer. She has worked as a Social Worker with Centrelink (Australia's social security delivery agency), developed curriculum for life coaches and counselors, tutored undergraduate students at UQ, and just finished a two year position as the Executive Officer of the Australian Association of Social Workers (Queensland Branch), in order to