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‘Social work, older people and migration.’

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Social work with older people has often been regarded as one of the less challenging branches of social work and social care activity, demanding a ‘lower level’ skill and knowledge base than work with other service user groups. This special edition of EJSW aims to challenge that assumption by exploring some of the different issues that the process of migration presents through its impact upon the lives of older people, their families, carers and communities.

Some of the topics we aim to cover in this publication will focus on patterns of migration: older migrants, their migrating families, migrant carers - both paid and informal and trans-national communities. Skills in facilitating and supporting social solidarity both locally and internationally require social workers to have knowledge of the different contexts for social work with elders in and beyond national boundaries and values which respect difference and promote the principles of human rights and social justice. Some innovative service delivery approaches and strategies have been constructed for and with elders in response to family and community migration. It is hoped that by presenting readers with such examples, they may be stimulated into considering new approaches and perspectives to their own local situation.

This special issue aims to highlight the need to consider migration as a driver for social change, offering the opportunity for new forms of intergenerational social solidarity that can adapt and support people in later life. The issue also aims to increase social workers’ awareness of the challenges and opportunities that migration poses with regard to theory, practice and policy development.

Submission Details

The guest editors invite you to send abstracts to them by 15th May 2009 for consideration. Decisions and the commissioning of full articles will be made by 15th June 2009. Full articles to be submitted by 30th September 2009 for peer review prior to decisions on publication.

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