# Linking Disability and Intercultural Studies:

# The adaptation journey of the visually impaired migrant in Ireland

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## **APPENDIX A: Plain Language Statement 1**

#### **Plain Language Statement for Research Participants**

#### 1. Introduction to the Research Study

The research working title is *The case of the visually impaired migrant in Ireland* The research is being conducted by Esther Murphy, a PhD student in the School of Applied Language and Intercultural Studies (SALIS), in DCU. Esther Murphy can be contacted at esther.murphy@dcu.ie.

#### 2. Details of Involvement in the Study

Face-to-face interviews will be conducted with Esther Murphy.

The length of interview will be gauged depending on receptiveness of participant but should aim to be approximately 1-2 hours. Interviews will be audio recorded so that the task of data gathering and later data analysis is facilitated. The participants preserve the right to decline the researcher's interview request at any stage. Interviews are intended to take place during the 2008/2009 academic year.

#### 3. Potential Risks to Participants arising from involvement in the Research

#### Study

It is not predicted that there are any risks to participants arising from involvement in the study.

#### 4. Benefits (direct or indirect) to Participants

The research goal is that this study's findings will raise awareness of the case of the visually impaired migrant in Ireland and help inform policy for assisting service providers in improving services for visually impaired migrants in Ireland.

#### 5. Procedures aimed at protecting confidentiality

Respecting participants' anonymity is key requirement in this study. To this end all real names have been replaced with pseudonyms. In addition, as they are minority group in order to completely assure that anonymity is protected the participants' countries of origin have been replaced with their continents of origin. The principal researcher will be the only person to interview and analyse data. Furthermore, all interview notes, transcripts and Atlas.ti network views will be securely stored.

# **Appendix A: Plain Language Statement 2**

#### 6. Data Destruction

Data collected from interviews will be destroyed within 3 years from the initial date of collection.

#### 7. Voluntary Participation

At any point during the Research Study participants may withdraw from the study. There will be no penalty for withdrawing at any stage during the study.

#### 8. Additional Information

The aim is that in total approximately 24 participants will be interviewed for this Research Study. One group will be visually impaired migrant service users (approximately 16-18) and the other will be service providers (approximately 5-8) in Ireland.

Should participants have concerns about this study and wish to contact an independent person, please contact:

The Secretary,

Dublin City University Research Ethics Committee,

c/o Office of the Vice-President for Research,

Dublin City University,

Dublin 9

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# **APPENDIX B: Informed Consent Form**

Participant Informed Consent Form

#### I. Research Study Title

*"The case of the visually impaired migrant in Ireland"* is the working title of the study being conducted by Esther Murphy a PhD student in the School of Applied Language and Intercultural Studies (SALIS), in DCU.

#### **II.** Purpose of the research

The research goal is to record the hitherto undocumented case of the visually impaired migrant so as to facilitate culturally competent service provision.

# III. Confirmation of particular requirements as highlighted in the Plain Language

#### Statement

As stated in the Plain Language Statement, participants in this research will be asked to participate in at least one face-to-face interview. Permission to audio record interviews with participants will be requested.

Participant – please complete the following (Circle Yes or No for each question)

Have you read or had read to you the Plain Language Statement Yes/No

Do you understand the information provided? Yes/No

Have you had an opportunity to ask questions and discuss this study? Yes/No

Have you received satisfactory answers to all your questions? Yes/No

Do you agree to have your interview audio-taped? Yes/No

Participants' involvement in this study is totally voluntary. As a participant you may withdraw from the Research Study at any point. There will be no penalty for withdrawing before all stages of the Research Study have been completed.

#### VI. Arrangements to protect confidentiality of data

Every effort will be endeavoured to respect participants' anonymity. The data collected will be analysed by the principal researcher alone. Participants' real names will be protected and pseudonym names will be used should direct references be required. Interview notes and/or transcripts will be held by the principal researcher and stored in a secure location.

#### **VII. Signature**

I have read and understood the information in this form. My questions and concerns have been answered by the researchers, and I have a copy of this consent form. Therefore, I consent to take part in this research project

#### **Participants Signature:**

Name in Block Capitals:

Date:

### **APPENDIX C: Service User Interview Topic Guide**

As discussed in Chapter 3.9 the service user topic guide was clustered into ten 'interview themes' with space for note taking. The themes are (1) migration motivation, (2) family, (3) employment (4) language (5) culture (6) support (7) services for the visually impaired (8) education, (9) attitudes towards disability and discrimination (10) adaptation

The three core categories, cultural perceptions of disability, home and host support and cultural barriers which emerged from the data are interlinked to these themes. Although each interview began with asking questions about their arrival in Ireland emphasis was placed on allowing the participant an equal opportunity to guide the flow of the interview. Therefore, the themes outlined below were all covered but not always in a specific order; as the themes are interrelated they tended to overlap each other during the interview. For the purposes of clarity for this appendix the themes are presented in the order outlined below.

#### **1. Migration Motivation**

- How long have you been living in Ireland?
- What was your migration motivation? Economic? Reuniting with family? Asylum seeker?
- Do you intend to return to remain? Why? Any difference to this attitude before or after sight loss?

Probes: Can you remember how you felt when you first arrived?

Can you tell me any more about \_\_\_\_\_?

You mentioned earlier that \_\_\_\_\_

#### 2. Family

- Did you arrive with family? Have family in Ireland already? Reuniting with family?
- Why did you family arrive before/after you?
- Do your family support you? Financially? Emotionally?
- Do you notice differences between Irish family values and your own?

Probes: Could you tell me a little bit more about \_\_\_\_\_? Do you miss home?

#### 3. Employment

- Are or were you working in Ireland?
- Are you still working?
- Would you like to work in Ireland?
- What's the job market like in your home country?

*Probes:* How do you feel your visual impairment impacts getting job at home or in Ireland? Would you return or remain if you lost your job would?

#### 4. Language

- Do you speak English?
- Tell me what it was like when you arrived and couldn't speak English.
- How does not speaking English well impact your life in Ireland?
- Have you experienced any difficulties with language?

Probes: Could you tell me more about how you cope with language barrier?

#### 5. Culture

- Tell me how your culture influences your life?
- Does religion play a role in your culture?

*Probes: Can you notice differences between your culture and Irish culture in attitudes towards disability?* 

#### 6. Support

- What does being supported mean to you?
- Do you feel supported in Ireland by family/ friends/ Irish society?

Probes: How does being supported/unsupported make you feel?

#### 7. Services for the visually impaired

- What is your experience with services for visually impaired in your home country? In Ireland?
- Tell me about how you accessed services for visually impaired in Ireland?
- How would you describe your level of engagement with the service?

*Probes: Tell me about the impact of receiving support from services has for your life?* 

#### 8. Education

- Can you tell me differences you have experienced with education system in Ireland and your home country?
- What is your experience of the Irish education system?
- Any challenges of fitting into new school?

Probes: Do you feel your visual impairment is supported in school?

#### 9. Attitudes towards disability and discrimination

- What does discrimination mean to you?
- Any experience of discrimination because of your visual impairment?

*Probes: Can you tell me about a time you felt your disability and/or cultural difference triggered discrimination against you?* 

#### **10. Adaptation**

- How do you feel about your visual impairment?
- How do you feel about living in Ireland?
- Do you feel that you are coping ok in Ireland with your visual impairment?
- What helps you adapt?
- What hinders your process of adaptation?

*Probes: How do you feel the process of adaptation to visual impairment in Ireland could be improved?* 

# **APPENDIX D: Service Provider Interview Topic Guide**

As discussed in Chapter 3.9 the service provider topic guide is clustered into 3

interview themes.

#### 1. Personal Profile

- Age, Nationality?
- Length of time working with visually impaired?
- Motivation for working with visually impaired?

*Probes: How much do you feel you bring your own personal experiences to your job?* 

#### 2. Professional Role

- Can you tell me what your job entails?
- What kind of training have you received?
- Do you work with migrant service users?
- Have you heard how migrant service users access the services?
- Have you experienced any challenges working with migrants?

Probes: Has language, religion, gender ever posed a challenge in doing your job?

#### 3. Working with migrant service users

- Can you tell me do you notice any differences working with migrant and Irish service users?
- Do you know of any discrimination experienced by migrant service users?
- Have you received any cultural diversity training?

Probes: Can you tell me a bit more about working with people from different countries? Are any parts of your job more complicated if there is a language barrier?

