

Who is worthy of 'our' support?

What determines the relative entitlements associated with disability and forced migration in the UK?

Comparing discourses of entitlement with the lived experiences of disabled asylum seekers and Syrians selected under the Vulnerable Persons Relocation Scheme. Conceptualising alternatives.

Focus

Exploring assumptions and experiences of intersectional minority entitlement in democracy.

Are disabled migrants:

- worthy by virtue of vulnerability?
- an unaffordable burden?
- unworthy of attention within majoritarian democracy?
- beholden to host generosity?
- bearers of legal, political and social rights?

Is there, or could there be, universality of entitlement?



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Methods

1. **Discourse analysis** of entitlement and worth.

2. Exploring the **lived experiences** of disabled migrants. Using **imagery** to convey the reality of the present and to envisage hopes for the future

3. Presenting findings to **focus groups** of policy makers, service providers and community groups. Facilitating discussion of the impact of the current situation and alternatives to neo-liberal constructions of human worth.