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I was born in Australia in 1949 in a household with parents and grandparents all speaking a foreign language. I grew up in a home from another world. I understood what it felt like 'to be different'.

Courage to Care attaches great significance to the role of 'the bystander'. So do I. The bystander could change my world if he/she decided to get involved. Having someone stand alongside me was very different to someone standing opposite me. I learnt first hand what difference a bystander can make to how we see the world, and how we feel.

I see Courage to Care as an opportunity to share with school students how standing with someone, can be so different to simply turning your back on them. I enjoy the challenge of encouraging students, to speak openly with the people in their lives. I hope a conversation begins, and goes on long after they leave our exhibition.