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Biographical Information

Dr Venkat Pulla is a Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) alumnus and a Tata Dorabji Scholar, 1976-1977. He has been the foundation Head of the Social work discipline in the Northern Territory University (1992-1995) (now known as Charles Darwin University) and currently he is the coordinator of Social Work Discipline at the Australian Catholic University, Brisbane (McAuley Campus at Banyo). He has previously taught at the Charles Sturt University, New South Wales and at the University of the Sunshine Coast in Queensland.

Dr Venkat Pulla began his career teaching community development, organisational behaviour at the College of Social Work, Hyderabad and spent few years in training public sector senior executives in urban development through British aid (DFID) funded projects for Metro cities in India through the Regional Centre for Urban and Environmental Studies, RCUES, Osmania University. In India he founded the Centre for Environment Concerns in Hyderabad as a reflective sequel to the Bhopal tragedy and initiated the first ever written Citizen's Report on the City of Hyderabad and its Physical Environment.

In Australia he has founded the Brisbane Institute of Strengths Based Practice and the Impetus Global, Brisbane, that offer solution focussed training in the broad realm of strengths- based strategies for human services and the corporate sector. He is a practitioner and a motivational speaker on strengths approach in social work and self-reliance.

Most recent writings through Journals and Books are in green social work, spirituality, coping resilience and building hope. Research interests include poverty interventions, health rights and transition countries. A confluence of the Schools of Positive Psychology, Appreciative Inquiry, and strengths based practices and Mindfulness practices describe the evocative approach of Dr Venkat Pulla. He is the Editor in Chief of

International Journal of Social Work and Human Services Practice, USA,

http://www.hrpub.org/journals/jour_editorialboard.php?id=92 and is on the editorial board of

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Niruta Journal of social work, India and has published in **International Social Work, United Kingdom** <http://isw.sagepub.com/>, **International Sociology, USA**, <http://iss.sagepub.com/> and the **International Journal of Social Welfare, USA** [http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1111/\(ISSN\)1468-2397/issues](http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1111/(ISSN)1468-2397/issues) and **International Journal of Innovation, Creativity and Change**, <http://www.ijicc.net/> amongst others.

Publications

Edited Books:

Some Aspects of Community Empowerment and Resilience

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Areas of Research

Research interests include strengths based practice in social work, coping and resilience, poverty interventions, health rights and transition countries.

Interests

International social work, South Asia, Peace social work, disabilities

Teaching Experience

Over 15 years of practice in social work in a variety of settings in the government and non government sector in Australia.

Professional Memberships

Accredited Member, Australian Association of Social Workers, (AASW)
Asia Pacific Association of Social Work Education (APASWE)

A list of 60 papers and many books previously written can be provided on request along with a list of senior Administrative roles in Public Service in Australia and international work