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#### **Q1** Name of the organization:

Fundacio Aroa (Aroa Foundation)

#### **Q2** The purpose of the organization:

The Aroa Foundation is a non-profit organization based on community action and professional volunteering, founded in Barcelona (Spain) in 2003 by a group of professionals in health, education and social care sensitized for the increasing presence of psychosocial disorders in the daily exercise of their profession.

We are committed with the psychosocial health of people and with human rights.

Through the promotion of health, the prevention and the direct assistance of the psychosocial disorders, we encourage a holistic and integrating focus on health, offering accompaniment in the crisis and adversity moments of life, related to vital changes and/or situations of inequality or abuse.

Since our foundation we work with the aim of accompanying towards the change in the health paradigm, promoting dignity and human rights on care and attention and focused to the empowerment of the more vulnerable groups in the care of their health, as protagonists of their recovery and improvement process, from the community action in the neighborhoods and in network with public services and social entities.

We believe that this professional and social approach makes it possible to encourage the ability and potential of people for creating a world based on equality, diversity, dignity and social justice.

#### Mission

- To contribute to the individual and community improvement, promoting the biopsychosocial health of the people, without socio-cultural, gender, origin, age or other distinctions.
- To promote and facilitate the resilience and the empowerment in front of the adversity and the vital crisis.
- To realize a dissemination, promotion and education task for health, addressed to promote a holistic and integrating model, which facilitates the prevention of the psychosocial disorders and the human rights approach.
- To investigate and apply with academic rigor the disciplines and models that ensure a biopsicosocial approach in health and a holistic and integrating treatment of the psicosocial disorders.
- To cooperate with the public and private institutions, to actively and committedly participate in the improvement of society.

Q3 Information as to the programmes and activities of the organization in areas relevant to the human rights of older persons:

We promote local, national and European projects to improve the quality of life of older persons, in the fields of active ageing, dignity in long term care, ageism research and awareness raising campaigns, inter generational exchange, community action and social relations improvement relation to tackle loneliness and social isolation.

The organization has a clear priority toward the protection and advocacy for human rights, gender equality and older persons and women's rights and it is an active organization at the National Women Council of Catalonia (Government of Catalonia) working in this council for the local implementation of the 2030 Agenda and lately this year has been one of the 15 NGO's of the Catalan delegation at the CSW62 at the United Nations. It is also a member of the Women' Council of Barcelona (Barcelona City Council) where it monitors the public policies implementation for gender equality, women empowerment and violence against women. The organization is also the representative of FOCAGG (Federation of Catalan Organizations of Women, Older People and Family) at the Human Rights Working Group of AGE Platform Europe and at the International Commission of CEOMA (Spanish Confederation of Older People Organizations), working on national, European and international processes for human rights of older persons.

#### Q4 Confirmation of the activities of the organization at the national, regional or international level:

In the last 10 years we have promote community projects at a local and national level for the prevention and attention to loneliness situations of older persons, for the improvement of the long term care, the promotion of active ageing and the promotion of older persons human rights, contributing to the City Charter of Human Rights and working under the frame of the Federation of Catalan Organizations of Women, Older People and Family in the international level with the direct participation to the Human Rights Task force Group and the Council of Administration of the AGE Platform Europe and the European Volunteering Center (CEV).

Two of the main regional projects that we promote are

Wisdoms, camera in hand

Social educative action of prevention of loneliness and promotion of active aging, through the tale of life stories, the audiovisual communication and the inter generational exchange. The participants become protagonists and creators of a documentary that is afterwards shared in schools and civic centers, transmitting the value of their wisdom and experiences of life to the society.

#### **Bonds**

Line of community intervention for the improvement of the quality of life of the older persons in situation of unwanted loneliness, to reduce the isolation risk and the decline of their biopsychosocial health, through the encouragement of the participation, the creation of networks, the active aging, the reparation of the psychosocial affectation and the reinforcement of their social and family bonds.

In addition, since 2012 we are committed with the UN Global Compact, updating through the yearly publication of action reports, our support to their ten basic principles in the fields of human rights, labor standards, environment and corruption.

Q5 A list of members of the governing body of the organization and their countries of nationality:

**Board of Trustees** 

Maite Cayuela Torrella, President, Spanish Toni Pociello Manonelles, Vicepresident, Spanish Caterina Cayuela Torrella, Secretary, Spanish Mireia Jufresa Madronal, Treasurer, Spanish Rosa Sicart Bravo, Vocal, Spanish Neus Pociello Cayuela, director, vocal, Spanish. Maria Rosa Lunas, vocal, Spanish

**Q6** List of financial sources and contributions, including governmental contributions:

Services\_6.129,41E Donations\_19.763,39E Governmental.\_54.915.30E

Q7 Copies of the annual or other reports of the organization with financial statements (File size limit is 16MB):

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**Q8** Please attach additional copies if needed (File size limit is 16MB):

Respondent skipped this question

**Q9** Please attach additional copies if needed (File size limit is 16MB):

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**Q10** A description of the membership of the organization, indicating the total number of members, the names of organizations that are members and their geographical distribution:

The Aroa Foundation has a Board of Trustees of 7 members, a professional team of 6 professionals and as a professional volunteering organization it counts with 60 volunteers. There are also 90 associate members that give support to the organization social action.

The organization is a member of

- United Nations Global Compact
- FOCAGG (Federation of Catalan Organizations of Elderly, Women and Family) \_ National\_Spain
- Charter de la Diversitat National Spain
- Coordinadora Catalana de Fundacions (Catalan Coordinator of Fundations) \_ Regional\_Catalonia
- Plataforma unitària contra les violències de gènere (Single platform against gender violence) National Spain
- Consell Nacional de Dones de Catalunya (National Council of Women of Catalonia)\_Regional\_Catalonia
- Consell de Dones de Barcelona (Barcelona Women Council)\_Regional\_Catalonia
- Grup de treball de Violències de gènere (CDB) (Working team of Gender Violences)\_Regional\_Catalonia
- Grup de treball de Territorialitat (CDB) (Working team of Territoriality)\_Regional\_Catalonia
- Consell de Dones del Districte de l'Eixample (Eixample District Women Council)\_Regional\_Catalonia
- · Consell de Salud del Districte de l'Eixample (Eixample District Health Council)\_Regional\_Catalonia
- Acord ciutadà per una Barcelona Inclusiva (Citizen's Agreement for an Inclusive Barcelona)\_Regional\_Catalonia
- Acord ciutadà per una Barcelona lliure de violència sobre les dones (Citizen's Agreement for a Barcelona free of violence against women)\_Regional\_Catalonia

Q11 A copy of the constitution and/or by-laws of the organization (File size limit is 16MB):

InscripcionRegistroGeneralitat.pdf (1.7MB)

**Q12** Please attach additional copies if needed (File size limit is 16MB):

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**Q13** Please attach additional copies if needed (File size limit is 16MB):

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