

## Quarterly News Letter

Hello everyone,

We are delighted to introduce our first News Letter.

The purpose of the letter is to keep you in touch with what is going on at Dixon House and introducing you to some of our staff and volunteers.

If you have any questions or articles that you would like to submit to the News Letter, please email Lizzy Kuoth on [info@dixonhouse.org.au](mailto:info@dixonhouse.org.au) or ring: Lizzy Kuoth 9543 8911 or 9543 4294

## New Courses at Dixon House



**Term Two: Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care** will be commencing on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. If you are interested to enrol, or have a friend who may be interested, please contact our phone number for enquiries and put your name down: Ph: 95438911



**Resume Writing and Career Search Class** starts on Tuesday 5th May from 10-2.30pm and goes for 4 sessions on the Tuesday. Register on the same phone number above.

**Coming soon Bollywood Dancing Classes** starting April 21<sup>st</sup> for children, North Clayton Primary School. Ring Dixon House for inquiries

Check out the next page on more about Dixon House!



Introducing Roslyn Brown, Adult Education Coordinator at Dixon House: she is a dedicated and self-disciplined individual with determination to “jump through hoops” to improve the lives of migrants through her work at Dixon House. She started work with Dixon House at the beginning of 2014, and she says, “I absolutely love working at Dixon House”. She is passionate about supporting the migrant settlement process and providing them with assistance to integrate into Australia. She also advocates for migrant students, marginalised by language barriers and social isolation.

Roslyn Brown is as an English teacher and her role as the tutors’ coordinator involves matching students with volunteer tutors. She delights in seeing tutors grow in their confidence and helping students to improve their English.

One challenge is matching the right tutor to each student, but she enjoys problem solving and the students have been very gracious. She is prepared to embrace future challenges.



Introducing Noor Mahdi, an English class student and started volunteering after a year in Australia as a receptionist at Dixon House. She came to Australia with her husband as an international student from Iraq. Noor Mahdi found out about Dixon House through a friend, and has been actively involved in a number of programs and activities here at Dixon House since 2014. Noor Mahdi is determined to learn English. She attends Dixon House English classes on a regular basis and is working hard towards that goal.

When asked, why has she come to Dixon House? She indicated that she has no relatives or close friends and often felt alone and isolated since arriving in Melbourne. Having said that, through Dixon House Noor Mahdi has become a part of a family and has met individuals who are all experts in a range of fields and offer great learning opportunities. In a number of cases, she was able to seek assistance from Dixon House in regard to her personal needs whereby the staff members provided her with relevant information on the subject of discussion or referral to appropriate support services.

One problem Noor Mahdi is faced with as the receptionist, is receiving phone calls from individuals from non-English speaking background who rather speak to her in their own languages.

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