# **APPENDIX E: List of Codes Created**

ability to blend in absorbing real situation of service users through contact with frontline staff accepting blindness before accepting help accepting changed status critical to adaptation accepting child's disability takes time accepting disability accepting identity accepting that wow even myself accepting your disability accessing disability service government decision not asylum seeker's accessing information about schools through citizen information accessing information via website not possible when blind accessing service in government hands not individual asylum seekers accessing service in home country helped by connections accessing service in home country through connections accessing services accessing services late migrants accessing services very late accommodating non Irish service users unofficially accommodation being set up for her accompanying parents to school meetings due to mother's poor English achieving goals through clear communication acknowledging case with cultural issues difficult acknowledging gossiping not exclusive to Chinese acknowledging how tough it was at start acknowledging language difficulties acknowledging limits in assistance can offer service users acknowledging needs to use cane acknowledging seriousness of eye problem now acknowledging worked with a lot of refugees acting on cultural information adapting easily to different cultures adapting her eye problem for work adapting to changing identity due to disability adapting to disability and new country adapting to living in Ireland adapting to needs of service user adapting to new environment adapting to new identity adapting to visually impaired culture

adapting to weather addressing cultural outlook of Chinese in Ireland adhering to legal age in home country adjusting back in Ireland difficult after time at home adjusting into Irish culture adjusting to living in Ireland adjusting to long hours difficult at first adjusting to mainstream school adjusting to unfamiliar surroundings admiring Irish women's strength adopting African dress styles in Ireland advertising that their child i advising foreigners to be willing to communicate in English advising migrant service users to improve English advising service providers to communicate through home country pastors advocating community centre for migrant people advocating early mobility training advocating for migrant service users advocating in house cultural training for frontline workers advocating on behalf of service user affecting her emotionally against Chinese age age differences in migrant and Irish service users alluding to experiences of racism another identity as a blind person applying for visa appreciating the difficulties faced by foreigners due to personal experience appreciating vision through working with visually impaired approving of sharing nationality with others arguing arrival age arriving at young age in Ireland arriving in Ireland arriving in Ireland climate change arriving in Ireland first not intending to stay arriving in Ireland not knowing anybody arriving in Ireland with family arriving in Ireland without jobs or accommodation stressful asking for help asking migrant service users' attitudes asking service users about their culture

asking service users how they found out about service asserting knowledge of frontline staff was key asset assessing her brother's special needs assessing service users ability to cope easier through home visits assisting family access specialist associating additional burden of language barrier for V.I. migrant associating carrying a cane as part of identity associating disability with punishment for past actions associating vulnerability with sight loss and cultural difference association of embarrassment with foreign names attaching identity to religion attempting to link up home country services in Ireland with Irish services attending English class difficult due to having to be there in evenings for child attending Irish churches attending multinational school attending school gives child purpose attributing positive and negative to having a blind culture availing of special needs schooling at home avoiding conflict with classmates avoiding confrontation avoiding misunderstanding by improving language skills avoiding racism by good behaviour avoiding replicating information awareness that accessing criteria needs to improve baggage of superstition base everything on the parenting basing idea of blindness not on real people basing people's ability to cope on self belief not colour or belief systems bearing children becoming agitated staying at home during school time becoming depressed begging for job back behaving like a family at Training Centre behaving more formally in home country being unhealthy to walk without cane being a foreign national being a woman being accompanied to NCBI training centre being advised to ignore abusive comments being afraid of giving non expert advice to migrant service users being alone being alone at Christmas time

being an ethnic minority being angry with surgeon for recommending services for the blind being annoyed by assistive technology being ashamed about not communicating well in English being ashamed of home country people who abuse Irish system being ashamed of nationality in Ireland being ashamed to be Irish being ashamed to speak in mother tongue being ashamed to use cane being ashamed to use the cane being ashamed to wear culture clothes being assisted in Ireland being assessed by disability authorities delayed accessing school being aware about cultural differences of service user being aware of cultural practices being away from family being baffled why asked about racism during interview being blamed for having disability being blind working disability consequences for private life being breadwinner for home family being brought as self sufficient being brought by sister to Ireland being brought to opticians being brought to opticians frequently being bullied by home culture community being bullied by siblings being bullied on public transport being colonised being comfortable in familiar school setting being comfortable with disability being committed to work being confused by contradictory Irish behaviour being confused why asked about racism during interview being conned by her brother being considered a drain by home culture community being controlled being criticising being criticised being criticised about capabilities to work being cynical about choosing a guide dog being defensive about Islam being depressed

being diagnosed in home country being diagnosed with visual impairment at birth being disgusted by father's selfishness being educated about Christianity being educated helps overcome cultural misunderstandings being educated in English helps being eligible for the service being encouraged by mother to seek better life being encouraged by sister being encouraged to take positive action being English educated father being entitled to claim social welfare being equipped with counselling skills being excluded at school because doesn't smoke or drink being excluded by home culture community being exploiting a disability being first of their ethnic community in Ireland being first of their ethnic community in the neighbourhood being flexible being forbidden to speak local language at home by Dad being frightened of being caught being happy to be included being happy to meet Irish people being hassled about his racial background being helped by Irish children being helped by Irish classmates being helped by service providers in Ireland being helped by teacher being helped to settle in being honest with service users being identifiable as vulnerable being identified as a foreigner being in single sex school different from home country being incenses by newspaper articles on racism being included in school meetings being influenced by Irish thinking being influenced by Irish values being influenced by UK education system being informed about Ireland in home country by Irish priests being inspired by other visually impaired at training centre being inspired by staff at NCBI being isolated by language

being judged due to surname being judged by colour being judged in home country due to disability being labelled as mental being let go at work being linked in with medical services being looked after by older siblings typical in Chinese culture being looked after in Ireland being made aware of seriousness of eye problem in Ireland not home country being made to feel different being misunderstood language and disability barrier being more open to disability in Ireland than home country being more relaxed within environment of other V.I. people being more supported by services in Ireland being more threatened by newspaper articles being motivated to come to Ireland for better quality of life for son being motivated to leave home country due to negativity towards their disabled child being on his own being open to help other home community families with children with disability being open to help other home community families with children with disability being open to learning about new cultures being open to meeting people being open to support being over grateful damaging sense of identity being overprotected being overstretched in job being paid to work being part of blind community being part of community at training center being part of visual and non visual world being pleased to have Irish accent being professional being promised support after son leaves school being prone to depression being provided with specific disability care in Ireland being pushed to put child in institution in home country being qualified for job being questioned about racism in Ireland being racially attacked being racially labelled because of accent being raised differently being raped 16

being raped by brother in law aged 12 being raised in Ireland being recognised as different because of skin colour being referred clients as share home language being referred to NCBI being reluctant to take people if can't speak English being reluctant to use cane being reminded of time when couldn't communicate painful being reprimanded by husband being resistant to referrals to home country service users being respected by Irish people despite disability being responsible for herself being sacked being sacked not having money being scared of getting caught out being second wife being sent to typing classes being shaken by attack being shocked by racial hatred being stabilised at NCBI being stared at if don't speak English well being stigmatized by home culture community in Ireland being suggested to them in home country that child shouldn't exist being supported at school being supported by close family being supported by friends at home being supported by home country children in Irish school being supported by home country church members on arrival in Ireland being supported by home country community in Ireland being supported by home country friend through eye problem being supported by home country friend when arrived being supported by home culture community in Ireland being supported by special teacher helps English language being supported by special teachers at school helping English language skills being supported by teacher vital for brother being supported by teachers being supported in school being supported when lacking communication skills accessing service being surprised by Irish schoolchildren's lack of respect for teachers being surprised by son being invited to play being taken advantage of by home country people being taken advantage of in home country due to disability

being taken in by NCBI being taken to be Irish by foreigners being taught not to play with disabled children in home country being the first in family with the problem being the only foreigner at school being the only foreigner in class being the only Muslim at school being threatened by father due to their interfaith marriage being told that racial attacks common from Irish people being told to go home being too proud to ask for support being torn between public and private self being treated badly by people because for child's disability in home country being treated differently because of disability being treated differently when return to home country being treated without contempt in Ireland compared with home country being uncomfortable criticizing migrant customs being uneducated being uneducated mother being unprepared for mainstream school being unsupported being unsupported by home country friends being unsupported in home country being used to Irish people from experience with them in home country being valuable to include cultural background being very upset by negativity towards their disabled child in home country being very young when got diagnosis being viewed as useless in home country due to disability being views as useless in home country die to disability being vulnerable at home being yourself despite eye problem beliefs being challenged believing cultural training would be helpful believing home country holiday place believing lack of confidence stops public offering assistance believing need for another centre believing there is hope or the belonging to a community of VI people belonging to other sub group d benefiting from better health system benefiting from different cultures being professional

being raised differently in home country

best help you find is with you

- best of the west
- better health care here
- better service in Ireland
- being aware of restrictions working with migrant service users
- being motivated by positive thinking
- being told nothing more can do
- bigger picture
- birds of feather
- blaming her mother
- blaming herself for rape
- blind people begging in home country
- blind people being raped in home country
- blind people contributing to society in Ireland
- blurring professional boundaries
- bonding with home country people with common language
- born with several medical comp
- Braille is just literacy
- breaking confidentiality shattering effect
- breaking down barriers within the community
- breaking up with fiancé
- breaking up with fiancé/ putting fiancée's feelings first
- bringing back bad memories
- bringing conversation back to her brother
- bringing me home
- broadening service provided
- building rapport of trust
- building trust
- building trust from beginning with service user
- building trust in relationships
- building trusting relationships
- building up a certain amount o
- bullying disabled children within home community
- calming her mother about her disability
- camaraderie
- can't go home
- cancelling service
- caring for disabled better in Ireland
- caring for disabled child full time job
- caring for specific disabilities in Ireland
- caring role

