

More than the sum of my parts: Women with disability from migrant and refugee backgrounds



Researchers at The University of Melbourne wish to interview women with disability from immigrant and refugee backgrounds about their identity, and how who they are affects their sexual and reproductive health rights and exposure to violence.

What's it about?

People with disabilities face significant prejudice and discrimination that impacts their ability to realise their rights, reduces access to services, undermines wellbeing and can result in disability related violence.

However, people with disability do not all have the same experiences. The nature of their impairment, gender, ethnicity, sexuality, age and class can all influence how people with disability experience opportunity, prejudice, discrimination or violence.

Researchers have explored how different backgrounds and experiences (e.g. disability, gender, ethnicity, sexuality) influence the lives of people with disability. However, little work has been done in Australia to understand how this influences the lives of women with disability from immigrant, asylum seeker and refugee backgrounds.

What's involved?

Taking part in this project involves an interview of around 1—2 hours with a peer-researcher (also a women with a disability). In this interview, you will be asked a range of questions about your identity, and how you think your identity influences you sexual and reproductive health and exposure to violence. Your name and other personal details will be kept private by the researchers. To thank you for your time you will be offered a \$40 Coles-Myer voucher. Interviews will be at an accessible location convenient for you.

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