

WEAAD Around the World - Global Events 2008

Events happening on and around 15 June in recognition of the Third Annual

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

My World... Your World... Our World... Free of Elder Abuse

AFRICA

THE GAMBIA

Respect for Elders

(Don't Answer Phone Call While Driving)

Save Your Life and Others

Sponsored by:

The Association for the Prevention of Elder Abuse

The Gambia (TAPEA)

Venue:

Banul

30 Jallow Jallow Street

(formerly Hope Street)

The Gambia

Beginning Friday 13th thru

Saturday 14th June

10am Prompt each day

The Association for the Prevention of Elder Abuse (TAPEA) The Gambia will be celebrating WEAAD 2008 on needs to for youths to respect elders by YOUTHS FOR ELDERS CLUB and also a warning to Road users. Titled: Do Not Answer phone Calls While Driving, If You Have A Call, Pack Your Car Answer Your Call, Save Your Life And Others As Life Has No Duplicate. A message from The Association for the Prevention of Elder Abuse, TAPEA, The Gambia.

Entrance Fee is Free

Web: www.inpea.net/events/tapea.html

<http://www.olderadultabuse.org/thegambiareport.htm>

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ASIA

INDIA

INVITING ESSAYS ON ELDER ABUSE

Sponsored by
SILVER INNINGS

Mumbai

The Last date for submission
is 20th May 2008

INVITING ESSAYS ON ELDER ABUSE

SILVER INNINGS (www.silverinnings.com) an organisation dedicated for Elders and their Family Members invites an Essay of about 500 words on the topic of "What is perception of society regarding Elder Abuse and what are your recommendation to Stop It".

The three (3) best essays will be published in Website www.silverinnings.com as also on Blogs: <http://peopleforsocialcause.blogspot.com/>; <http://silverinnings.blogspot.com/>

All the essays will be used by Silver Innings as database/paper presentation for its strategy to Tackle Elder Abuse. The verdict of Founder and Webmaster will be final for the selection of best three (3) essays and for publication. Silver Innings consists of a dedicated team of professionals contributing to the cause of the elderly. Silver Innings conducts seminars, camps, pre retirement lectures, awareness modules and also has support groups for home based advice.

The Last date for submission is
20th May 2008.

Mail your essay on or before
20th May 2008

The winners will be announced
online after 31st May 2008.

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EUROPE

BELGIUM

Flemish Conference on Elder Abuse

Sponsored by the Flemish Reporting Point for Elder Abuse

Venue:

De Factorij - Hoger Instituut
voor Geinswetenschappen
(Higher Institute for Family Sciences)
Huart Hamoiriaan 1361030 Brussels
Belgium

Friday, June 13, 2008

From 9 am to 16.30 pm

9.00 Registration

9.30 Wellcome and opening of the day

9.45 Opening act: Elder Mistreatment. René en Manu Verreth, Flemish actors and inspirators of the taboo breaking play Georges

10.45 Lecture 1: Violence against older women: Comments from the European project Breaking the taboo: empowering health and social service professionals to combat violence against older women within families Mrs. Els Messelis MS, gerontologist, director of the research agency Lachesis and lecturer at the Higher Institute of Family Sciences

11.30 Lecture 2: Elder Mistreatment and home care failure Prof. Dr. Dominique Verté, PhD ingerontology, department of agogics, Free University of Brussels

12.15 Lunch

13.15 Lecture 3: Overview of prevention and curation in the Netherlands Mrs. Mirjam van Dongen, ambassador of the Dutch campagne STOP Elder Abuse

14.00 Lecture 4: Juridicial aspects regarding Elder Mistreatment Prof. Dr. Em. Mariette Verrycken, department of gerontology, honory justice of the peace, Free University of Brussels

14.45 Coffee break

15.15 Closing panel

15.45 Closing speech by the Flemishminister of Wellfare S. Vanackere

16.00 Reception

The registration modalities and forms are to be found on the website of the Flemish Reporting Point for Elder Abuse:

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WEAAD in Belgium

Sponsored by
Libr'âgé: CAPAM, EMPAGE, URGEDES

Venue:
ARSENAL
11, rue Bruno
5000 NAMUR
Belgium

Sunday, June 15th

From 1:30 pm to 6:00 pm

An afternoon of activities and information on the topic of abuses on elders

- > Theatre
- > Cinema
- > Improvisation
- > Stands
- > Released balloons
- > Free piece of pie

In Walloon region there exist six antennas which work in network. In the fifteen days preceding June 15, each one organizes one or more local activities of prevention.