carrying cane

carrying cane provokes feelings of stigma

- carrying cultural bias towards disability from home country to Ireland
- carrying negative cultural perception of disability
- carrying service users problems not healthy
- carrying the secret
- catastrophic thinking
- catching her out as working illegally
- categorising disabled children as second class children in home country
- catering for different cultural eating habits
- catering for non nationals
- catering job to low vision
- Catholic culture in them
- celebrating home culture
- challenging cultural perceptions
- changing attitudes towards disability in home country
- changing female role in home country
- changing his attitude towards his eye problem
- changing his mind about going to NCBI
- changing identity
- changing identity due to sight loss
- changing multicultural state of Ireland
- changing role from mobility trainer to counsellor
- changing role in blind community
- changing roles between mother and daughter
- changing roles mum & daughter
- changing state of identity
- changing status
- changing student profile
- changing times since apartheid
- changing way of thinking
- characterising a disability culture
- characterizing a blind culture
- chartering stages of adaptation to disability
- chartering stages of adaptation to disability
- checking in with people
- child adjusting to Ireland
- child being happy at centre
- children integrating into Irish culture
- Chinese people too proud to seek disability service
- choosing carefully who to open up to
- choosing Ireland to be home

choosing mentor trainee match choosing mobility aid choosing not to return home choosing not to worry parents choosing to live in Ireland choosing to live in Ireland for better life for child choosing to make Irish friends over home country friends to help integration choosing to stay at home not socialise choosing to stay to Ireland because of care received for child choosing to work claiming social welfare clashing culturally in work situations coaxing service users to learn mobility skills cognizant of unhappy background of migrant service user collecting cultural information important combining migrant issues of racism with challenges of disability coming from countries that lack social welfare coming from Zambia coming to Ireland as one family not as a community coming to Ireland because of daughter's illness Coming to Ireland because of daughter's illness coming to Ireland for better life for family coming to Ireland looking for acceptance coming to Ireland to have ordinary hassle free life coming to Ireland to reunite with family coming to Ireland to work coming to terms with child's disability commanding English well commitment to informing himself about professional field committing fully to profession communicating at school meetings in English using translator for bigger meetings communicating at school/speech impairment communicating between sexes different communicating clearly communicating clearly key in mobility training communicating difficult at the start communicating emotions with parents difficult communicating improving communicating in Braille communicating in English difficult communicating in English difficult at start communicating in English difficult at start

communicating in English difficult at the start communicating in English fundamental communicating in English hard communicating in English skills communicating more informally in English in Ireland than home country communicating openly communicating problems communicating styles different between cultures communicating very tough at start communicating well except with flatmates due to accent communicating well in English community not a positive word in home country comparing comparing age of Irish and non Irish service users comparing aptitude to focus between Irish and non Irish comparing attitude to focus between Irish and non Irish comparing attitudes about disability in Ireland and home country comparing attitudes to disability in Ireland and home country comparing attitudes to how people in home country and Ireland view disability comparing attitudes to training among Irish and non Irish comparing attitudes towards disability in Ireland and home country comparing attitudes towards disabled child in home country and Ireland comparing being born blind and acquiring visual impairment comparing blind people in home country and Ireland comparing blind people's societal status in Ireland and home country comparing care received in Ireland with home country comparing celebrating Christmas in Ireland and in Africa comparing Chinese people and Irish comparing climates comparing coping with illness in Ireland and home country comparing cost of living in Ireland and home country comparing dealing with service providers in Ireland and home country comparing difficulty of learning language between young and old comparing education standards in home country and Ireland comparing her eye condition with her brother comparing her middle class background at home to tough physical work at takeaway comparing home country and Irish behaviour comparing home country culture and Irish culture comparing home country to Ireland comparing how blind people treated in home country and Ireland comparing how children behave in school in Ireland and home country

comparing how disability friendly Ireland v UK

comparing how Irish and home culture doctors diagnose eye problem comparing how shame is attributed to disability in home country and Ireland comparing how shame is attributed to disability in home country and Ireland comparing how V.I. cared for between countries comparing how women have more rights of expression In Ireland than Malaysia when she arrived comparing Ireland and home country comparing Ireland when first arrived to now comparing Irish and home country attitudes towards illness comparing Irish and home country systems comparing Irish and home country's attitude to disability comparing Irish and home country's attitude to helping others comparing Irish and home country's support for disabled people comparing lack of services and funding in home country with Ireland comparing learning English in home country and Ireland comparing learning native language to Irish people learning Gaelic comparing life before and after attending NCBI comparing life in home country living with disability and Ireland comparing life in home country living with disability and Ireland comparing life in Ireland then and now comparing managing training centre to running a primary school comparing medical and social attitudes to visual impairment comparing NCBI like a family feeling cared for comparing non national approach to disabled person comparing opportunities for blind people in home country and in Ireland comparing parenting in Ireland comparing past Irish views on disability with current other cultures views comparing respect for teachers in Ireland and home country comparing schools in home country and Ireland like earth and heaven comparing sense of freedom of communication in Ireland and home country comparing service for blind in home country and Ireland comparing service for blind in Ireland and home country comparing service in Ireland and home country comparing service received in home country and Ireland comparing services for blind in home country and Ireland comparing services for blind in home country and Ireland comparing services for blind in Nigeria and Ireland comparing sight and hearing loss comparing situation of blind people in Ireland her home country comparing special education between countries comparing special education systems comparing talking about disability in home country and in Ireland comparing UK and French health systems of patient data collecting

comparing visual impairment with other severe disabilities comparing visual impairment with other severe disabilities comparing wages in Ireland and Malaysia comparing with deaf community Comparing work in Ireland and Germany comparing working in Ireland and home country competing for funding competing well in virtual world competing with non disabled complaining about her being a burden complex cases more stressful for staff complimenting Irish people concealing disability concealing disability as afraid of being attacked concealing disability from employer concealing disability to keep job concealing disability to protect family from abuse concealing eye problem from parents concealing health problem from parents concealing his disability concealing how difficult not communicating was at start concentrating on specific disability care in Ireland confidentiality confusion amongst ethnic minorities about services confusion whether behaviour cultural or not connecting eye problem with diabetes connecting his cultural background with his chosen career connecting migrant service users with immigration agency connecting service provision for disabled with church related bodies connecting with native service providers in Ireland connecting with NCBI community resource worker connecting with service provider connecting with services for visually impaired in Ireland connecting with small group of home country people consequences of economic climate consequence of not linking up may cause drops outs of profession contacting the NCBI contrasting blind culture with deaf culture controlling family controlling Irish mothers coping alone difficult coping alone difficult at start for mother

coping badly with sight loss and new cultural environment coping in Ireland hard when miss home coping skills of service users emotionally improved through sharing ideas Coping with bureaucracy mind-boggling coping with child's diagnosis coping with cultural issues with migrant service users coping with demands of visual impairment coping with disability difficult coping with eye problem and language barrier coping with health problem alone coping with Irish accents difficult coping with learning English and Braille coping with learning new language coping with new intake coping with non English speaking service users coping with people who need extra support coping with prospect of blindness coping with racial name calling coping with secondary school coping with sight loss and new country's rules at same time problematic coping without a translator accessing service coping without work in home country difficult copping out of caring for themselves corruption in home country service provision corruption in service provision in home country costing housemates extra money counselling role counselling role a deviation from assigned profession covering the body covering up body creating new identity creating performance indicators creating place for social interaction creating professional boundaries creating rapport with migrant service users through demeanour creating services for ethnic minorities creating space for cultural awareness credit crunch criticising home country behaviour criticising home culture schools criticize you instead of encouraging criticizing

criticizing Irish doctors diagnosis criticizing NCBI crying at school in the beginning cultivating interest in taking up classes cultural barrier to using cane cultural cancelling slowing down service user progress cultural clashes cultural home cultural issues of working with female service users cultural perception of disability as a curse/evil eye/punishment cultural perception of disability comparing to Irish past understanding cultural perception of health cultural perception of visual impairment cultural understanding of gender roles cultural perception stigma of difference in home country cursed stay away customers complaining cutting jobs CWR working like counsellors daughter being born in home country daughter receiving special schooling dealing with bureaucracy more daunting with language barrier dealing with disability- family attitude towards disability major factor dealing with peoples own belie dealing with practical issues for service users dealing with their own community attitude deciding Ireland will be home deciding not to operate deciding on a new life deciphering between discrimination based on disability/race decision-making about her health decoding instructions defending himself defining a community for visually impaired defining his role defining identity defining professional duty defying her father demands of health condition demonstrating anger at gender and disability discrimination in China denying being blind denying eye problem

