

A black and white photograph of a war-torn city. In the foreground, a person is seen from the back, carrying a child on their back and holding a large bundle. The background shows a city with many buildings that have been destroyed, leaving only skeletal remains. The sky is filled with smoke or dust.

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When the war was over: European refugees after 1945

At the end of Second World War more than 11 million people on the European continent found themselves stranded far from home - former Nazi slave labourers, liberated prisoners-of-war, and concentration camp survivors, as well as East Europeans fleeing westwards to escape the Soviet Red Army.

This exhibition tells the story of these refugees, whom the Allied governments labeled Displaced Persons (DPs).

The exhibition presents analysis, testimony and original source materials collected from archives and libraries in the UK, USA, Russia, Ukraine and elsewhere.

It is based on a research project on East European population displacement and resettlement after the Second World War, carried out by historians at the University of Nottingham and the University of Manchester.

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