

Zarah Aumeerally

Tell us a little bit about yourself

Hi! My name is Zahra and my pronouns are she/her. I am the employment coordinator here at AV. I have a background in psychology, and I am currently doing my master's in social work at Melbourne Uni. I am part of a neurodiverse family. I love cats and rescuing them.

What are you passionate about?

I am very passionate about anything relating to social justice. I strongly believe in access to equal opportunities, dismantling systemic barriers, fighting against any type of discrimination and creating a safe space where every person can have a voice and access to representation. I believe in leading with kindness and fair treatment of humans and furry friends.

Why did you choose to join our team?

I chose to join AV because I am part of a neurodiverse family. I am attuned to individuals with diverse psychological needs, and I am aware of the structural and everyday challenges that my neurodiverse counterparts face in a world tailored for neurotypicals. I am dedicated to raising awareness of neurodiversity and promoting positive affirmation.

What is your main focus in your role?

My role is mainly to assist our employment program manager Jacob as well as Noni who is in charge of our teens program in developing and delivering services relating to employment to our lovely community. I'm also in charge of our Job Coaching offering.

What is your highlight from being with our community so far?

My highlight so far has been to see our teens have an opportunity to get work experience in a safe and understanding environment where they can develop their skills and gain in confidence. It has also been wonderful to see the positive impact that we have on parents too in seeing their children flourish.

Where do you see yourself in ten years?

I am a firm believer in going where life takes me. But I would love to travel the world and be exposed to different cultures, perhaps work with marginalised communities.

Where do you see AV in 2 years?

I have been able to see the behind the scenes of the hardworking individuals behind AV. I hope that AV can get more exposure to reach more like-minded individuals who could benefit from our organisation.

Favourite quote?

To be soft is to be powerful.