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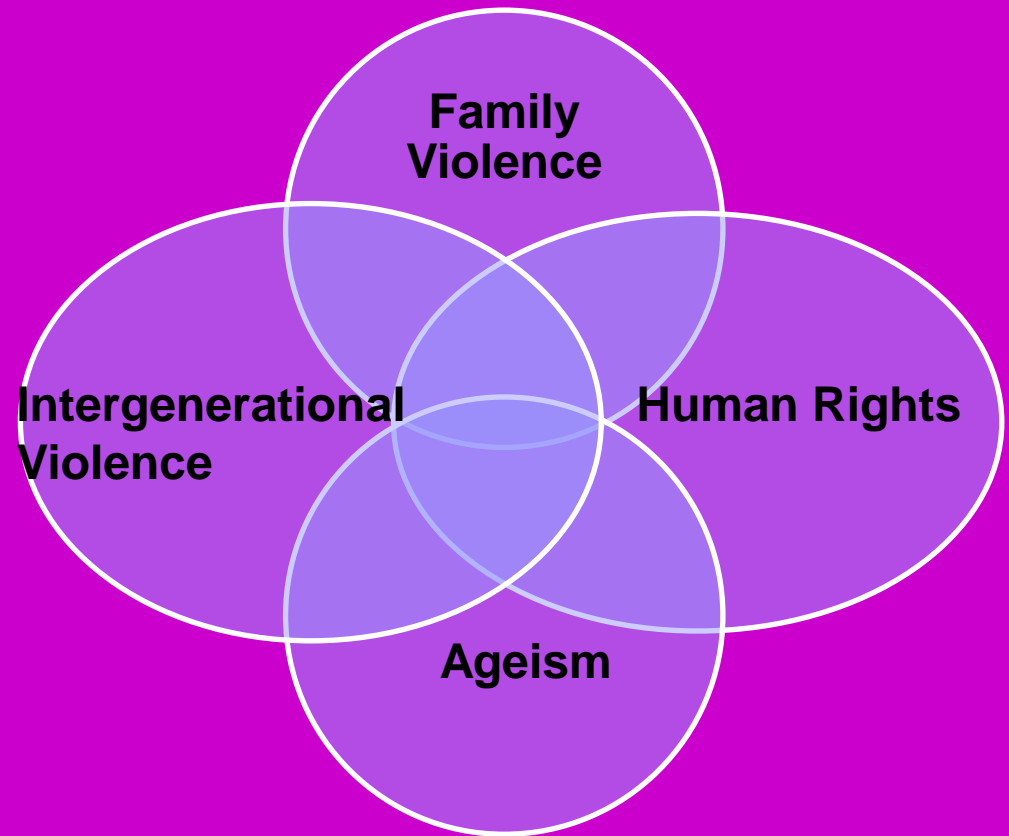


The International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse

- Founded in 1997 by Rosalie Wolf & colleagues
- **AIM:** ‘To increase society’s ability, through international collaboration, to recognise and respond to mistreatment of older people in whatever settings it occurs, so that each individual can achieve an optimum quality of life, in keeping with his or her cultural values and tradition’

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

Commenced in 2006 and functions to bring attention to the maltreatment of older people and to highlight the need for appropriate action



Some Irish Venues




- St Patrick's Hospital / Marymount Hospice, Wellington Road, Cork.
- Cuil Didin Nursing Home, Tralee, Co Kerry
- Cahirsiveen Community Hospital Cahirsiveen, Co Kerry.
- Kerry General Hospital.
- Oakdale Nursing Home Portarlinton, Co Laois
- Valentia Community Hospital , Co Kerry.
- St Columbanus Community hospital, Killarney, Co Kerry
- Dingle Community Unit Hospital
- Schull Community Hospital Cork
- St Luke's Home, Mahon, Cork
- Health Centres

Ireland : Selected Activities

- Symbolic candle lighting to acknowledge those who have suffered or continue to suffer abuse.
- Provision of purple ribbons/wearing of the colour purple/room decoration using purple.
- Balloon Releases
- Music Sessions/coffee morning/fashion show
- Mass & interdenominational prayers
- Bus outing (decorated with purple balloons)
- Interactions with school children
- Garda visit to residential care





Resident appreciation board

- All members of staff and visitors are invited to write a message on a piece of purple card, describing simply what they have learned from our residents. The individual cards will be displayed on a larger board with photographs and given to the residents, thanking them for all they have taught us about life and living.



Letter to self

- Staff members are invited to write a short note addressed to themselves in the future. The note will ask the person to imagine themselves at an age and in a situation similar to that of our residents. The letter will probe staff members to reflect and consider “If I was this age what would be important to me to be able to do?” and “In this situation how would I like to be treated?”

- *'My world, your world, our world.... free from abuse'*



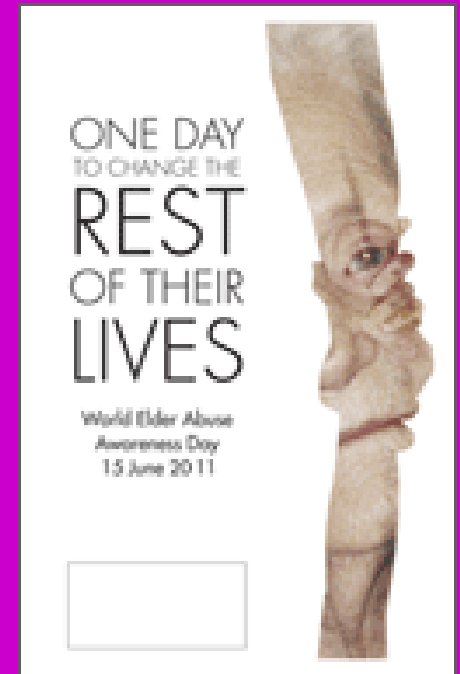
**INPEA International
Conference, 17th June
2011,
Herbert Smith, Exchange
House, London EC2A
2HS, U.K.**

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INPEA Mayoral Proclamation Against Elder Abuse

- Lord Mayor Of Dublin,
Councillor Gerry Breen.
- Mayor of Galway, Limerick, Sligo,
Kilkenny, Waterford, Mayor of Kerry,
Tralee, Killarney, Listowell
Lord Mayor of Cork



INPEA Mayoral Proclamation Against Elder Abuse



Municipal Declaration Signing

- Deputy Commissioner of the Garda Síochána, Nacie Rice.
- Head of the UCD School of Nursing, Midwifery & Health Systems, Dr. Martin McNamara.

