

DR NORA AMATH



Leading with integrity and building bridges of trust and friendship across community divides are what Dr Nora Amath does best. Born in Vietnam, Nora belongs to the Cham people, a Muslim minority. Nora and her family fled their homeland when she was just four, after facing persecution from the communist regime. Finding refuge in the United States, and later settling in Australia,

Nora has become an internationally-respected expert in Islamic studies. Passionate about human rights, Nora draws on her academic insight to share stories of the Muslim world, and to enhance interfaith understanding between all people. In 2006, she received the prestigious award of Australian Muslim Woman of the Year. In 2007 and again in 2012, she received the Australia Day Community Awards. In 2017, Nora was a nominee for the Queensland Australian of the Year award.

Nora has also served on many boards and committees, has founded women's shelters and youth groups and helped develop the first Muslim playgroup for mums in Brisbane. She has helped refugees learn leadership skills, published books, obtained a PhD, all the while raising three children.

Nora manages the Community Action for a Multicultural Society (CAMS) Program with the Islamic Women's Association. The chairperson of the Australian Muslim Advocates for the Rights of All Humanity, Nora has recently become the Board Chair for Islamic Relief Australia, the largest Islamic humanitarian aid agency in the world.