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Loneliness and connection: existential aspects of working with elderly involuntary dislocated people in Ukraine.

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This presentation delves into the deeply felt existential experiences of loneliness and the poignant search for connection among elderly internally displaced persons (IDPs) in Ukraine. The author will share personal reflections and professional doubts regarding the adequacy of current approaches and the pressing need for new, more effective support strategies. Emerging challenges for professionals working with this particularly vulnerable population in the current challenging context will be discussed.

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