denying his blindness denying his eye problem denying need for services for the blind denying seriousness of eye problem denying seriousness of eye problem at the time denying their national identity in Ireland denying themselves mobility training related to cultural issues depending on help from home culture community in Ireland depending on mood how feels about nationality question depending on others depends how the people come to describing differences between home country culture and Ireland describing effects of sight loss for work describing experience of medium describing experience on tranquilisers describing family background describing how rape happened describing notion of mummy's boy describing what used to be able to do before sight loss desire to conceal disability desire to concentrate on mobility training desire to stick to mobility training detecting cultural differences not by sight alone deteriorating slowly determining stage of disability acceptance developing a care with service user developing a new identity developing an Irish accent developing confidence developing confidence at NCBI developing confidence to communicate developing disability in Ireland developing empathy developing eye problem developing eye problem as a child developing eye problem in home country developing independence with cane Developing interest in working with blind developing more confidence Developing relationship with client developing self respect developing strength

developing suspicions between cultures diagnosing child unfit for school in home country diagnosing eye problem as genetic diagnosing visual impairment different expectation for assistance depending on society different pace assistance accepted different pace disability accepted differentiating between accents differentiating between blind and normal culture differentiating between Dubliners and foreigners finding their way around differing attitudes towards disability in Ireland and home culture differing view of her father difficulty communicating with father disability associated with past behaviour disability being a strain on family life disability being treated kindly by Irish people disability culturally perceived as punishment from God disability gift from God disability impacting view of the world disabled child treating everyone equal disabled child treating everyone equally disabled child wanting to express himself enjoys socialising disagreeing over best method of communication in deaf culture disagreeing over roots of Rastafarianism disagreeing with boss about teaching languages disassociating from home country identity disassociating herself from blind culture disbelief that losing sight discontinuing friendships discovering diagnosis in Ireland discovering eye sight problem in school discovering others have similar experiences disintegrating links with home disliking weather and food disowning disabled children in home country disregarding personal appearance distance themselves distancing herself from Chinese community distancing herself from her family's tradition of respecting your elders distancing himself from blind distancing themselves from home country people in Ireland distinguishing between behaviours of someone prone to being bullied or not distinguishing between being blind and vision impaired distinguishing between communicating disability issues in English or in home country language distinguishing between culture and religion distinguishing between home culture and Irish culture distinguishing between how mother obeys dress code distinguishing between Irish and foreign friends distinguishing between Irish and foreign friends distinguishing between motivations of young and older people who come to Ireland distinguishing between people receiving service at home or at centre distinguishing between personality and cultural traits distinguishing between public who assist blind and who don't distinguishing between those you can and can't go home distinguishing between wide Irish society and small home country community in Ireland distinguishing different types of referrals to CRW distinguishing family sizes distinguishing gender advantages in China distinguishing herself due to her sight loss distinguishing herself from disabled community distinguishing Irish culture from home culture distinguishing between English language and literacy doing it on a shoestring Doing more social work in Irish mobility training doing something worthwhile dominating influence of money double outsiders dressing differently dropping friends drumming home importance of virginity duty of care eager to learn about new environment to enable him to do his job early stages of blindness having hope earning money main motivation for home country people coming to Ireland eating habits different eating habits restricted because of religion eating mother's food instead of eating out economic climate economic climate impact on service provision economically challenging times educating Chinese community about NCBI embracing the other viewed by home culture as a sell out emotional highs and lows at work

emotional patterns of sight loss

emotional support is a huge pa empathise with me empathizing with foreigners empathizing with foreigners emphasising financial improvement emphasizing differences in home culture not Ireland empathizing with other foreigners struggling with English in school empathizing empathizing with migrant service users due to personal experience of racism employer cultural expert good idea employing community resource workers from different countries empowering effect empowering himself and them empowering people empowering people through role models empowering students to cope independently empowering them to assert themselves enabling oneself by learning language enabling people to learn English encouraging further education and employment encouraging going to Ireland to put an end to fighting between mother and daughter encouraging independence encouraging migrant service users to speak despite shyness encouraging respect encouraging service users to advocate for themselves encouraging service users to attend hospital encouraging service users to be more independent encouraging socialising wiht other visually impaired people encouraging socialising with other visually impaired people encouraging students to keep in touch engaging with many agencies difficult for migrant service user English common lanaguge English in school Polish at ho English not mother tongue English zero zero enjoying living in Ireland enjoying speaking native language with other home country people enquiring at school about her English ensuring not to overburden staff equal opportunities for everyone equating all service users as having same needs equipping himself with skills so an contribute to Irish society

escaping home country escaping home country refugees establishing home country network establishing mutual respect establishing trust central in mobility training ethnic minorities feeling excluded ethnic minority susceptibility ethnic monitoring in UK evaluating genuine nature of Chinese excited by working in Ireland excited by working in Ireland expectation for assistance from HSE expecting hassle expecting his protection expecting more from life despite disability experiencing discrimination experiencing racism as reason for not seeking help experiencing racist explaining empathy explaining her position in the family explaining motivation for coming to Ireland explaining what empathy means for him expressing regret didn't locate NCBI sooner extra need for advocacy for migrant service users eye problem worsening while living in Ireland eye sight being neglected because of political situation in home country facility to talk about disability culturally dependant facing consequences of not being a virgin facing issue culturally competent service facing reality of life as disabled person factor in cultural issues when fall over themselves saying th falling during work falling through the net migrants without networks access service later family adapting to visual impairment family find it difficult to cope with his eye problem family supporting decision for visually impaired child to remain in Ireland family supporting each other in difficult times family unaware of how severe disability was father associating her disability with his identity father identifying disability with sense of self father preferring not to hear about disability

favouritizing male children feel accepted in the community feeling accepted by Irish feeling accepted by Irish family feeling afraid of going out at night because of eye problem feeling afraid of going out at night because of rape feeling afraid of losing job feeling afraid that will be mocked for being blind and in Ireland feeling afraid to communicate with Irish people at start feeling alone feeling alone to cope with disability feeling an aggressive attitude towards disability in home country compared with Ireland feeling angry about visually impaired neglecting hygiene feeling annoved her eyes are small feeling ashamed about blindness feeling ashamed of disability feeling ashamed to carry cane feeling ashamed to wear culture clothes feeling at ease among other visually impaired feeling at home in Ireland feeling at home when finding home country food shops feeling better helping others feeling better in multicultural school setting feeling better lie for child in Ireland feeling cared for in Ireland feeling child labelled stupid due to disability feeling children are taught not to play with disabled child in home country's home feeling comfortable feeling confused feeling confused by social system feeling contempt from people towards their disabled child in home country feeling controlled feeling controlled and criticised by husband feeling criticized feeling cut off feeling depressed when arrived feeling different feeling different at school feeling different at the start feeling different due to nationality feeling disability accepted in Ireland compared with home country attitude feeling disability more accepted in Ireland

feeling disbelief about migrant's severity of sight loss

feeling disbelief that would be excluded

feeling disconnected

feeling discriminated against by other Africans

feeling discriminated against due to disability in home country and Ireland

feeling disillusioned

feeling easier to access service in Ireland

feeling embarrassed for visually impaired

feeling embarrassed to criticize migrant's behaviour

feeling empty before coming to NCBI

feeling exasperated

feeling excluded

feeling exploited by service user

feeling fear at first about moving to Ireland

feeling fear of racial attack

feeling fed up

feeling forced to commit suicide in home country due to disability

feeling forced to give up job

feeling free to choose courses

feeling free to discuss eye problem in Ireland

feeling free to talk about eye problem at NCBI

feeling frustrated

feeling frustrated and wanting to be alone when arrived language barrier

feeling frustrated at first coping with new environment

feeling frustrated depending on others

feeling frustrated that child had to reassessed in Ireland

feeling frustrated that information leaflets not passed on by doctors

feeling frustrated with eye problem

feeling frustration with lack of funding for disability

feeling genuinely cared for in Ireland

feeling good living in Ireland

feeling good sharing information among organizations

feeling good sharing with other parents

feeling grateful

feeling grateful to have found centre

feeling had no choice

feeling happy living in Ireland

feeling happy that child is cared about at school

feeling happy that child making friends

feeling happy that didn't have to teach migrant service user

feeling happy that more home country people living in Ireland

feeling happy that wasn't hassled

feeling happy to know not only visually impaired person feeling happy to meet other people with visual impairment feeling happy when public doesn't notice service user is blind feeling happy when public offers client assistance feeling harassed by questioning about disability in home country feeling helpless feeling helpless to change situation feeling helpless to inform about services feeling helpless to speed up accessing school process feeling helpless to the fate of gender and position in the family feeling helpless when can't communicate feeling her disabled nature is misunderstood feeling home country embassy in Ireland doesn't worry about ordinary worker feeling home country embassy in Ireland not interested in ordinary worker feeling hopeless feeling humiliated feeling hurt feeling ignored by Irish people feeling ignored in communication feeling ill one year after arrival feeling illness accepted by Irish people feeling informed in Ireland feeling insecure about future feeling Irish feeling isolated feeling isolated at home feeling isolated living in the countryside feeling judged by colour of his skin on public transport feeling judged due to disability in home country feeling left outside feeling life would be better in Ireland feeling like a burden to home culture community in Ireland feeling like cheating service users feeling like only foreigners in Ireland feeling like talking too much feeling like waffling feeling listened to feeling lucky to be linked in with native social worker feeling lucky to be working area feeling lucky to meet native social worker in Ireland feeling misunderstood feeling more reassured in Ireland

