



Community Participation Among Refugees and Asylum Seekers Who Experienced Trauma

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“You’re safe now”... but
are they really?



Systems assume readiness
Silence is often survival —
not disengagement



Legal Safety ≠
Participation



Trauma shapes trust,
voice, and engagement



Why do refugees remain
excluded even when
services exist?

**When systems are built
WITH — not FOR — people:**

- Silence → Storytelling
- Surviving → Shaping
- Being helped → Belonging

Participation is NOT a
service outcome.

It is an agency.

