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**Constant Connections: Mobile Phone Assisted Peer Support for Refugee Women**

Well Refugees come to Australia and they are lacking a lot of information, there is a whole bunch of things about Australia that is, you need to know to live in Australia. Things that we would just take for granted.

The idea is that the best provider for those, for refugees is themselves. Somebody else who’s gone through that same thing. A refugee that’s maybe been here a year longer. Someone who’s figured out that particular bit of information.

So the idea is, you give them mobile phones, you give them a freecall mobile phones and teach them peer support so they can talk to each other. You do that and their lives will get better, the information will flow more freely through the community.

We know about information we know that the internet has made our lives amazingly more productive because we have this free flow of information. And give refugees a way to get information for each other from each other for themselves. We want refugees lives to go better, we want them to have access to that information, and to make their lives smoother.

Refugees are at risk of many, many, problems, you know. Health problems, social health problems, you know, because of that lack of information. You can’t get a break when you don’t know how to get a break. So if you give them information if you give them a ways to get information, they’ll go out and have better lives.

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