

Robyn Norton



1969-1972

Robyn Norton co-founded The George Institute in 1999 which is a health and medical research institute whose mission is to improve the health of millions of people worldwide. Her role as principal director is running the organisation and supporting the 600 staff around the world.

At high school, she always knew she wanted to help make the world a better place. The students around her also had big ambitions. They were all encouraged to dream big and make a difference in the world. After University, she did some postgraduate training in the USA and UK. Living in New Zealand you can feel quite distant from the rest of the world so going overseas felt like a necessity for Robyn.

Her proudest achievement is the great team she leads who produce some of the best research in the world, but they make sure it isn't just research and that it changes people's health worldwide. Robyn says *"healthcare is the key out of the poverty cycle, if you aren't healthy, you can't work, you can't go to school. Healthcare is a human right."*

"Dream big, follow your passion and surround yourself with people who want to achieve the best they can, who enjoy what they are doing. Finding those people is really important."