feeling neglected

- feeling neglected and bitter about not receiving NCBI training
- feeling neglected by father
- feeling neglected in home country
- feeling on arrival
- feeling overpowered and helpless in attack
- feeling overwhelmed by extent of sight loss of migrant service user
- feeling panic
- feeling part of the community in Ireland
- feeling pressure to maintain work life balance
- feeling pressure to move forward
- feeling pressurized to let people no there is no funding
- feeling proud talking about culture
- feeling proud to be a survivor
- feeling racially attacked
- feeling racially different
- feeling rejected as a foreigner
- feeling respected in Ireland
- feeling restricted in home country
- feeling sad about being unwanted by Irish people
- feeling sad that migrants access service very late
- feeling safe at centre
- feeling scared about racist attacks in Ireland
- feeling scared during racial attack
- feeling scared on arrival
- feeling sense of belonging in special needs school
- feeling silenced
- feeling sorry for people who are blind
- feeling stigmatized by own home community
- feeling strongly attached to home country identity
- feeling superior to deaf community
- feeling supported at NCBI
- feeling supported by extended family
- feeling supported by services in Ireland
- feeling supported in Ireland
- feeling supported to achieve goals
- feeling surprised didnt contact home country doctors
- feeling taken advantage of
- feeling that Irish system didnt believe home country assessment of child
- feeling that joking about blindness exclusive to blind people
- feeling that there was a lack of trust from Irish system towards home country doctors
- feeling the Irish service users lazier than migrants

feeling threatened by people's aggressive racial comments on public transport

- feeling towards difference in Chinese culture
- feeling trapped
- feeling unaccepted
- feeling unappreciated
- feeling uncomfortable acting as interpreter
- feeling understood at special needs school
- feeling unheard
- feeling unrepresented
- feeling unsafe walking alone in home country
- feeling unsupported
- feeling unsupported by family
- feeling unsupported by her older brother
- feeling unsupported by NCBI
- feeling unsure about child's future
- feeling unsure about the future in current economy
- feeling unsure what support needed
- feeling unwanted
- feeling unwanted by Irish people
- feeling unwanted in Ireland
- feeling unwanted | feeling scared
- feeling useless
- feeling very angry about name-calling
- feeling very hurt by father's demand to conceal disability
- feeling very sad at time of child's diagnosis
- feeling very shocked by racial abuse
- feeling vulnerable to use cane due to fear of attack
- feeling welcomed
- feeling welcomed in Ireland
- fighting back
- fighting for service in home country
- fighting for survival
- fighting with her brother
- filling in for hospital interpreters
- find my way around
- finding a place to participate in society
- finding being accepted difficult
- finding common ground
- finding home country food homes reassuring
- finding Irish people easy going
- finding it difficult at first finding special school
- finding it difficult at school at start

finding it difficult Irish people by skin colour finding it difficult to communicate in school finding it difficult to comprehend child's sight loss finding it difficult to cope with daughter's disability at the start finding it difficult to teach migrants due to language barrier finding it easier to speak English than polish due to speech impairment finding it easier to talk about visual problems with blind community finding it more difficult for migrant service users because of lack of backup finding myself Finding new people, finding new identity finding own identity finding positive finding school for daughter finding space to practice religious faith finding time to improve English difficult finding work difficult because of disability finding working with people with disability hard fitting in fitting into Ireland fitting into Irish special school fitting into special needs school flatmates becoming annoyed because of communication problems forgiving her brother forming networks with visually impaired people forming new life perspectives fostering a culture of openness freedom to express themselves about disability with Irish people frequently uninformed about service user medical history friends living in Ireland already from being a friend I was bit frustration with generalizing certain eye conditions with specific ethnicities frustration with lack of progress in ethnic health frustration with limited progress in ethnic health frustration with limited progress in ethnic health funding cuts impact service provision funding his studies funding issues gaining better picture of service users functionality through home visits gaining confidence gaining hope from others gaining insight into visual disability gaining wisdom

gathering with home country community at parties gel together gender gender differences in social adjustment to blindness gender factors gender issues barrier for migrant service users gender issues in dealing with migrants gender issues working with migrant service users gender issues related to disability care generalizing cultural issues not possible generic service provision geographical practicalities of CWR placements getting more support from Irish institutions than home country embassy getting support from strangers getting around regulation getting better long process getting diagnosis shock fro parents getting explanation for child's illness in Ireland getting good feedback on child's progress at special school getting hassle about disability in home country getting help adapting home to disability getting hope from meeting other blind people getting motivated getting on well with Irish family getting on well with personal tutor getting out of the house getting permit to live in Ireland getting support from brothers living in Ireland getting support from home country neighbour in Ireland getting support from home country networks in Ireland getting support from home country worker in Ireland getting support from NCBI getting support from other visually impaired students getting support from strangers getting the bare details on service user getting to know Irish people getting to the point where the getting used to language getting verbally abusive with service provider getting work experience at NCBI girls are being treated the same giving advice on personal matters

- giving best quality of life to service users
- giving hope to others
- giving in to mother
- giving me more identity
- giving out about each other in home country
- go back to nothing
- going the extra mile
- going through process of change
- going through process with others
- going to board school bad experience
- going to lots of assessments slowing process of accessing school
- going to school with lots of different nationalities
- going to up our numbers
- good and bad times in work
- gossiping
- gossiping and putting other Ch
- gradually settling into class and getting on well
- graduation ceremony
- grouping with other foreigners
- growing number of migrant service users
- growing up the importance of virginity drilled in by mother
- growing up unable to talk to her parents
- growing up with eye problem
- guiding someone safely
- handing down parenting skills from each generation
- hanging around exclusively with own ethnic group not productive to integration
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- happy with variety of services offered at centre
- harder for me to switch myself
- harder for some peoples more t
- having a choice to return
- having a good experience living in Ireland
- having a large home country community in Ireland
- having additional disability hearing problem
- having an Irish boyfriend helps integration process
- having awareness about other peoples customs helps
- having contact in Ireland prior to arrival
- having eye problems at home
- having family in Ireland
- having family support
- having good experience helping family
- having good experience with disabled child in Ireland

having job prior to arrival

having lots of paperwork at start for disabled child

having low education

having more family support in home country

having more support for child in home country

having more than one disability

Having more time with clients in Ireland

having much better education service in Ireland

having no friends

having positive experience of service provision in Ireland

having positive experience with citizen information centre

having problems with eyesight in new job

having responsibility to provide for family

having role models

having social and family networks fundamental to survival in foreign country

having suicidal thoughts

having traditional male provider role suppressed

having two wives

having vision problem doesn't

health

health preventing her returning home

hearing that Irish have white skin

helping her mother communicate

helping illegal immigrants

helping service users to consider life without sight loss

helping yourself

here together

here was I a stranger to them

hiding away

hiding disability for fear being taken advantage of

hiding his eye problem from family

hiding his feelings in humour

highlighting service user's different characteristics

highlighting significance of appearance

highlighting significance of diagnosis

hiring person with impairment

his mother doesn't like Chinese

holding a grudge against her brother

holistic approach

home community not open about disability

home country community not staying in Ireland

home country doctors having to prove themselves to Irish system

home country experience of social service barrier to accessing service in Ireland

