



Migrants' experience of moving to Australia includes loss & grief

GriefLine's Migrant Forum Seminar: Migration – Then & Now

Saturday 17 October

Many migrants suffer from loss and grief when they migrate to Australia according to GriefLine's CEO Catherine Cini.

"These are two emotions that we don't associate with some kinds of migration, but many people do feel overwhelmed when they move to a new country," she said.

GriefLine's Migrant Forum is holding a special seminar on October 17 to explore the concept of *Migration – Then & Now*. The forum will provide an opportunity for first, second and third generation Australians to explore common migrant themes and issues which are often unacknowledged.

Susan Mathew (Counsellor & Migrant Forum Member at GriefLine) said: "One of the aims of the Migrant Forum is to understand our dual identity and increase cultural awareness in our professional and personal spheres as well as the general public".

"This seminar organised by GriefLine's Migrant Forum is one way of educating the public on current migrant issues and the loss and grief associated with different kinds of migration," she added.

She expects around 100 people to attend the Migrant Forum on October 17.

The Migrant Forum seminar will cover a range of themes and issues from the impact of current Australian policies and practices on refugees, services offered by organisations to migrants, the influence of migration on the Melbourne Artistic scene, loss and grief in moving to a new country and its effect on migrants and the impact of the migration experience on children in detention with a focus on the Border Force Act.

Event details

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Date: Saturday 17 October

Time: 10am – 2:30pm

Venue: Level 1, 479 Warrigal Road, Moorabbin

Cost: \$40 for general public, \$20 for volunteers & students

Other: Refreshments and lunch provided

Registration: 9935 7444 or www.facebook.com/grieflineservices

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