

Christchurch Women's Refuge

Nicola Woodward, Chief Executive Officer.

Nicola joined Christchurch Women's Refuge on 1 June 2011, bringing with her extensive experience of the health and social service sectors in the United Kingdom and in New Zealand. Nicola moved to New Zealand from the United Kingdom five years ago and commuted from Christchurch to work with the Counties Manukau District Health Board provided strategic leadership to the development of consumer-led services and development of the school based Stand Up! Programme for vulnerable young people.

Nicola has held a variety of roles including practitioner, service manager, planner and funder, strategist and researcher at community, regional and national levels within the fields of social policy, health, dependency and addiction. Consumer and community participation and leadership is central to Nicola's vision for meaningful change and she is already bringing these values to the strategic direction and service development of Christchurch Women's Refuge.

Julie McCloy, Brand Development Manager

Julie joined Christchurch Women's Refuge in August 2009 in a role which combines fundraising and profile raising activities for the agency. Julie brought a wide range of marketing, communications and branding experience to the agency, which she had gained in a variety of roles at Lyttelton Port Company, waste recovery charitable trust TerraNova and its commercial arm Meta NZ, and Christchurch College of Education.

Julie is responsible for grant funding, which provide essential income to run the agency; organising and supporting fundraising activities; and undertaking a variety of marketing and communications activities including online content, newsletters and publications, relationship building and media liaison.

Lyn Boyd, Community and Service Development Manager

Lyn was originally a primary school teacher who joined Christchurch Women's Refuge as a volunteer in 1994. She became the agency's first paid full-time employee in 1996 before leaving in 1999 to work with Pillars and then running a Youth Employment Project with 14-16 years olds. Lyn has facilitated Stopping Violence programmes for more than 10 years and tutored at the Christchurch College of Education as well as enjoying two stints overseas. Lyn re-joined Christchurch Women's Refuge in 2005 and during her years has undertaken almost every role in the agency.

Lyn's current role sees her oversee all client related services and staff, ensuring good practice and high standards of service delivery; progressing service developments; and delivering family violence training for other agencies and education to the wider community.

Christine Wallace, Office Manager

Christine joined Christchurch Women's Refuge in October 2009. Christine had a background in banking and various administration roles within the communications industry before taking up the role of Office Manager at Christchurch Women's Refuge. Her current role covers a broad range of functions, including financial, administrative, human resources, health and safety, training, resources and IT support and liaison.