- home country focusing on cost of medical treatment
- home country not ready to receive returning emigrants
- home country people changing religion
- home country people in Ireland questioning why he's coming to Ireland due to disability
- home country people not being connected to service
- home culture shaping your learning process
- home now is Ireland
- hoping can find something for child to do after school
- hoping to get better
- hoping to give back something to Ireland
- hoping won't go blind
- I am a stranger coming in
- I can see myself now helping p
- I don't want to kill anybody b
- I feel like a guest
- I feel lost in Poland I feel l
- I feel myself very well adapted
- I knew where they were coming from
- I know I'm disabled
- I need to go out more and meet people
- I shout a few times about my even about my identity
- I was lost
- I was thinking everything over
- I'm a burden
- I'm here, I'm here
- I'm not alone
- I'm not the only one
- identifying a blind community
- identifying a blind culture
- identifying a disabled community
- identifying a foreigner by their accent
- identifying a home country community in Ireland
- identifying Chinese community in Ireland
- identifying difference in EU and non EU service users
- identifying disability as a curse in home country
- identifying disability as part of identity
- identifying extra challenge of teaching blind migrant as can't point
- identifying eye problem as part of identity
- identifying guide dog and white cane as part of blind culture
- identifying herself as disabled
- identifying herself as first Chinese girl in Ireland

identifying himself as different because of colour of skin

identifying himself as different to Irish

identifying home

identifying in order to help visually impaired

identifying Ireland as a new multicultural society

identifying Ireland as home

identifying it as gender issue

identifying language as most important part of culture

identifying migrant languages prior to training helpful

identifying need to be with people who share eye problem

identifying parenting as reason

identifying people with visual impairment as lacking self confidence

identifying problems with separating boys and girls at school

identifying separate organization roles

identifying significance of residing in country

identifying similarity in how disability viewed by Irish in past and current attitude by other countries

identifying the foreigners as more eager

identifying the white cane as a barrier to integration

identifying various factors at play in persons adaptation

identifying visually impaired group as a community

identity under threat

ignorance is not bliss

ignoring the visual world

illness restricting mobility

imaginary perception of people

impacting on identity

implication for the dynamics w

importance to encourage service users to commence training as soon as possible

improving English language faster than father

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improving English language quickly

improving English language skills

improving independence skills

improving Irish attitudes towards race

improving vision

in mobility clarity is a must

in school you will suffer

increasing confidence to ask for help

increasing demand for services for visually impaired across the board

increasing distance between blind person and themselves during training

increasing numbers at centre

informing his family abut eye problem

initiating contact with NCBI initiating sharing emotions with mother inspiring stories instructing clearly imperative in mobility training integrating blind people into Irish society integrating disabled children in Ireland compared to home country integrating into Irish society integrating with Irish people through disability services interacting on global and local level interacting well with other children in class interacting with Irish family improving English language interacting with service providers power relations interest in assistive technology interested in education interfering questions in home country intermarrying interpreting for parents at school meetings Investigating differences in working with blind in Ireland and Germany investigating eligibility for medical card Ireland learning to be a multicultural society Irish people positively perceiving home country people at first Irish people thinking about disability isolating feeling unable to talk about rape isolation for migrant service users isolation issue for migrant service users It impacts you everything it seems to be just kind of normal judging service user personality justifying being in Ireland justifying her Irish family name justifying mother's broken English justifying motivations for working in disability field justifying recounting personal details keeping an open mind towards people from different backgrounds keeping away from other home country migrants keeping clear professional boundaries keeping in touch with blind community keeping informed about visual impairment research keeping it informal keeping problems to herself keeping rape a secret keeping stories of racial attacks from his family in home country

kept head down kept within the family killing yourself to meet goals knowing about other cultures important for service providers knowing lack of funding very difficult for disabled knowing that it's hard for migrants to connect knowledge about ethnic minorities labelling disability a curse in home culture provoking bullying labelling disability an excuse to be taken care of labelling her ugly lack of support causes stress for service user lack of trust limiting progress made lacking affection in Chinese culture lacking confidence to ask questions lacking English language lacking funds to pay for course held her back lacking information about NCBI in Chinese community language ashamed speaking mother tongue language barrier language barrier language barrier communicating with Irish service users language barrier difficulty communicating at school meetings language barrier for migrant service users language barrier main issue for migrant service user language barrier more difficult for person with eye problem language barrier more difficult if have visual impairment language barrier preventing accessing information language barrier preventing Chinese accessing NCBI language barrier preventing Chinese contacting NCBI language barrier to communicating language barrier to making close friends in Irish community language difficulty speaking mother tongue language main issue for migrant service user language misunderstandings language not a barrier to getting help from Irish services language problems language skills empowering learning a lot about cultural differences Learning about clients fears during mobility training learning about equality in Ireland learning about labour rights learning about working with migrants

learning at individual pace learning Braille difficult learning Braille while learning English learning computers learning English and Braille helped settling in process learning English difficult learning English motivation for move to Ireland learning English with boyfriend learning English with her child doing homework together learning from frontline staff learning from other organizations learning how to use computers learning Irish culture through Irish boyfriend learning to cope for himself learning to take responsibility leaving home country because of terrorism leaving home country behind leaving home country for safely reasons length of time living in Ireland length of time living in Ireland lessening feeling of being alone lessening isolation letting go of grudges letting go of old identity letting work know about eye problem liaising with NCBI liaising with NCBI like running a primary school liking living in Ireland linking late access to lack of computer knowledge and blindness linking migrant service users with support from immigration agency linking service user with provider who speaks his language linking service users informally linking service users to centre via CWR linking up national services for visually impaired linking up with community resources linking up with community resources linking with language services listening to them makes migrants feel better living day by day living in Ireland better future for daughter living in the moment

living independently

- living on my own planet
- living with stress due to coping with being disabled and a foreigner
- locating a home community in Ireland
- locating difference in attitude towards disability in home culture history
- looking back painful
- looking for a normal life free of contempt towards disability in Ireland
- looking for the positive in being disabled
- looking to the future
- looking to the future preventing blindness
- losing feeling of loneliness
- losing independence
- losing job in Ireland
- losing respect for brother
- losing sight
- losing sight in transition between from home to Ireland
- losing sight motivating factor for moving to Ireland
- losing sight progressively
- losing time in training
- losing your sight
- lost identity
- loving her job
- lumping all nationalities together
- lumping lots of initial difficulties together
- lumping people with impairment together not for everyone
- made it feel like a freak
- maintaining friendships
- maintaining her native language
- maintaining home country language through weekend classes
- maintaining home culture
- maintaining home language
- maintaining religion
- making a new life
- making assumptions about service users not helpful
- making assumptions due to surname
- making business for optician
- making connections between organizations
- making connections for the centre
- making contact for new job
- making friends with clients
- making friends with home country people
- making friends with home country people easier

making friends with Irish work colleagues making home country friends in school making home in Ireland making Irish friends making life easier for those whose sight is worse making mistakes part of learning language making money in Ireland making new plans for the future making the most of life manager mediating role managing people matching service users needs with staff skills mediating between NCBI and her parents mediation language barrier medical perspective differing from social perspective medical staff calling him cruel for not informing his parents meeting an Irish boyfriend meeting and making friends at the NCBI meeting and marrying an Irish man meeting family from home country with V.I daughter meeting Irish people in church meeting other blind people for the first time meeting service user at home reveals more about the individual meeting service users at centre can be more formal experience than home visits meeting social needs of people key meeting up with home country community in Ireland meeting with close home country friends in Ireland not community meeting with parents of disabled children helpful meetings for home country people in Ireland not for ordinary person melt into the big pot mentoring not counselling role methods of building trust migrant service user lacking local knowledge migrant status barrier to focusing on visual impairment migrant V.I. people lost at first migrants over appreciating help migrants suspicious of Irish social service misconceptions of identity missing family missing family in home country missing father missing first year at school in Ireland- principal not happy

missing home missing home country friends missing home country friends made in Ireland missing out on cultural training missing school affecting son negatively mistrusting among viusal impairment organiztion misunderstanding English causing difficulty misunderstanding instruction mixing cultures in neighbourhood mixing in mainstream school mixing migrant and Irish families at centre helps integration mixing pupils with different disabilities in home country mixing socially with Irish colleagues mixing with children from different nationalities mixing with Irish people money mad monitoring service user's progress more complex for migrant service user more elderly migrant service users more opportunities mother escaping home country alone mother visiting Ireland mother's lack of English making life difficult motivating adaptation factors motivating reason for coming to Ireland motivating reasons for taking part in rehab different for everyone motivation for career in visual impairment motivation personal factors move away away from your life moving from one part of country to another moving from UK to Ireland moving in with boyfriend moving into management moving on from past difficult Moving to Ireland moving to Ireland to be with family mutual supporting in home country community in Ireland my job is very it's quite hand naming condition impairment or disability naming disability naming disorder naturalising ourselves to be i

need for interpreter need for translation services need for translation services need to be flexible dealing with different abilities need to identify service users needing to pursue child's care more independently in home country neglecting blind people in home country neglecting personal hygiene negotiating new identity new identity newcomer feelings no black people so that's new no cooperation without trust regardless of nationality no education for blind people in home country no formal tracking of students after centre no mention of language no none no name calling in home country no space for recruiting cultural expert no suitable for working due to disability no visa no access to special needs education nobody ashamed non disabled joking abut disability offending disabled non Irish professionals working at centre not accepting his blindness not accepting that disability is god given not being able to do job due to VI not being able to express themselves in English not being believed that disability prevents working not being confronted with race issue at school not being expert in cultural issues not being experts in immigration not being fully blind not being made to feel like outsiders not being supported in home country not being vengeful not blaming family not caring about racial name calling not changing identity as visual impairment not changing it is adding to identity not chasing people who don't want to engage with service not coming to Ireland for money not connecting with wider home country community

not connecting with wider home country community in Ireland not contacting home country doctors to confirm assessment not defending her disabled status not distinguishing where people are from not dumb not expecting Irish to welcome them not expecting service for blind feeling overwhelmed not experiencing gender issues in Ireland not experiencing staring at disabled child not feeling comfortable with migrant child's father shouting not feeling ashamed of themselves not feeling at home in Ireland not feeling confident about life for child in home country not feeling different not feeling fully accepted as foreigner not feeling great working with a female professional not feeling lonely because was supported not feeling up to attending school meetings language barrier not feeling up to fighting them not finding difficulties based on skin colour of migrant service users not following up on staff suggestions not following up on research into past students not happy using cane not happy with attitude towards disability at home not happy with Irish schoolchildren's behaviour not happy with services for disabled in home country not having family not having a good day not having a home country resource centre in Ireland not having family in Ireland not having good support towards disability within own home community not how things are in their co not imagining could have disabled child not imitating Irish schoolchildren's behaviour not including disabled peoples in home country society not knowing not knowing about cultural and religious behaviours not knowing accommodation regulations in Ireland not knowing if migrant service user understood instructions not knowing if racial attacks common in Ireland not knowing service exists not knowing what to expect from V.I.

