

Clare Louise Okalany



Clare Louise Okalany is the Chief Operating Officer of ACEDONE (African Community Economic Development of New England), where she has dedicated herself to supporting marginalized families, focusing on housing advocacy for migrants and people facing substance use disorder.

Clare's advocacy is deeply inspired by her family. Her grandfather, a passionate educator, instilled in her the values of education, faith, and humanity, while her mother demonstrated the power of community development work. Clare combines strategic expertise with a heartfelt commitment to social justice. She believes that "kindness goes a long way" and that the challenges we face do not define us but refine us—an ethos she carries into her advocacy work every day.