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**Q1** Name of the organization:

Canadian Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse ~ Réseau canadien pour la prévention du mauvais traitement des aînés

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**Q2** The purpose of the organization:

The Canadian Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse (CNPEA) is a pan-Canadian, bilingual network. Our mission is to connect people and organizations, foster the exchange of reliable information, and advance program and policy development on issues related to preventing the abuse of older adults in Canada. We do this work at the local, regional, provincial/territorial, and national levels.

CNPEA is working to increase capacity against elder abuse. We support public education and awareness; practical training for professionals; the development of multidisciplinary teams, for coordinated, impactful services; and further research to better understand and address this issue.

We envision and work toward a Canadian society where older adults are valued, respected, and live free from abuse.

Our values are as follows:

**Collaboration and Coordination** – We foster the exchange of reliable information and advances program and policy development across Canada and at the national level on issues related to the prevention of abuse of older adults.

**Respect and Inclusivity** – Our work is grounded in a fundamental respect for older people and their rights and choices. We strive to recognize regional differences, cultural diversity and peoples' abilities.

**Leadership and Communication** – We provide the vision, expertise, and opportunities for knowledge-sharing that will build the capacity of Canadian society to respond to and prevent the abuse of older adults. We provide a national perspective on issues related to ageism and abuse of older adults. Our leadership is informed by and responsive to our membership.

**Credibility and Accountability** – Through the engagement of pan Canadian experts and researchers, we will strive to disseminate evidence-based information and promising approaches to inform program and policy development. We are accountable to our members, users, funders, and sponsors through various reporting and communications strategies including our Annual General Meeting and Annual Report.

**Innovation** – We embrace new and creative approaches.

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

CNPEA has created a knowledge-sharing hub (cnpea.ca), which is a source of static information and dynamic learning around current elder abuse issues, prevention, and response, from recent research to promising practices, and legal tool kits throughout Canada.

Through our hub we:

- curate and share current information.
- disseminate new ideas and initiatives among our network members.
- connect people across silos and jurisdictions to address the multi-faceted problem of elder abuse.
- Conduct webinars on special interest topics, policy and research applications, and useful tools for practitioners.

Our volunteer board is composed of many seniors and elder abuse prevention stakeholders who keenly understand the challenges of elder abuse prevention and the importance to champion the rights of older adults to age and live free of ageism, ostracization, neglect, violence and other forms of mistreatment. The knowledge-exchange platform they helped build aims to provide tools to help tackle elder abuse collectively, and to develop and implement people-centered programs and policies that will contribute to fight ageism, to foster age-friendly initiatives and social inclusion of older adults, and to counter elder abuse.

CNPEA is currently in the last year of a three-year project on Increasing Access to Justice for Older Victims of Sexual Assault (funded by Justice Canada's Victims Fund). The outcomes of this project will include new training and learning for service providers and criminal justice system personnel. For this project, CNPEA is gathering, curating and synthesizing an up-to-date array of resources and materials outlining the unique needs of older adult victims of sexual assault (including older victims who have cognitive or physical disabilities); materials about relevant sexual assault laws and criminal justice processes; and materials about available programs and supports for victims.

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

Regional activities:

CNPEA brings together all existing provincial and territorial elder abuse networks. We focus on bringing the spotlight on provincial initiatives that deserve to be noticed, and hopefully replicated around the country, through our webinars and hub. Whenever possible, we ensure that our pan-Canadian volunteer board members represent CNPEA at various local, regional and provincial events.

National activities:

The Access to Justice project mentioned in the previous field is a national project, which aims to enhance knowledge and capacity of Canadian professionals to understand, discuss and handle complex, sensitive and often still taboo situations involving the sexual abuse of older adults. Our Research Consultant is conducting several literature reviews that will also help identify and highlight gaps in knowledge and research in Canada and internationally.

In addition, CNPEA ensures that its pan-Canadian volunteer board members represent the Network at a variety of activities and events, such as recent round tables hosted by government representatives to initiate a reflection on the development of a National Senior Strategy or the development of a code of conduct for banks in dealing with older customers. We strive to be the Canadian leader in our field—coordinating resources for the prevention of elder abuse and sharing information.

