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PROFILE

Former refugee • Special Representative of Australia for UNHCR • Historian • Public speaker • Award-winning Author/Publisher • Actor

At the age of sixteen Carina escaped Vietnam on a wooden boat with her two siblings and 370 other people. She survived the harrowing journey and the extreme challenges that followed in a primitive refugee camp and was accepted for resettlement in the United States.

In 2011 Carina was inducted to the Western Australia Women Hall of Fame.

In 2012 Carina was appointed Special Representative of Australia for UNHCR.

Carina is a Lecturer, inspirational and keynote speaker Local, National and International.

Carina is a leading advocate for the rights of refugees and asylum seekers. With personal experience as an un-accompanied minor Boat Person, her voice surrounding immigration and refugee issues is authentic. As a recognized figure, she is an effective educator on the issues of human rights and justice.

One of Carina's greatest achievements is the voluntary assistance I provide, since 1998, to many families of former Vietnamese refugees from Australia, the US and other parts of the world to locate the graves of their loved ones in uninhabitable Indonesian islands.