

Greg Shaw

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Biography

Greg Shaw has a science and health administration background and is the Director, International and Corporate Relations for the IFA. Prior to joining the IFA he held senior management positions within the Australian Government in the Department Health and Ageing. He has held appointments with the Ontario Securities Commission Senior Expert Advisory Committee, the Toronto Police Service Community Advisory Committee and the City of Toronto Advisory Committee on Long-Term Care & Services. His earlier work focused on policy development and program implementation for the Australian aged care reforms, quality assurance and supporting the aged care needs of rural and remote communities throughout northern Australia. An advocate of the aged care needs of marginalized community groups in the 1990s, he worked with many Aboriginal and ethnic communities resulting in the establishment of aged care homes and community aged care services specifically designed and targeted for those communities. Since joining the IFA he has had responsibility for the development of the Building Capacity in Health Care Programs in Africa, worked closely with the South African Human Rights Commission to establish an older person's forum in that country and in 2010 worked with the Government of Mauritius on the establishment of an Observatory on Ageing. He represents the IFA at the UN, works closely with government and has responsibility for IFA elder abuse initiatives. Elder Abuse initiatives have included the development of educational toolkits targeted towards youth, an International Forum on Sexual Safety of Older Women and in 2013 lead a high-level meeting to examine issues of financial abuse of Canadian seniors. Greg has worked with other Civil Society Organizations on the Global Thematic Consultations on Population Dynamics to ensure the needs of older people are recognized. A current priority for 2020-21 is a possible IFA Summit and Global Think Tank on Longterm Care Design and Standards - Best Practice to Mitigate Pandemics Post COVID-19. His responsibilities include Age-Friendly Cities/Communities initiatives within the IFA and providing technical advice and support to the government and others engaged in age-friendly program development. A recent Memorandum of Understanding for a new city development in China, ongoing AFCC work with the city of Akita in Japan and more recently delivering a series of AFCC workshops in the Republic of Iran is a testament to his expertise.

Industry Expertise

Health and Wellness, Non-Profit/Charitable, International Affairs, Elder Care, Government Relations

Areas of Expertise

Population Ageing, Care Continuum, Elder Abuse Prevention, Healthy Ageing, Program Implementation, Policy Development, Quality of Care, Age-friendly Environments, Vision Health, Dementia Care

Affiliations

Ontario Securities Commission Senior Expert Advisory Committee (SERC), Toronto Police Service Community Advisory Committee, City of Toronto Advisory Committee on Long-Term Care & Services, Ontario Long Term Care Association (OLTCA) ? LTC Innovation Expert Panel, WHO Patient Safety Working Group

Event Appearances

Ageing Populations and Emerging Trends in a Technological Era of Advancing Innovation
The 6th China International Senior Services Expo

The Global Ageing Population: Impact and Implementation of Agenda 2030
United Nations DPI Briefings

Creating Age Friendly Environments
Municipal Governments of the Republic of Iran

Financial Abuse of Seniors
IFA and Government of Canada high-level meeting

Reframing Elder Abuse
Washington Academy of Medicine and US Administration on Aging

Education

Curtin University
Public Health Administration

Western Australian Institute of Technology
Land Surveying

Wembley Technical College
Engineering Surveying

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