



**World Elder Abuse Awareness Day to be Recognized June 15**  
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**Sarnia, ON** - The Sarnia-Lambton Elder Abuse Awareness Network (SLEAAN) will be offering art activities for seniors, caregivers and youth in recognition of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, June 15.

"Generations United Through Art" will be held from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m., Wednesday, June 15 at the County of Lambton's Judith & Norman Alix Art Gallery. Activities are free of charge and will also include a session entitled "It's Not Right" which uses real life scenarios to help the friends, family members and neighbours of older adults recognize the warning signs of elder abuse and neglect.

"It's SLEAAN's desire to broaden the understanding of elder abuse, its forms, and the impacts it can have on families and communities," said Tania Bergen, Committee Member. "Generations United Through Art is one of many tools SLEAAN uses to help advance that understanding."

Elder abuse can take various forms such as physical, psychological or emotional, sexual and financial abuse. It can also be the result of intentional or unintentional neglect.

The Sarnia Lambton Elder Abuse Awareness Network is an organization of professionals that includes community health care providers, police services, social workers and representatives from community agencies. Network members have been working together since 2002 with a shared vision to create a community that is free from abuse for all older adults through education, training, service co-ordination and systems advocacy.

Generations United Through Art is sponsored by the County of Lambton, the Sarnia-Lambton Local Immigration Partnership and Steeves & Rozema. No registration is required.

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