

Ontario Society of Senior Citizens Organizations La Société des Organisations des Citoyens Aînés de l'Ontario

Seniors Learning Without Barriers

Free educational series funded by the Province of Ontario

Ontario Society of Senior Citizens Organizations continues to bring a lifetime of experience to a wide variety of topics. These programs can be delivered by OSSCO local trainers or through a 'train the trainer' format.

To request an OSSCO Local Trainer or to become an OSSCO Learning Champion, please contact OSSCO by phone: 416-785-8570 or by email: info@ossco.org

Healthy Involvement in Public Policy by Seniors Building a better community starts with you! You will learn about:

- The role of government and community leadership
- Rights and responsibilities in public domain
- How to contribute the elder's time and skills to solve public problems
- Bridging differences for better community
- Advocacy process and techniques
- Take action letter writing and social media

Languages: Available in English, Farsi, French, Mandarin & Russian *Please request a facilitator at least 8 weeks in advance

Supporting Connected Communities: Overcoming Loneliness & Social Isolation

Experience **3 Seniors Conversations Worth Sharing** on the subject of loneliness and social isolation. **3** different perspectives will be presented and discussed - Senior, Community Specific Initiatives and Regional, Private & Non-Profit Sector. Topics will include:

- Staying engaged and active
- Participating in programs that suit individual seniors and the seniors' community interest
- Accessing a community-based service or program
- Promoting inclusion for the most isolated in our communities

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Supporting Safe Communities: Elder Abuse Awareness & Prevention This workshop helps recognize the warning signs and shows you how to identify abuse and help older adults at risk. The Centre for Research and Education on Violence Against Women and Children developed this community minded program which we deliver. Topics will include:

- Ageism as part of abuse
- Recognizing the warning signs of abusive behaviour
- Who abuses older adults and risk factors contributing to abuse
- What neighbours, friends and family members can do to help
- How to keep yourself safe from abuse and how to find help

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My Home, My Community: Safety Starts Here

This elder abuse awareness workshop benefits individuals planning to move to or know someone who is living in a retirement community. Topics will include:

- Recognizing elder abuse and corrective action
- Allegations and prevention of abuse
- Protection of seniors in retirement communities Resource brochure will be provided.

Home Is Where I Am

Planning your future is the first step to remain independent. Topics will include:

- Society has changed
- Start the conversation to become informed
- Reviewing housing options as we age
- How to deal with giving up the familiar
- Deciding to stay in my house: develop an in-home support plan
- What if moving is in your future? Consider other housing options
- Facing the issue of long term or chronic care housing
- Create your life plan 65+

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