

**N**ina De Caires (née Vieira) will be the speaker during the branch meeting on October 9 when the theme will be *Adoptions and the Origin Interpretation of the Adult Adopted Individual*. Nina is currently the adoption manager at Child Welfare Tshwane (formerly known as Pretoria Child and Family Care Association). The association's history dates back to 1918. Nina has many years of experience in social work, across the whole spectrum of what it entails. Broadly speaking, this includes statutory work, various types of assessment and therapy, addiction management, counselling, care and support. More specifically, during the last years her work relates to all aspects of adoption, including the support of adult adoptees. She also handles media liaison and interviews in her professional capacity.

Nina has the following to say about herself:

I am of Portuguese descent and was born in Pretoria as the youngest of three children. I attended Loreto Convent from Grade 1 to matric and obtained a BA (Social Work) at the University of Pretoria. Started working at Pretoria Child and Family Care Association that is now known as Child Welfare Tshwane in 1990

I have great compassion and empathy for people, especially people who are suffering and I believe that we can make a difference in society. I am a proud South African citizen and very adaptable. I have been working for Child Protection for many years – started working with child neglect, child abuse, therapy, management and have been working with adoptions for 13 years now. I have built very good working relationships over the years and am still motivated to make a difference in people's lives.

## Adoptions and the Origin Interpretation of the Adult Adopted Individual

Saturday

**9 October 2021 @ 14:00**

VTM Art Gallery & Zoom Branch Meeting  
(in Afrikaans)

**The library is open from 10:00**

Speaker: **Nina de Caires**



I was married for 26 years and have 3 wonderful children, two daughters aged 27 and 26 respectively, and a son aged 19. The most important things in my life are my Creator, my children, and of course my job.

Hobbies: I love the outdoors, hiking, am interested in different cultures and would love to tour the world, I love reading and social events. I collect crosses, and every cross I have has a special meaning or memory for me.

I am energised by people and to bring about change in people's lives remains my passion.

Currently my calling is to create a future for abandoned babies and children and to build families that come our way at Child Welfare Tshwane.

We are and remain an instrument in God's hands in the placement of infants and children.

It is therefore a privilege to be a part of people's life stories and to help adopted adults to find out more about their biological family and their stories.



The true character of a society is revealed in how it treats its children

Nelson Mandela

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