International activities:

The vision for CNPEA was originally developed by one of our founding members, Elizabeth Podnieks, (also a founding member the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse -INPEA) who, above all else, was the architect of the UN-recognized World Elder Abuse Awareness Day in 2003.

Dr Podnieks is a pioneer in elder abuse work, in terms of research and in recognizing the value of Networks at all levels. Dr. Podnieks also understood early on the importance of working with national and international partners to harness the power of intergenerational relationships and of social media in raising awareness of elder abuse among younger people. We carry Dr Podnieks' vision forward through our involvement with the Elder Justice League, an international interdisciplinary and collaborative group of social media advocates that are invested in the issue of elder abuse. The EJL includes several Canadian organizations, as well as the National Centre on Elder Abuse, the Institute on Ageing, Ageless Alliance, the National Adult Protective Services Association, and SAGE Advocacy and Services for LGBT elders, among others.

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

CNPEA is led by a pan Canadian volunteer board of directors who each bring their passion and varied expertise. The current board members are:

Pam Burns, Seniors Advocate, St Aidan Society, Alberta Canada

Elizabeth Sharma, Registered Nurse, Covenant Health, Alberta Canada

Jean François Kozak, Epidemiologist/Biostatistician, Providence Health Care, Vancouver, British Columbia

Sharon L. MacKenzie, Intergenerational and Educational Consultant, Executive Director, i2i Intergenerational Society, British Columbia

Kathy Majowski (Chair of the Board) Registered Nurse/Case Coordinator, Winnipeg Regional Health Authority Home Care Program, Manitoba, Canada

Kelly Heisz, Executive Director, Seniors Resource Centre of Newfoundland & Labrador

Lori Weeks, Ph.D. (Secretary of the Board), Associate Professor, Dalhousie University School of Nursing, Nova Scotia

Wanda Roberts, Instructor, Personal Support Worker program, Aurora College, Northwest Territories

Andrew Elinesky (Treasurer of the Board), Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, McEwen Mining, Toronto, Ontario

Denise Lemire, retired Sociologist, Orleans, Ontario

Lisa Manuel, Director, Family Service, Toronto, Ontario

Kavina Nagrani, Barrister, Solicitor & Notary Public, Loopstra Nixon, Toronto, Ontario

Weiguo Zhang, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Toronto Mississauga, Ontario

Sarita Israel, Coordinator of Leading Practices for the Prevention of Older Adult Mistreatment of the University Affiliated Centre of Social Gerontology of West-Central Montreal Health, Québec

Mélanie Couture, Centre de recherche et d'expertise en gérontologie sociale (CREGÉS), CIUSSS Centre-Ouest de l'île de Montréal - CLSC René Cassin, Québec

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

CNPEA relies on individual giving and project grants. Our main funder is currently Justice Canada, for our three-year project on Increasing Access to Justice for Older Victims of Sexual Assault. Our Sustainability Committee works ceaselessly to identify and regularly pursue new sources of reliable funding.

Past funders and sponsors include: the New Horizons for Seniors program from Employment and Social Development Canada and the Family Violence Initiative Fund from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, the Nova Scotia Department of Seniors and the BC Association of Community Response Networks.

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

**2018 CNPEA annual report\_FINAL.pdf (332KB)**

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

**Respondent skipped this question**

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**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:

CNPEA Members receive monthly updates from CNPEA via a newsletter, as well as communications regarding upcoming special events and webinars. Members also have voting rights at our Annual General Meeting. Membership to CNPEA is free. The network has a membership of individuals and organizations from across Canada who come from all walks of life and who care about older adults and the prevention of harm in later life.

CNPEA currently has 497 members. Most reside across all 10 provinces and 3 territories of Canada, a few stem from the US (California), Australia, England, and Belgium. While we cannot provide the names of every single organization represented in our membership, as we do not require that information in our sign-up form, here are some recent numbers in terms of representation by occupation: Research (8%), Community Development (9%), Seniors Services Providers (10%), Healthcare (11%), Individuals / retired (16%), Government (16%), Other Unspecified (30%).

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

**CNPEA Bylaw final Sept 2014.pdf (420KB)**

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

**Respondent skipped this question**

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

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**Q15** Website

[www.cnpea.ca](http://www.cnpea.ca)

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