

Capacity Building for Elderly Rights Advocacy Groups, Elderly Service Workers and Community Organizers

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Objectives

- Aims: To build the organizing and advocacy capacity of elderly rights advocacy group and professionals involved in elderly services.
- Means: networking meetings, training and development of training manuals and materials.



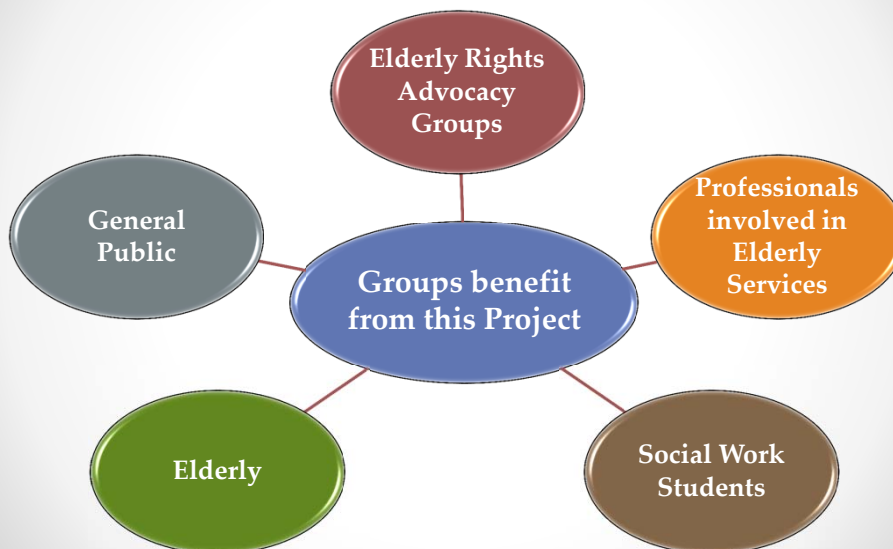


Collaborator

The Association for the Rights of the Elderly (ARE)

- An elderly rights advocacy group with more than 30 years of history
- Released comments on policy and service issues related to rights and welfare for the elderly through mass media and government consultation

Target Sectors



Achievements

- Raised awareness on the importance of capacity building
- Equipped professionals in elderly services with organizing and advocacy skills through workshop training [3 one-day workshops attended by 42 participants from various professions]
- Enabled elderly to express their own opinions on social policies and services effectively through workshop training [3 one-day workshops attended by 94 older participants]

23-Apr-13	Workshop on “Encouraging Elderly Participation in the Community and Elderly Rights Advocacy” (professionals)
30-Apr-13	Workshop on “Elderly Participate in the Community and Elderly Rights Advocacy” (elderly)
19-Jul-13	Workshop on “Elderly Participate in the Community and Elderly Rights Advocacy” (elderly)
7-Aug-13	Workshop on “Encouraging Elderly Participation in the Community and Elderly Rights Advocacy” (professionals)
17-Oct-13	Workshop on “Elderly Participate in the Community and Elderly Rights Advocacy” (elderly)
31-Oct-13	Workshop on “Encouraging Elderly Participation in the Community and Elderly Rights Advocacy” (professionals)

- “Encouraging Elderly Participation in Community and Elderly Rights Advocacy”



Professionals involved in elderly services shared their experiences at the workshop

- “Elderly Participation in Community and Elderly Rights Advocacy”



Elderly rights advocacy groups discussed elderly related policy



- “Elderly Participation in Community and Elderly Rights Advocacy”



Elderly participants presented their views and analyses on different elderly related issues and suggested relevant actions to be taken

Workshop Participants feedback

- Professionals involved in Elderly Services :

「講者準備用心充足」
The speakers are all very well prepared.

「討論環節與不同同工交流經驗能開闊眼界，獲益良多」
I learnt a lot and have my horizon broadened from the discussion session where workers share their experience.

「啟發自己的反思」
Inspired me to reflect on myself.

「內容充實、實用、有系統」
The content was informative, practical and organized.

「很仔細地剖析實務技巧」
The speakers carefully analyzed the practical skills.

Workshop Participants feedback

- Elderly Participants:

「老人權益資料充足及講者經驗豐富」
The speaker is experienced and provided plenty of useful information

「希望多些長者參與，讓多些長者明白老人權益」
I hope that more elderly would participate in the workshop so that they would understand more about elderly issues.

「集思廣益，獲益良多」
Stimulating and beneficial.

「內容實用」
Practical content.

「團結力量，爭取權益」
Working collaboratively to advocacy for elderly rights.

Achievements

- Empowered elderly participants to engage in advocacy work through sharings of local and international elderly policy advocacy development, discussion and brainstorming
[Half-day Symposium attended by 56 participants]

15 July 2013(Mon) - Symposium on
“International Development of Elderly
Policy Advocacy”



Achievements

- Incorporated oversea and local best practices into the workshop training materials [produced a training manual on elderly rights advocacy]

Impacts

- Elderly advocacy groups connected through the communication platform initiated by the project discussed updated elderly rights issue and shared information on upcoming events.
- Network meetings were held [8 meetings].
- Elderly advocacy groups formed an opinion on Carer Allowance Policy. [A position letter signed and submitted to the Labour and Welfare Bureau, Social Welfare Department, Community Care Fund, and Legislative Council]

Impacts

- An Alliance of Elderly and Carer formed by five organizations participating in the workshops.
[The alliance met the Secretary for Labour and Welfare in October to express their opinion on *Long-term Care Policy and Carers Allowance*]

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- Participants applied their knowledge on advocacy in their meeting with the Secretary for Labor and Welfare.



- The Secretary for Labor and Welfare marked this meeting on SLW' blog
http://www.lwb.gov.hk/blog/eng/photo_04102013-1.htm

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