



Dare Kavanagh

Master of Primary Healthcare

Graduate Certificate in Dialogue, Deliberation and Community Engagement

Diplomas in Community Development and Adult Education



Dare is a Canadian born Australian who has lived and worked in Canada, Sweden, UK and Australia. Dare holds a masters degree in Primary Health Care specialising in public policy and social determinants of health, as well as a post graduate certificate in community engagement, deliberation and dialogue. Dare also holds qualifications in community development and adult education and is a member of both the AHI and the International Association for Public Participation.

For most of the past 25 years, Dare has worked in community development, human service policy and community engagement in the government and non-government agencies. Dare has worked in social housing since 2000 in a range of areas including housing policy, homelessness, and housing systems.

In 2005, Dare started work in tenant engagement with Housing NSW's Strategic Project Division. Strategic Projects was established to plan and deliver large scale urban and community renewal in selected social housing estates. Its redevelopment approach has a strong emphasis on active resident engagement to achieve its objectives of enhancing opportunities, building capacity and improving the built environment.

Dare was a leading member of the tenant engagement team for the award winning engagement processes at Bonnyrigg and Airds Bradbury. In 2010, the Airds Bradbury tenant engagement process won the Australasian award for Innovation in Public Participation and the International Project of the Year award from the International Association for Public Participation.

Dare regularly lectures and teaches community engagement at universities, conferences and professional development seminars. Dare is passionate about enabling communities to work together to make their neighbourhoods great places for people to live, grow and thrive.

AHI Workshops facilitated by Dare include:

-  Making Tenant Participation and Engagement Meaningful