

Mahad Warsame

Originally from Somalia, I have been living in New Zealand for the past 13 years. I have been a Executive Member of the Auckland Somali Community Association since 1999.

I have been actively involved in the refugee settlement sector and am passionate about the empowerment and wellbeing of refugee community members in the areas of education, employment, health, youth and women development, capability and capacity building.

Since 2000 I have been a strong advocate for refugee settlement issues. I have contributed to the Auckland and National Settlement Strategy through my representation on the Steering Working Group. I have been a Board Member for the Auckland Regional Migrant Trust from 2005 to 2007. I was instrumental in the establishment of the Auckland Refugee Coalition and am a current member. I received the Auckland City Council Mayoral Award for Volunteering in 2005. I am the Africa Project Co-ordinator for Umma Trust on a voluntary basis.

I work at Auckland District Health Board as a Refugee Community Health Promoter since 2003. I am currently an undergrad taking Bachelor of Business Studies Open Polytechnic. I have been on the interim Board for Refugee Services.