



## IFS Host Office Profile

### **Can Yaşmut**

#### **IFS Executive Director**

#### **CEO of [Local Community Services Association](#)**

Can is the Executive Officer of LCSA, the peak body for neighbourhood and community centres in NSW, and recently appointed IFS Executive Director. In previous roles, Can has worked for the Upper Mountains Youth Services, St. George Migrant Resource Centre, Blackheath Area Neighbourhood Centre, Mountains Community Resource Network and ANTaR NSW (Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation).

Having gained experience in the community sector as a community development worker and project coordinator, Can is committed to promoting the importance of small, community-based, not-for-profit organisations and the value of cross-cultural understanding and community engagement.

Can has a passion for challenging equity and social justice issues affecting our community and believes that neighbourhood and community centres play a vital role in our civic society through community management, their ability to facilitate cross-cultural understanding and through engaging their community in shaping their future.

As a first-generation migrant to Australia, he is of German and Turkish descent, having lived and being educated in both Germany and Türkiye. 'Can' is a Turkish name, with the 'c' pronounced as 'j'.

### **Michael Shreenan**

#### **IFS Operations Manager (LCSA)**

#### **CEO of [Counterpoint Community Services](#), [Founder of Provocare coaching](#)**

Mike has 28 years of experience in the community sector and is currently the CEO of Counterpoint Community Services in Sydney. Originally from Scotland, he faced a difficult upbringing marred in violence and experienced homelessness at a young age, giving him a unique perspective on social services.

Starting his career as a team leader and trainer, Mike has worked in various social work and community development roles.

He has also served on numerous boards and recently founded Provocare, a coaching business offering non-profit organisations professional development and facilitation services. Mike served on the IFS Board, representing the LCSA until his recent appointment as the IFS Operations Manager.



**Paul Sekfy**  
**IFS Vice President, LCSA Board member**

Paul has worked in community services since the late 1970s starting as a youthworker in Townsville. He has worked in a number of roles including community arts, research and policy, regional development, aged and community care, and community development. Most recently Paul was Coordinator of Nambucca Valley Neighbourhood Centre and Community Development Officer. He has extensive governance experience in community services, health, the music industry, regional development and festivals. He has worked as a consultant with federal, state and local governments.

Paul has a passion for social justice, community development and, in particular, the need to advocate for affordable and accessible housing.

Paul lives in the Nambucca Valley, New South Wales. He is an active executive board member of local NGOs, including Volunteering Coffs Harbour, Local Community Services Association (LCSA), Australian Neighbourhood Houses and Centres Association (ANHCA) and International Federation of Settlements and Neighbourhood Centres (IFS).

**Lyn Lormer**  
**IFS Board Member**  
**Counterpoint Community Services Board Member**  
**IFS Asia-Pacific Network Coordinator**

With over 30 years of experience in the community sector, Lyn is focused on promoting equality and empowerment through community development and participatory democracy. Lyn has expertise in leading culture change within organisations, enhancing decision-making processes, and upholding social justice principles. She has worked across various sectors including neighbourhood centres, women's health, aged and disability services, and served on management committees for multiple NGO's. Lyn is a current board member of IFS, representing Counterpoint Community Services and oversees the coordination of the IFS Asia-Pacific Network.

**Junias Kanyinda, Communications Manager**  
**Communications Manager at IFS**  
**Staff member of The Finnish Federation of Settlement Houses (FFSH)**

Passionate about connecting communities and amplifying voices. With a focus on collaboration and engagement, I oversee web updates, craft impactful e-newsletters, and help organize events and membership connections and support the transition to the new host office.