Registration available by telephoning +32(0)61/65.81.11

Web sites:

<http://www.librage.be>

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IRELAND

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day Conference

Sponsored by
School of Nursing, Midwifery & Health Systems,
UCD, REACHout & Action on Elder Abuse

Venue:
School of Nursing, Midwifery & Health Systems
Health Sciences Building
University College
Dublin, Belfield, Dublin 4
Ireland

Friday, 13th June
9.30-16.00

Conference which will discuss issues relating to elder abuse in research, practice and the voluntary sector. It is aimed at a broad audience which includes both professionals and members of the public. Speakers include the Irish Minister for Justice and Law Reform, Mr Brian Lenihan, Ms Bgt. Penhale and Mr Gary Fitzgerald (CEO Action on Elder Abuse)

Registration is essential
as numbers are limited.

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HSE West Elder Abuse Conference: Learning Lessons Sharing Practice

Sponsored by:
Health Services Executive

Venue:
Galway City
Ireland

Friday 13th June

From 9am to 3pm

The aim of the conference will be to heighten awareness of elder abuse among professionals and the general public. The conference will be formally opened by Ms Maire Hocht, T.D., Minister for Older People and speakers will include:

- Dr Shaun O Keeffe, Geriatrician, HSE West
- Jill Manthorpe, Professor of Social Work, King's College London
- Anne O Loughlin, Principal Social Worker, St Mary's Phoenix Park and co-author of Abuse, Neglect and Mistreatment of Older People: exploratory study.
- Claire O Tuathail, Lecturer, NUIG
- Senior Case Workers Elder Abuse who will present elder abuse case studies and research on elder abuse referrals to date.
- Frank Murphy, Local Health Manager Roscommon and Chair of National & HSE West Elder Abuse Committees

We expect the conference will be of interest to health and social care staff working with older persons, in particular, HSE Staff from community, acute and mental health services, nursing home staff and voluntary agencies providing services for older persons. We will also be inviting older persons' representative groups, Carers, Local Authorities, Financial Services, Legal professionals and An Garda Síochána.

This conference is free of charge.

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**UNITED KINGDOM
WALKING UP MOUNT SNOWDON
for
World Elder Abuse Awareness Day**

Sponsored by:

elderprotection.co.uk

Venue:

Snowdon, North Wales

UK

Mount Snowdon along the Llanberis Path route

Beginning Sunday 15th June

@ 0800 hours till finish

Ed will be making a serious walk to the top of Mount Snowdon in North Wales on June 15th to mark this years World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. Last year Ed snorkelled 17 miles from Ely to Cambridge highlighting the fact that 350,000 elder people suffer abuse in their own homes each year in the UK. Ed's walk will be a serious 10 miles, along the Llanberis Path route, starting only a couple of hundred feet above sea level. And raising to 3,560 ft of the Mass of Snowdon, giving Ed some great views of the Snowdon trains! as they go up and down with the summer tourists. As Ed gets close to the summit the going will get tougher and very steep. Ed will be spending about 8 hours or more walking up and then down Snowdon, having a few stops for a

nice cup of tea or soup and bite to eat and will Bring home a certificate, which tells all that he reached the top!! The summit is marked by a cairn, on top of which is a brass plaque which points out what Ed, might be able to see, and the distance away it is, depending on the weather, which is very unpredictable at the best of times. If he is lucky he might get good views - however, he might only just be able to see his hand in front of his face! Whichever way, Ed will be leaving his mark on Snowdon by planting a World Elder Abuse Awareness Day Flag.