not knowing what's expected of not looking for trouble not making out teacher's blackboard notes not missing home as family is in Ireland not preparing for travelling to Ireland not reacting to comments about being blind not reacting to racial comments not receiving racial or disability abuse not recognising he is disabled not relating about school not reporting racial attack to Garda not seeking revenge not sharing emotions in family not sharing full picture not socialising with wider home country community in Ireland not speaking English not speaking language very challenging emotionally not talking about disability with family not talking about his disability not thinking at start would stay a long time not thinking his eye problem was serious not trusting own home country people not underestimating work not understanding migrant service user not understanding migrant service user not viewing Ireland as racist not wanting burden not wanting to be associated with disabled community not wanting to be dependant on family not wanting to believe child's disability at start not wanting to only associate with foreigners not wanting to overburden staff not wanting to remember time of sight loss not wanting to return home not wanting to stick out not within the brief of my job nothing for them nothing for them to do in home country noticing foreign students communication skills improving noticing his difference amongst Irish people noticing more Chinese people arriving noting a difference between Irish and migrant service user

noting differences between migrant and Irish service users

noting differences between public helping men and women

noting different reactions to blind people on the street

noting improved situation for blind in Ireland

noting increasing numbers of migrant service users

noting Irish to be more self conscious about body

noting migrant service users' English improving

not wanting to load people with problems

nurturing empathy

nurturing independence

obsessing about her brother's past behaviour

observing Irish as clannish

obtaining Irish accent

offering alternatives to everyday activities

offering English classes

offering space to be open about disability

ongoing pain

open to new experiences

opportunity to meet other visually impaired

optimizing learning from frontline staff

organizing child's care themselves in home country

orientating

our own planet

out there with the community

over appreciating help

overburdening staff negative impact on service user

overcoming language barrier through creating connection with service user

overcoming problems

overlapping services

panicking when lose way

parent role

parents not advising

parents worrying that they'll be left to care for son alone

part of society you know just as everything else

participating in community

passing message to mother to dismiss eye doctors

paying attention to visual impairment in Ireland not in home country

paying for service for blind in home country

peer counselling

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peer counselling high demand

people don't know about the service

people having rights people smiling at disabled child in Ireland perceiving oneself as disabled performance indicators persevering following eye problem persevering through tough times persevering to make eventual contact with NCBI personality factor picking himself up to find his way around picking up slang word feeling integrating pigeon holing pinpointing lack of education and opportunities as casue of racism pitying herself due to bad sight placing pupils in classes according to age or disability- differences between home country and Ireland placing responsibility with doctor to refer migrant placing responsibility with parents planning child's medical care planning for child's future in Ireland planning for growing number of blind in Ireland planning future around what's best for child planning to write a book to warm young girls coming to Ireland planning to write a book to warn young girls coming to Ireland pointing finger at disabled child in home country power of majority culture practicing corporal punishment practicing corporal punishment at home and in schools practicing English with daughter praying that their blindness is not a reality praying together with home country community in Ireland preaching to refugees preferring Irish communication style to home country preferring meeting service users at home rather than office preferring to be called blind preferring to learn English in primary not secondary school preferring to stay in Ireland for better services for visually impaired preoccupation with home for people living abroad pretending not to be blind pretending to be ok pretending to his parents he is ok pretending to see pretty lost hope preventing disability reoccurrence by not returning to home country

pride in home country prior knowledge of cultural differences help in working with migrants prior knowledge of English language prioritise people in our own c prioritising prioritising child over attending English classes prioritising children's education procrastinating using cane procrastinating using cane around the neighbourhood professional attitude immaterial why migrant in Ireland goal to provide service professional awareness of migrants belief systems about disability professional composure professional exposure to migrant service users dependant on catchment area professional passion professional point of contact for cultural knowledge professional role is restoring independence professionally helping colleagues with migrant cases professionally not taking disability for granted professionally supporting each other with experiences working with migrants progressing into it into the c provding more support in Ireland than home country provide a service to anyone we provide all shades of research providing a common space to talk providing a service providing emotional support providing English classes providing individual carer per pupil- reason why better in Ireland providing information about Chinese culture providing more information about NCBI services directly in the Chinese community providing peer support providing rehabilitative service providing service for everyone providing support among staff providing transport at NCBI public perception of disabled community pulling together as a family pushing blind person in traffic put your head down pretend you putting centre under pressure putting children with disability in fulltime care in home country quantifying amount of refugee families met

questioning how much she's talking race a barrier to accessing services race barrier to feeling safe in neighbourhood racial attack racial attitudes in Ireland racial name calling racist remarks raising child in Ireland first experience of motherhood raising children to value money and career rationalizing why people make racist remarks reacting to racism reacting to weather reading about racist attacks in the newspaper reasoning why lost sight reassuring brother that racist remarks not impacting on identity reassuring himself ok to ask for help receiving disability allowance in Ireland receiving praise at school helpful receiving racial name calling when young receiving racial name calling in the street receiving support from health nurse receiving threats from brother recommending NCBI make contacts with ethnic minority communities recognising a changing attitude towards his home country people in Ireland over time recognising can't hurry service users to next stage recognising changing identity due to disability recognising changing physical abilities recognising disabled people's rights recognising his difficulties at school recognising isolation of migrant service users recognising need for more education about disability in home country recognising positive aspects of blind culture recognising potential in people to achieve recognising racism recognising she was naive to think could forget rape recognising that cane helps for mobility recognising that meeting service users in office daunting experience recognising the importance of cultural training recognising the other recognising training centre as safe environment for providers and users recognizing importance of computer recognizing scale of difficulty for migrant service users dependant on status

recommending different nationalities be represented in government departments recommending advertising NCBI in Chinese amenities recommending having people from different nationalities employed recommending NCBI make contacts within Chinese community recommending sharing experiences of living with sight loss recommending translating information into Chinese recounting brother reporting her recounting case of ethnic minority service user who neglected eye condition referring difficult cases to counselling service refusing to wear culture clothes regaining independence help form NCBI regardless of where people com registering with GP reinvention of self in foreign country and as person with disability rejecting disabled people in home country society rejecting using cane in neighbourhood rejecting using the cane relating experience to the past relating more easily to foreigners relating to frustration of language barrier relating to her father relating to language issue relating to migrant status relating to migrants language barrier relating to others with similar health issues relating to service user benefit to know cultural background relaying his problems seeing in class religious factor religious issues related to disability care relying on help from strangers due to disability relying on husband relying on themselves remembering corporal punishment remembering feeling everything was different remembering how brother cared for as a child remembering mother paying for glasses repeating routes repeating school year representing her parents school meetings representing two minority groups researching ethnic minorities with visual impairment reserving opinion on Irish people

resisting using cane

respect and acknowledgment tha

respecting culture's rules

respecting elders importance in Chinese tradition

- respecting elders in home country
- respecting stages of adaptation to disability
- respecting stages of progressing with training
- responding to change
- responsibility as a child
- restarting life from visualised to non-visualised
- restricting non visa holders
- restrictions posed by culture impacting on working with migrant serice users
- retraining after disability
- returning home not an option
- returning to roots
- revealing disability to parents
- revealing her disability to everyone
- running at over capacity
- School is work for him
- schooling child in special school and mainstream
- scolding mother for not speaking in English
- searching for place in society
- seeing the big picture
- seeking advice on cultural differences
- seeking approval from me
- seeking desperately answers from the past
- seeking help
- seeking information
- seeking professional help
- segregating blind people in home country
- segregating disabled children in home country
- segregating disabled people in home country
- segregating disabled people in home country society
- segregating pupils according to age not disability
- segregation of home country people in Ireland
- sell out
- sending information on services to GP centres
- separating boys and girls in school
- separating from home community in Ireland
- separating from home country people who abuse Irish system
- separating oneself from disabled community
- separating private and professional

serious about chosen career services for blind in home country and Ireland setting achievable training goals together setting background to profession in visual impairment setting self goals setting up a disability support online service setting up business setting up student exchange programme settling into accepting eye problem settling into environment with visually impaired people sharing Catholic faith with Irish people sharing common language sharing commonalities creating a culture sharing experience of being isolated on bus with home country friends sharing experiences of classroom with home country friends sharing feelings with other V.I. People sharing genetic condition with her younger brother sharing humour with blind community sharing integration responsibility sharing jokes about being blind sharing language of service user sharing of ideas sharing problems sharing resources sharing responsibility of integration between newcomer and host country sharing services between ethnic groups sharing similar situations with other parents of visually impaired children sharing stories of parenting disabled child with other home country parents helpful sharing stories on vision sharing the same language with Irish helps sharing with other home country friends she doesn't know any better way she understand other children she's taking an Irish job shock to the system showcasing work at Centre showing appreciation showing mobility techniques physical job shunning people because of disability holding them back shy to be seen with a stick siblings helping sight is near zero

