

Passing on Our Culture: How Older Australians from Diverse Cultural Backgrounds Contribute to Civil Society

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Research aim:

The aim of the present paper is to explore how older Australians from CALD backgrounds contribute to community using qualitative data from a larger study of the lived experiences of older Australians.

Results/Conclusion:

Findings suggest that respondents are very active within their families and communities in ways that differ from mainstream older Australians. Generally, they have an important role in maintaining or promoting their culture; and providing support across their communities based on common experience. In particular, respondents describe a special relationship with the young within their communities. This includes being a grandparent or elderly advisor, as well as the role that many Indigenous elders play in encouraging and supporting troubled young people.

Implications:

Although further and more representative studies of older Australians are now needed, this paper, nevertheless, begins to explore what has been a neglected area of ageing policy and research.

Cultural Group(s):

Greece, Italy, Hungary, Holland, Germany, Philippines, Vietnam, Indigenous Australians

Location of study:

Queensland

Age group:

55-93

Number included in study:

Not specified

Type of participants:

older CALD Australians

Research approach:

Qualitative

Type of data:

Primary

Secondary data sources used:

Specific scales or analytical techniques used:

Implications/ Recommendations:

Notes: