

Speaker Profiles

'Museums Together'

A Collaborative Islamic & Jewish Interfaith Schools Program

Jenny Better – Senior Education Coordinator, Jewish Museum of Australia



Jenny Better is the Senior education Coordinator at the Jewish Museum of Australia where she manages the Schools education program including the educational method and content and the large team of volunteers that deliver the programs to students of all different faith backgrounds. It is in this role that she has organised and coordinated many harmony days programs and it was because of this work in 2009 that she was awarded a Victorian Multicultural Award for educational excellence.

More recently Jenny has managed a program called 'Museums Together' where the Islamic Museum of Australia and the Jewish Museum of Australia collaborated to upskill the year 6 students from an Islamic school and a Jewish School enabling the students to take their cohort from a different faith group around their Museums

Jenny was born in the UK and emigrated to Australia in the 1960s when she was a child. Her adult work life has been dedicated to teaching including her role as a teacher at Our Lady of Mercy College. Jenny is married to Nathan Better and they are the proud parents of 4 adult children.

Sherene Hassan - Director of Education & Community Engagement, Islamic Museum of Australia.



Sherene Hassan is the Director of Education and Community Engagement at the Islamic Museum of Australia. To date Sherene has conducted over 1000 information sessions on Islam to diverse audiences ranging from the Flying Fruit Fly Circus School to the Australian Federal Police.

She served as vice president, and executive committee member of the Islamic Council of Victoria for eight years and has been involved in interfaith dialogue since 2001 and is passionate about building bridges with the wider community.

In January 2018 Sherene was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM). Formerly a chemistry and physics teacher, Sherene is married with four children.