



Originally from Fiji, Jennifer Khan-Janif migrated to Aotearoa in 1989. She is of Indian and Melanesian heritage.

Jennifer Khan-Janif is a highly skilled community development practitioner and community researcher. She is passionate about rights-based community development and social justice for individuals, families, and communities in Aotearoa. She has underpinned her practice in the field of community development with commitment to the social wellbeing of vulnerable communities. Her academic qualifications include a Master of Human Rights, Post Graduate Diploma in Arts (Auckland University of Technology) and Bachelor of Arts majoring in Sociology (University of Auckland). She has extensive experience, knowledge and expertise working within, and collaborating across governmental, local government and non- governmental sector. She has vast experience in working alongside diverse refugee and migrant communities, faith and indigenous communities to advance social wellbeing and social cohesion outcomes.

In June 2021, she was appointed to the Ministerial Advisory Group on the Government's Response to the Royal Commission of Inquiry into the terrorist attack on Christchurch mosques. In the year 2020 New Year's Honours List, she was appointed a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to refugee and migrant communities. She was appointed a Justice of Peace in 1998. She is a creative writer and has publications of poetry and short stories.