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LATIN AMERICA and CARIBBEAN

NORTH AMERICA

CANADA

*3rd Annual Global Celebration of
World Elder Abuse Awareness Day*

*Building Knowledge & Networks
to Address Elder Abuse:
Pathways to Human Rights*

A Two Day Conference Organized by the
International Network for Prevention of Elder Abuse
& Canadian Network for Prevention of Elder Abuse

Government Conference Centre
2 Rideau Street
Ottawa, Ontario
CANADA

Monday, 16 June to Tuesday, 17 June
From 8AM Monday thru Tuesday, 5pm

The Focus of this Conference is on Solutions. Day One begins with a description of some innovative approaches in services, policies and programs in the host country, Canada.

Day Two opens with consideration of abuse and neglect of older persons in the context of family violence prevention, followed by a panel highlighting best practices from around the world.

Save The Date - Ottawa

[WEAAD 2008 Ottawa](#)

"Our Community"
Elder Abuse Awareness Day

Sponsored by
Ritchot Senior Services Inc.

Venue:
Le Club Amical
344 Main Street
St.Adolphe, Manitoba, Canada

Wednesday, June 18th, 2008

From 11:30 am to 1:30 pm

BBQ and Display on awareness

First we will be giving out **purple awareness ribbons** that will be at different locations in the communities that we serve and we will ask people to wear them on June 18th. We are also asking businesses and their employees to wear purple or a purple awareness pin on that day. We are also asking people to send out notices about World Elder Abuse Awareness Day and we will also include your website for those who would like to get more information. Whoever gets a notice will send us an email or phone us and give us their first name and location. We will then mark it on maps that we have (Canada and World) and this will be displayed for all to see where in the world we have spread awareness.

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

FLORIDA

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day 2008

Sponsored by:

Shelter for Abused Women & Children

Elder Abuse Response Program

Venue:

Senior Annex in the community center

3500 Thomasson Drive

Naples, Florida

USA

Friday, June 13th

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Elder Abuse expo and reception.

Vendors will be there with related information, and the Shelter for Abused Women and children's Elder Abuse Advocate will be there with a presentation. Last year the City Mayor proclaimed the date/day. The

community has been notified to wear something **Purple** to support the day.

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GEORGIA
Protecting Older Adults
in our Communities:
Are We Doing Enough?

Sponsored by:

The Coastal Georgia Regional Development Center
Area Agency on Aging
and
Chatham County S.A.L.T. Council
(Seniors and Law Enforcement Together)

Venue:

Mercer Auditorium at Memorial Hospital
4700 Waters Avenue
Savannah, Georgia
USA

Thursday, June 12

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Who Should Attend this workshop: Law Enforcement/First Responders, Health Care Specialists, Adult Protective Services staff, Aging Network providers, Advocates, Concerned Citizens

The workshop will be offering CEU's; National Association of Social Workers, Georgia Nurses Association, Nursing Home Administrators and Peace Officers Standards and Training. Several great speakers will address the topics of Elder Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation, Community Resources for victims and families, and Ageism.

This Community Workshop is designed to explore issues related to abuse and neglect among the elderly and offer options for strengthening families. Exhibitors will provide information on supportive services including: counseling, financial assistance, and health care.

The last session is a forum/open discussion that covers polices and what needs to be done to support vulnerable elders. Also invited to participate are local legislators and candidates from the upcoming elections.

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**KANSAS
World Elder Abuse
Awareness Week Activities**

Sponsored by:
TRIAD

Venue:
230 E. William
Suite 7080
Wichita, Kansas 67202
USA

Activity Dates:
June 9th thru 13th
and
June 15th thru 20th

- June 9-13 - "Seniors Are People Too" Kids Coloring Contest
- June 12 - Media Awareness Dan and Mayor's Proclamation
- June 13 - Conference for banking professionals on financial abuse of the elderly
- June 16-19 - Senior Centers distribution of **purple** ribbons
- June 20 - Senior Fair and Balloon launch at Botanica (our city gardens)

We are trying to raise awareness to elder abuse in our community and start a campaign to influence our legislators to make stricter laws regarding elder abuse. We decided to make this an annual week of awareness. We are trying to do something each day during the week.