- sinking in the seriousness of eye disease
- sister working in Ireland
- sister worrying about her being alone at home
- sitting at home negative impact on child rather be at school
- slowly slowly coming
- so much on their plate in term
- social interaction
- social interaction between students
- social welfare in Ireland great support
- socialising with other visually impaired people
- socializing difficult for child at start
- speaking as an outsider not disabled
- speaking English as second language
- speaking English at home
- speaking English at school and native language at home
- speaking English difficult when arrived
- speaking her mind
- speaking in pidgin English in home country to facilitate communication between generations
- speaking in public
- speaking native language with mother and English with father
- speed of accessing service culturally based
- spending more time with mother
- splitting services geographically
- stage of acceptance significance of personality
- stammering in English
- standing up for herself
- standing up for home country no matter what
- standing up to racist bullies
- staring at disability in home country
- starting a new life
- starting career in visual impairment
- starting process of accepting disability
- starting relationship with Irish man
- starting to accept blindness
- starting to allow himself be helped
- starting to feel better
- starting to reintegrate through NCBI
- starting training somewhere sheltered
- starting working in visual impairment
- staying at home when should be at school negatively impacting child
- staying close to blind person in beginning
- staying in Ireland

- staying in Ireland despite parents returning
- staying indoors at night time
- staying with child in hospital
- stepping stone
- sticks like a cane it's like a
- stigma
- stigma of difference in home country
- stigma towards disability barrier towards integration in home community
- stigmatizing children with sight loss by national and home community
- stopping work due to health
- stressing because hiding disability
- stressing to him to work on hi
- struggling in mainstream school
- struggling to do something for
- struggling to move forward
- struggling with morality of staying in job
- studying and working in Ireland
- studying race and culture
- Studying special needs
- submissive mother
- suffering at school work
- suffering because can't locate NCBI services
- superseding her mother
- supervising staff
- support from sister
- supporting blind person complex
- supporting each other
- supporting her mother during visits to Ireland
- supporting migrant service users though translation and interpreting
- supporting new home country arrivals to Ireland
- supporting service users in individual adaptation process
- supporting suicidal service users
- supporting yourself easier in Ireland than home country
- surviving disability
- surviving in work
- sustaining friendships difficult
- tailoring service to community needs
- taking a chance with travelling to Ireland
- taking a long time for migrants to access services
- taking advantage of gratefulness
- taking anger out on mother
- taking away service

taking control of adapting to new society taking control of situation on the bus taking for granted will be cared for taking initiative to ask for assistance taking into account other peoples views taking on the role of interpreter taking part in classes taking pity on her taking risks in order to remain employed taking risks with his sight talking about being made to feel unwanted among home culture community talking about disability talking about disability alleviate stress talking about home culture community integrating in Ireland talking about issues common to blind people talking about living in a utopia talking about mortality talking about racism talking brings back bad memories talking with friends about sight loss talking with family in home language tapping in on is the stress le targeted services teaching cane skills requires physical contact teaching children about home culture Teaching exclusively people at training centre teaching foreign languages at the centre teaching migrant challenging teaching routes to different classrooms teasing and laughing at handicap at school telling his parents about his eye problem telling migrant service users to follow Irish behaviour telling parents can't attend mainstream school telling story of her father's first wife not being a virgin thanking for help thanking Ireland thanking staff the other the stick is my eyes there is a hope for them that there is no place like home there is something beyond language

there really is nothing nothing

there's no place like home

They can't even imagine what y

they don't emphasis on the visual

they take me for what I am now

they're always fighting the disability

things have hit the fence

thinking about changed status in balanced way

thinking about the home

thinking of home

This is also part of the disabled culture

this is not our final home we

threatening to hospitalize her

time of transition

tired of living in London

To have a new beginning

to live normal life motivation for coming to Ireland

tolerating disability more in Ireland than home country

totally ignore the visual world

totally nothing

totally nothing if you become

tough task

training people to regain independence

translating disability documents slowed process of accessing school

translating not part of service provider remit

traumatised service users

travelling alone

travelling changes behaviour

travelling to Ireland alone

travelling to Ireland part of education

treating disorder influenced by mother's Buddhist faith

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treating people as individuals

treating staff as equals

trust issue

trying to accommodate non nationals

trying to be culturally sensitive in work

trying to be sensitive to different cultural attitudes towards women

trying to coax people to work exhausting

trying to comprehend motivation for racial attacks

trying to comprehend why migrants don't engage with service

trying to connect families in similar situation

- trying to explain would be safer to use cane
- trying to get hospital
- trying to help others
- trying to hold everything together
- trying to respect their culture
- trying to speed up accessing school process
- trying with his broken English
- two different worlds
- two times disabled
- under pressure to get people i
- understanding English difficulties
- understanding how uncertain situation was for family
- understanding Irish accent difficult
- understanding medical terms better in English than home country language
- understanding motivations for racist remarks
- understanding service user's needs
- understanding staff
- understanding the need for flexibility external factors slow progress
- understanding why bullying happens
- uneasy about receiving education in UK
- uniting as one family at training centre
- universal design out of reach
- unless you're invited in
- upbringing differences between home and Ireland
- upholding Chinese family structure
- upholding Chinese roots and tradition
- upset us as a group
- using Irish friendships to improve language and speed up integration process using Irish friendships to improve language and speed up integration process using personal cultural information to provide a service
- valuing disabled children in home country less in Ireland they don't they exist valuing life
- viewing disabled child positively in Ireland
- viewing migrants as isolated
- visiting home country
- visual impairment connected to other medical diagnosis

visual world

- voicing her story to help other young women coming to Ireland
- waiting a year for an appointment
- waiting for citizenship
- waiting for kidney transplant
- waiting for their visa

waiting for visa for long time waiting to access service waiting to get better walking around without a cane very unsafe walking around without cane wanted to get out wanting help others in similar situation wanting to be active and useful wanting to contribute to Irish society wanting to experience another culture wanting to give good education to children wanting to give their child good quality of life wanting to help wanting to help people with sight problems in home country wanting to maintain native language wanting to make it easier for migrant families wanting to move out wanting to rejoin family in Ireland wanting to retaliate to name-calling wanting to return home wanting to run away on first day at school wanting to show gratitude wanting to spread the good news diabetes not a life sentence wanting to work Wanting to work with sensory disabilities we treat ourselves as one family wearing culture clothes wearing culture clothes at home welcoming training seminars for cultural training when in Rome do what the Roman when the walls are collapsing where do they go? willing to accept other people willingness of non nationals to put in hard work wishing to save money to continue studies within my own enclave with my without being stereotypical witnessing resistance from service users to use word blind work twice as hard or three times working a lot working alone working as a dancer

working as volunteer

- working beyond professional remit to assist migrant needs
- working extra hard
- working gives independence
- working good job
- working hard to become independent
- working hours
- working in disability
- working in field of visual impairment
- working in Ireland
- working in Ireland until eye problem worsened
- working in Ireland/language
- working in service users' homes
- working in takeaway when arrived
- working in UK
- working on improving English
- working on the frontline CRW
- working one to one in mobility
- working physically hard
- working prospects higher when English better
- working together visually impaired and non
- working together with service user
- working with children different challenges
- working with disability normalizing disability
- working with ethnic minorities
- working with ethnic minorities with visual impairment
- working with migrants
- working with migrants new experience for caring services
- working with new challenge of migration in service provision
- working with people with disabilities
- working with translators
- working with visual impairment
- working with young Muslim girl
- worrying about being accepted
- worrying about being discriminated against because of race
- worrying about being treated differently due to disability and race
- worrying about fitting in
- worrying about future as elderly person in Ireland
- worrying about him travelling on his own
- worrying about language issues
- worrying about making friends
- worrying about making friends due to disability and race

worrying about migrant service users worrying about students future prospects worrying about the future for the child due to disability worrying about transport working worrying about understanding accent worrying about vision worrying would her nationality prevent people making friends writing novel to help other people coming to Ireland you are basically changed you get the bare details you know very well what you was you're on someone else's floor **APPENDIX F: Service User Transcript: Example of Coding Process**