

Catholic Social Services Victoria Executive Director appointed

The Council of Catholic Social Services Victoria is pleased to announce the appointment of Joshua Lourensz to the position of Executive Director.

Josh was chosen for his demonstrated passion for social justice underpinned by his commitment to Catholic social teaching and ethos. He has strong communication skills and experience at the cutting edge of advocacy for those disadvantaged and on the margins. He will be known to many people working for our members as he has been involved in a number of CSSV activities in recent years.

Josh has most recently been working as National Coordinator of the Catholic Alliance for People Seeking Asylum, a broad alliance of Catholic organisations, schools, parishes and individuals co-convened by Jesuit Social Services and Jesuit Refugee Service Australia. CAPSA works to both positively influence government policy and hearts and minds, towards a more compassionate response to refugees.

Prior to this he has worked over the past decade for a range of social service organisations in policy, governance and direct service provision roles, with particular concern for homelessness and issues pertaining to people seeking asylum.

He is a member of the Society of St Vincent de Paul, and sits on the Boards of the Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project and the Arena Foundation.

Josh has completed a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Social Theory and Anthropology and a Diploma of Languages: French.

Josh will commence on January 13, 2020.

We warmly welcome Josh into this important role and look forward to working together with members and Council towards the CSSV mission.

Bernie Cronin
Chair of Council, CSSV
5 December 2019.