**Crossing Borders Representative** 

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| **Name of position:** | Crossing Borders Representative |
| **Elected:** | At AGM, by secret ballot |
| **Position description and main roles:** | Educate, Inspire, Empower.  The Crossing Borders Representative educates students about the topic of refugees and people seeking asylum in Australia by running advocacy campaigns (via social media, at university etc.) and organising relevant speakers and workshops at Insight events. They inspire students to take action in the area of the refugee health by facilitating discussion and improving awareness about issues pertinent to the health of refugees and people seeking asylum. They empower students to work towards better health care for refugees and people seeking asylum by facilitating student engagement with advocacy, engaging students in the Crossing Borders subcommittee and encouraging students to attend rallies and Welcome Dinners, upskill and network with other advocates in the field.  History of role:  2020 was the fourth year that the Crossing Borders for Health state representative held a position on the Insight Committee. Crossing Borders SA was created in 2015 for students to advocate for refugees and people seeking asylum and educate others around pertinent issues and health care for this group. It is a subsidiary of the national group, administered by AMSA Global Health. In 2016 it was made a sub-committee of Insight and in 2017 it was created as an official position.  Main roles:  The activities of the Crossing Borders have included (but are not limited to):   * Educating students on the topic of refugees and people seeking asylum in Australia * Hosting advocacy campaigns and MP mail-outs in alignment with national Crossing Borders for Health campaigns and advocating for the closure of offshore detention * Writing articles in student magazines * Running Health Literacy tutorials for youth refugees in conjunction with Insight and Life Without Barriers * Encouraging students to attend Welcome Dinners and rallies, upskill and network with other advocates in the field * Attend Adelaide Refugee Action Collective meetings * Liaise with Drs4Refugees, Australian Refugee Association, and other advocate doctors in Adelaide * Maintain the CBSA Facebook page and Facebook group (a large group of people who have expressed interest in CB) * Liaise with interstate Crossing Borders representatives throughout the year, particularly during Refugee Week * Organise the Crossing Borders Movie Night   The Crossing Borders Representative will select and lead a sub-committee to continue the activities and goals as well as implement any further plans they may have. They will also communicate with the AMSA Global Health Crossing Borders National Coordinator and other AMSA Crossing Borders state representatives. There is a lot of scope with this position to create new initiatives. |
| **Positives of position:** | * Learning more about refugee and people seeking asylum in Australia * Upskilling in advocacy and leadership * Developing an understanding of AMSA Global Health and Crossing Borders and its inner workings, with opportunities to become involved with national programs. * Leading and working with a like-minded group of people to make a difference * Scope to advocate in creative ways |
| **Negatives of position:** | * New role so may take time to adjust * Requires dedication to learn about politics and people seeking asylum |
| **Time required:** | Around 4-5 hours per week, variable depending on current initiatives. |
| **Ideas for the future:** | * Huge potential to expand the position and the Crossing Borders sub-committee in the future. * Specific portfolios for subcommittee members (perhaps to echo the national subcommittee – advocacy, education, projects, social media etc) * Specific planning of goals for the year and early division of labour to subcom * Orientation Week involvement through a stall/action * Integration of Crossing Borders-related education and advocacy into current Insight events * More collaboration with Flinders University Crossing Borders |
| **Experience required:** | None necessary, but prior involvement within Insight Committee or Crossing Borders sub-committee is ideal, or experience in advocacy or working with people seeking asylum. |
| **Past office bearers:** | 2020: Niamh Rees (MBBS IV)  2019: Michael Bai (MBBS V)  2018: Jude Dejanovic (MBBS III)  2017: Chloe Borgas (MBBS III)  2016: Sibella Hare Breidahl (not a formal Insight role yet), sub-committee: Alyssa Pradhan, Chloe Borgas, Denise Bracia, Marina Spajic, Maud Taylor, Monica Chen  2015: Alyssa Pradhan, Denise Bracia, Marina Spajic, Maud Taylor, Monica Chen, Sibella Hare Breidahl (founders of Crossing Borders SA) |