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Strengthening the Rights of Older People

Hear from leading experts



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In a time of rapid population ageing and shifting social, economic and political landscapes, a binding international Convention on the Rights of Older Persons is a timely and necessary instrument for protecting the human rights of older people. This ensures that older people, just like everyone else, are entitled to live dignified lives as valued members of society.

Charles Waldegrave's presentation will draw on data from two waves the New Zealand Longitudinal Study of Ageing (NZLSA) to demonstrate results from discrimination, abuse, loneliness, depression, health and wellbeing scales and show the extent and impact of discrimination and abuse with a national random sample of over 3,000 New Zealanders aged between 50 and 87 years.

Susan Ryan will then address the key reasons for supporting a new convention for older persons. She will also outline present strategies in Australia and the Asia-Pacific region for advancing a UN convention, as well as the need to have conversations with all parts of communities and governments about the enormous benefits that a convention could bring.

About the presenters

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THE HON SUSAN RYAN AO

Age Discrimination Commissioner, Australian Human Rights Commission

Susan Ryan is Age Discrimination Commissioner and Acting Disability Discrimination Commissioner at the Australian Human Rights Commission. Up until her appointment as Commissioner, Susan was the Independent Chair of the IAG and NRMA Superannuation Plan; pro chancellor and Council member at UNSW from 1999 to 2011; chaired the Australian Human Rights Group since 2008, and was Women's Ambassador for ActionAid Australia. From 1975 to 1988, Susan was Senator for the ACT, becoming the first woman to hold a Cabinet post in a federal Labor Government. She served in senior portfolios in the Hawke Government as Minister for Education and Youth Affairs, Minister Assisting the Prime Minister on the Status of Women and Special Minister of State. As Education Minister, Susan saw school retention rates double and universities and TAFEs grow significantly. She pioneered extensive anti-discrimination and equal opportunity legislation, including the landmark Sex Discrimination Act 1984 and the Affirmative Action Act 1986.



CHARLES WALDEGRAVE

Coordinator, Social Policy Research Unit, Family Centre

Charles Waldegrave is a psychologist, a social policy analyst and researcher. He is a Coordinator of the Family Centre in Lower Hutt, Wellington, New Zealand where he leads the Social Policy Research Unit. He is also a joint leader of two large New Zealand research programmes - the New Zealand Poverty Measurement Project (NZPMP) and the New Zealand Longitudinal Study on Ageing (NZLSA).

He has led a team that has provided the evidence base for housing and income policies in New Zealand which have reduced child poverty and stress on low income and marginalised groups. His current focus on ageing research is to help develop an evidence base to enhance wellbeing for older people in policy settings as the ageing demographic changes begin to seriously impact. He has published extensively in social policy and therapeutic journals in New Zealand and internationally. He also leads workshops and educational events with his colleagues in New Zealand and regularly throughout the world.



Facilitated by: SUE HENDY

Chief Executive Officer, COTA Victoria

Vice President, International Federation on Ageing

Sue Hendy has a background of more than three decades of working as an advocate for older people. This has culminated in her present role as CEO at COTA Victoria, which she has held for more than 10 years.

Sue has previously worked in residential care, local and state government; predominantly with a focus on older people, but has also focused on women, people from non-English speaking backgrounds, people with disabilities and kooris.

Sue is a regular speaker at conferences and seminars and is a regular guest on radio including ABC, 3AW and Golden Days Radio.

Sue is a Director of the National Ageing Research Institute, an International Ambassador for COTA Australia, and Vice President of the International Federation on Ageing (IFA), with a particular focus on Human Rights. Sue currently chairs the Global Alliance on The Rights of Older People Australia.

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