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NEW YORK
Third Annual Conference on Elder Abuse
Elder Abuse and the Family:
Not a Private Matter

Sponsored by:

(Coalition) JASA, Hebrew Home for the Aged
at Riverdale, New York City
Department for the Aging,
New York City Human Resources Administration,
Fordham University Graduate School of Social Service,
Institute for Retired Professional at the New School

Venue:

New School for Social Research
66 West 12 Street
New York, New York 10011
USA

Wednesday, June 18
8:30 AM - 2:30 PM

The keynote address for this Third Annual Conference on Elder Abuse in recognition of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day will be given by Dr. Evan Stark, entitled "Re-framing Abuse of the Elderly as Coercive Control: Moving the Agenda". Dr. Stark's recent book, "Coercive Control: How Men Entrap Women in Personal Life" was named the 2007 Best Book in Sociology/Social Work by the Association of American Publishers. Conference is planned for social workers, lawyers, medical and mental health professionals, law enforcement, and other social service personnel. Workshops focus on engaging the victim, legal issues involving elder abuse and the extended family, the role of clergy and elder abuse, interviewing skills and family systems, money and asset management, the changing family structure and elder abuse (LGBT, grandparenting, and immigrant senior populations), and socialization as the antidote to isolation.

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TENNESSEE **World Elder Abuse Awareness Day Rally**

Sponsored by:
Tennessee Vulnerable Adult Coalition

Venue:
Legislative Plaza
Nashville, TN
USA

Friday, June 13, 2008

11 a.m. to
1 p.m

WEAAD Events include:

Speakers addressing the issue of abuse of elders and vulnerable adults.

Booths from community organizations that provide assistance to vulnerable adults.

A cell phone drive, with permanent depositories at Tennessee's senior centers and a special drive for WEAAD, to provide financial assistance to the organizations and at the same time, provide cell phones to vulnerable adults in the state to enable them to call 911.

A billboard campaign promoting the day, will begin May 15 and run through June 15. We obtained sponsors for 21 boards to be placed throughout the state.

It will also promote Tennessee Vulnerable Adult Coalition's MySpace page at <http://www.myspace.com/tvac2008>.

For a free booth at the rally,
RSVP to [Janet Lamb](#)

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OCEANIA

AUSTRALIA

Take Action:

Respond to Abuse of Older People

Sponsored by
Aged Rights Advocacy Service Inc.

Venue:
Allan Scott Park Morphettville Function Centre
Morphett Road, Morphettville
Adelaide
South Australia

Friday 13th June

From 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

In November 2007 Minister Jay Weatherill released "Our Actions to prevent the abuse of older South Australians" which sets out the priorities for action to be taken in South Australia. Building on two years of successful WEAAD events, the Aged Rights Advocacy Service has organised this seminar to assist service providers to continue to improve their response to abuse. This year will focus on identifying barriers faced by service providers when assisting older people living in the community to address abuse. This seminar is aimed at Mangers-Community Aged Care Service providers and Health Professionals working in the community aged care sector.

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NEW ZEALAND

Age Concern New Zealand Nationwide Events

Sponsored by:
Age Concern New Zealand

Venue:
Wellington and nationwide
Far North to the Bluff
New Zealand

Beginning Friday 13 June
thru Tuesday 17 June

This year Age Concern and Elder Abuse and Neglect Prevention service providers are focusing on the destructive effects of elder psychological (emotional) abuse with a nationwide programme of events, seminars, and screenings of the "It's All About Respect" DVD.

Full programme on the WEAAD page
of the Age Concern website.

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