



Abridged Biography | Prof Raisuyah Bhagwan



Raisuyah Bhagwan, is a Full Professor in the Department of Community Health Studies at Durban University of Technology. She is also a National Research Foundation, C2 rated researcher. She completed her Doctoral study at UKZN, in 2002 and used her research to guide how spirituality and indigenous knowledge may be embedded within social work education. She is passionate about issues of social justice, community development, spirituality and indigenous knowledge systems and has published extensively on these topics.

She is currently involved in two international research collaborations, with universities in India, to deepen an understanding of how community engagement can strengthen socially excluded communities. She recently presented the keynote address on community engagement in developing countries, at BPS Women's University, in Delhi.

She has extensive experience in post-graduate research experience and mentors both local and international students. Professor Bhagwan is also on the Editorial Board of the International Journal of Religion and Spirituality in Social Work and Social Work Practitioner-Researcher and is a reviewer for several other Journals in her field. Professor Bhagwan was a recipient of the Community Engagement Grant from the National Research Foundation in 2015, which enabled her to understand how community engagement has been conceptualised, theorised and implemented at higher education institutions in South Africa and the global South. She was also a recipient of the CHE-HELTASA National Excellence in Teaching Award in 2018.
