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Dear Fellow Students:

My name is Annie Kalman and I am a graduate student at Fordham University in New York City, and I am the student NGO representative to the UN in New York, for The International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse (INPEA). I am writing to you about World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) on June 15, 2009.

WEAAD was started in 2006 as a day to raise Global Awareness of the needs and rights of older persons and to promote the UN Principles of Older Person (1991) and is now a global institution.

We are reaching out to students through this website to encourage you to plan and implement in your communities, awareness around World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. We are also looking for your thoughts and ideas surrounding this important day.

As noted on the WEAAD section of INPEA's website, the objectives of (INPEA) are:

1. To increase public awareness and knowledge of the issue.
2. To promote education and training of professional and paraprofessional in identification, treatment and prevention.
3. To further advocacy on behalf of abused and neglected elders.
4. To stimulate research into the causes, consequences, prevalence, treatment and prevention of elder abuse and neglect.

This and reports of past years events can be found at www.inpea.net/weaad.html . We hope these past events will foster new ideas and recycling of the old.

As for myself, I will be doing a presentation at my placement which is at Legal-aid. I help prevent homelessness of my senior clients. My presentation will inform lawyers so that they are more aware of what elder abuse looks and how to prevent abuse.

All students that are interested or want further information may reach me at anniekalman@gmail.com

Yours,

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