

Liz Bloom – Social Justice Business Group Manager & Consultant

Overview of expertise

Liz Bloom is the Social Justice Business Group Manager and Consultant at Clear Horizon with over eight years of experience in the international and domestic community development sectors. Liz has completed her Master of Evaluation and is adept in participatory approaches to ME&L and partnership facilitation in order to improve program outcomes and address the needs of the community.

Her prior experience has seen her develop organisational and ME&L strategy, conduct research and manage programs in Australia and abroad. For four years Liz also worked as a practitioner across the homelessness sector in which she has worked intensively with rough sleepers as well as families and children experiencing homelessness. In these roles Liz worked with people from a range of cultural backgrounds, with a particular emphasis on vulnerable women and children. Assisting her vulnerable to navigate complex systems has fuelled her passion for a systems thinking approach in which communities and service users are at the centre of change.

Qualifications and training

2016 – Present	Master of Evaluation, Melbourne University
2007 – 2011	Bachelor of International Studies, Anthropology (Major), International Relations (Minor), Deakin University
2018	Integrated Design and Evaluation, Clear Horizon
2018	Complexity Aware Monitoring and Evaluation, Clear Horizon
2015	Working with young people with Borderline Personality Disorder, Orygen Health
2016	Working with Masculinity in Young Muslim Men, Foundation House
2016	Advanced workshop: Working with Asylum Seeker and Refugees
2015	Koori Cultural Awareness, VACSAL
2016	CRAF Family Violence Risk Assessment Training, DVRC
2013	Partnership management in International Development, Oaktree
2015	Applied Suicide Intervention Training, Lighthouse Foundation

Project experience

Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (ME&L) Frameworks and plans

- Supported the development of an overarching evaluation framework for Place-Based initiative, Department of Social Services (2018)
- Development of multiple MEL frameworks for Collective Impact and collaboration projects including for Collective Ed and the Thriving Communities Partnership (2018)
- Development of ME&L frameworks to evaluate social innovation projects such as The Australian Centre for Social Innovation's work with the National Disability Services (2018)
- Supported the development of the M&E framework for Launch Legends, Innovation Exchange, DFAT (2018)
- Development of Oaktree's organisation wide ME&L framework and MEL frameworks for Oaktree's international frameworks (2014)

Project Design

- Managing a partnership with The Australian Centre for Social Innovation to support their Human Centred Design work through Developmental Evaluation (2018)
- Facilitated the Co-development (design and evaluation) of projects funded by the Try Test Learn Fund, Department of Social Services (2018)
- Design and development of the 'Development Forward' project, which promotes 'systems thinking' focused collaboration in the International Development sector (2017)
- Supported the project design and development of Launch Housing's early intervention focused Education Pathways Project (2017)

Evaluations

- Various evaluations of Social Innovation/Human Centred Design projects through a partnership with The Australian Centre for Social Innovation (TACSI) (2018)
- Evaluation of 'Narrun Yana' an Aboriginal arts collective for young Aboriginal women leaving care, Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency (2018)
- Evaluation of the Parenting and Teens in Harmony Program that works with culturally and linguistically diverse families, The Spectrum Migrant Resource Centre (2018)
- Evaluation of Collective Ed initiatives, a Collective Impact working on high schools retention in 6 schools in Tasmania (2018)
- Ongoing monitoring of Launch Housing's early intervention Education Pathways Program through the collection and analysis of qualitative and quantitative data (2017)
- Managed the team responsible for the ME&L of Oaktree's 15 projects and partnerships throughout the Asia-Pacific region (2013-2014)
- Led Oaktree's in-country mid-term evaluation of the Ba Futuru High School Transformation Project (2013), an education and youth empowerment project in Timor Leste

- Led Oaktree's in-country mid-term evaluation of Plan International Australia's Youth Empowerment for Sustainable Development (YE4SD) project in Timor Leste

Organisation Strategy Development

- Led the development of Oaktree's 2014 organisation-wide strategy
- Led the development of Oaktree's 2013 and 2014 International Engagement strategy that informed Oaktree's 15 projects and partnerships throughout the Asia-Pacific (2013-2014)

Capacity Building

- Facilitated various M&E workshops through her work at Clear Horizon, in which capacity building is a core element (2018)
- Worked intensively with schools to build capacity and awareness around homelessness and disadvantage through Launch Housing's Education Pathways Program (2017)
- Utilised a strengths based approach to build capacity and empower rough sleepers and families and children experiencing homelessness through her work with Launch Housing (2014-2017).
- Facilitated capacity building exchanges with Oaktree's 10 international project partners (2013-2014)
- Managed Oaktree's International Youth Exchange team that coordinated capacity building and partnership building exchanges between domestic and international organisations (2014).

Research

- Supported a literature review of how to evaluation place-based approaches for The Department of Social Services (2018)
- Conducted extensive desk based research exploring the feasibility of a good governance project in the Tanzanian context (2014)
- Conducted qualitative field research in rural Tamil Nadu, India and prepared a research report, which was published in 'Professional Social Work: Best Practices and Innovations in Teaching Research and Extension' (2011).

Program implementation

- Implemented Launch Housing's Education Pathways Program that focuses on childhood education and development for children experiencing homelessness.
- Implemented Launch Housing's Inner North Assertive Outreach program that works with people sleeping rough in Melbourne's Inner and Northern suburbs.
- Implemented Launch Housing's Education First Youth Foyer that focuses on holistic educational goals for young people experiencing homelessness

Positions held

Jan 2018- present	Business Group Manager and Consultant, Clear Horizon
2017-2018	Education Pathways Program Worker, Launch Housing
2015 – 2016	Rough Sleeping Assertive Outreach Worker, Launch Housing
2014 – 2015	Youth Development Worker, Holmesglen Youth Foyer (Launch Housing)
2013 – 2014	Head of International Engagement, Executive, Oaktree (acting)
2013	Timor-Leste Country Director, Oaktree
2011 – 2012	Project Manager (Internship), ANZA, UK & Tanzania (Formerly T.E.A.C.H)
2010 – 2011	Research Officer (Internship), Marutha Muthu Trust (India)

Memberships

Australian Evaluation Society (AES)

Publications

Bloom, E, Rajendiran M & Ewen, M. (2011). *Socio-economic status of the cremators community in Lalgudi Block of Tiruchirappalli District*. Professional Social Work: Best Practices and Innovations in Teaching Research and Extension, Ch 46. Author Press, 2013.