

Juliane Michaels Management Committee member

I was born in Budapest, Hungary where I lived until 1956, when as refugees my parents, my brother and I escaped to Vienna and then Israel where we lived for two years before migrating to Australia in 1959.

In 1971 as a newlywed I moved to Canberra where my three children were born. My career has been varied from working with Government in policy and training, and heading up the Human Resources section of the Australian Bureau of Statistics in Canberra before returning to Sydney in 1981. I completed a Masters in Adult Education majoring in Communication and Leadership and spent 25 plus years in Executive Recruitment, Executive Search and Leadership Development with a leading professional services firm.

I lost both my grandfathers in the Holocaust and I am the child of Holocaust survivors — my mother, her mother and sister found sanctuary in one of Raoul Wallenberg's safe houses after a thankful missing of a deportation train.

This history makes me passionate about working to combat hate, bullying, discrimination and injustice. Having the courage to care and being willing to do something about it motivates me and I hope to help contribute to young people and adults stand up and take action and not be bystanders, doing nothing.