

A close-up, black and white photograph of an elderly man's face. He has a weathered complexion with visible wrinkles, particularly around his eyes and forehead. He has a thick, grey beard and mustache. His expression is contemplative, with his eyes looking slightly off-camera. The background is blurred, showing what appears to be a textured wall.

# Dignity in care - a global challenge

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# World Elder Abuse Awareness Day 2016



**LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND**





# WEAAD

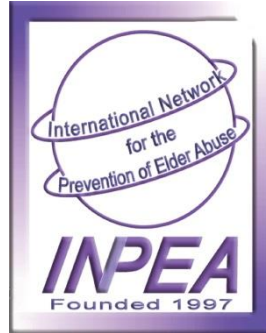
**The World Elder Abuse Awareness Day is commemorated each year on 15 June to highlight the often silent suffering of the elder generation. The Day was officially recognized by the United Nations General Assembly in December 2011, following a request by the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse (INPEA), who first established the commemoration in June 2006.**





**INPEA**

Founded 1997



# **Message from Susan Somers INPEA President**

# INPEA

International Network for the Prevention of Domestic Violence

Red Internacional de Prevención del Abuso y Maltrato

[www.inpea.net](http://www.inpea.net)



**“I call upon Governments and all concerned actors to design and carry out more effective prevention strategies and stronger laws and policies to address all aspects of elder abuse. Let us work together to optimize living conditions for older persons and enable them to make the greatest possible contribution to our world.**

**On this Day, I call upon Member States and civil society to strengthen their resolve and redouble their efforts to eliminate all forms of violence and abuse against older people. ”**

***UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon – June 2016***





- **Formed in South Australia in 2013**
- **Connecting ageing services throughout the Commonwealth**
- **Established presence in 17 of the 53 countries of the Commonwealth**
- **Our vision is to advance the interests of older people throughout the Commonwealth, by building capability and capacity in health and aged care services.**
- **Support for professional staff development**
- **Advocacy and support for policy and service development**
- **Promoting the interests of older people and their contribution to civil society**
- **Mutual support and sharing wisdom**
- **Working in partnership with existing NGOs**



## **10 Principles**

- **Zero tolerance of abuse**
- **Support people with respect**
- **Treat each person as an individual**
- **Enable people to maintain independence, choice and control**
- **Listen and support people to express their needs and wants**
- **Respect people's privacy**
- **Ensure people feel able to complain without fear of retribution**
- **Engage with family members and carers as care partners**
- **Assist people to maintain confidence and a positive self-esteem**
- **Act to alleviate loneliness**



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Respect





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Maintain  
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**Listen**





Privacy





Complain  
without  
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Engage  
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**Confidence  
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Alleviate  
loneliness





stop hurting me

it's my money

treat me with respect

# abuse hurts at any age

together we can prevent abuse of older adults



June 15





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