



AGEISM AND WIDOWHOOD: A FOCUS ON THE FORGOTTEN

CSW60 JOINT SIDE EVENT



Date: March 18 from 2:30 to 4PM

Location: The Salvation Army (Basement room)
221 East 52nd Street (between 2nd and 3rd Ave),
New York, NY

Objectives: highlight the intersection of ageism and discrimination against widows

Format: A 'fishbowl' style discussion inviting oral interventions from the floor which express the local identification of the issue and address solutions found from the grassroots to global policy.

Concept Note:

"I think I will never get past second class – first because I am female and now because I am older."
A woman from the US

Chair/Discussant: Dr. Susan B. Somers, President, International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse (INPEA)

Speakers:

Bridget Sleep, Senior Rights Policy Advisor, HelpAge International

Andrea Ferenczi, President, Association for Women's Career Development, Hungary

Margaret Owens, Widows for Peace through Democracy (WPD)

Lily Thapa, Women for Human Rights – Single Women's Group, Nepal (WHR-SWG)

No RSVP required

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Looking forward to seeing you there!

We live in a deeply ageist world where older people are stereotyped as confused, a burden on society and unable to make their own decisions. It is also a world where women can be subjected to intersectional discrimination based on their older age and other characteristics such as their marital, economic and physical or mental health status. It is this intersectional discrimination that is at the heart of widows' experiences of their human rights in older age: living in a world where deeply stigmatising and dehumanising prejudices and stereotypes are barely recognized for what they are, are ignored or tolerated and have very harmful consequences in their lives. This event will explore how ageism and discrimination based on widowhood intersect in widows' everyday lives and will identify solutions to ensure that widows of all ages can live dignified, fulfilling and autonomous lives.

Sponsors:

International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse (INPEA)

HelpAge International (HAI)

Association for Women's Career Development in Hungary

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Guild of Service (invited)

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