

It is part of your life until you die: older refugees in Australia

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Research aim:

To explore perceptions of the issues facing older refugees, from the perspective of older refugees themselves and from workers in their communities who assist them.

Results/Conclusion:

The impact of being a refugee can be seen in the effects of trauma and of forced migration on the experience of growing old.

Implications:

Older refugees have a sense of 'ageing in the wrong place', to which policy and practice need to respond.

Cultural Group(s):

Refugee background (Bosnian, Cambodian, Somali, Sudanese, Vietnamese)

Location of study:

New South Wales (Sydney)

Age group:

Number included in study:

28 older refugees, 10 community workers

Type of participants:

older refugees and community workers

Research approach:

Qualitative

Type of data:

Primary

Secondary data sources used:

Specific scales or analytical techniques used:

Implications/ Recommendations:

Notes: