

Profiles of key members

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Dr Nathalie Panabokke (Founding Member)

Currently undertaking a M. Phil in Clinical Psychology at University of Colombo (Sri Lanka), Nathalie has also completed a Bsc. (Hons) Psychology at University of Bristol (UK) and a PhD. Psychology at University of Sheffield (UK). Her PHD thesis focused on cravings and addictions. Nathalie's voluntary experience includes working at the Community Addictions Management Programme (CAMP) drop-in centre in Singapore. Particularly during her time as UNICEF Maldives research consultant where she worked closely with drug recovery NGO, Journey, Nathalie saw the need for increased resources for and strengthening of civil society and NGOs in Maldives.

Mr Mohamed Hameed (Founding Member)

Currently a teacher of social sciences in Sweden, Hameed holds a B. Arts in History and Philosophy from American University of Beirut (Lebanon), M. Arts in History from University of Stockholm (Sweden) and a M. Arts in Education from University of Uppsala (Sweden). He has experience in the business and government sector in Maldives, including as director of several companies and 7 years as Chief Coordinator / Director for Vocational Training, Ministry of Education. Hameed also served 8 years as Secretary-General of Maldives Association of Tourism Industry (MATI). Hameed is keen to support the development of civil society and NGOs to address issues of key importance to the people of Maldives.

Ms Ming Yu Hah (Interim Executive/Training Manager)

Ming Yu has worked and volunteered in the humanitarian and social/environmental justice sectors in Australia, Sri Lanka, Burma and Maldives. Her professional experience includes Australian Red Cross, UNDP Sri Lanka, UNDP Myanmar and 6 years in an Australian fundraising consultancy working on behalf of MSF (Doctors Without Borders), Greenpeace, International Women's Development Agency, Amnesty International, UN Refugee Agency, UNICEF and others. Since 14 years ago, Ming Yu has volunteered for 10 international and community-based organisations. She has completed a B. Arts at University of Sydney (Australia) and a M. International Social Development at University of New South Wales (Australia). Her key areas of experience are organisational development, project design/management, and staff/volunteer training and management. Ming Yu is committed to civil society strengthening in Maldives and internationally, through localised capacity building and community-based initiatives.

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