Older Peoples’ Self-Help Group in South Korea

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1. Role
   1) community organizer (OPSHG)
   2) elderly right advocator (campaigner)
   3) human right educator

2. Target Population
   1) socially and economically isolated OPs
   2) general public
   3) people who works for OPs

3. Outcome
   1) OPSHG in ShinWol area
      - OPSHG is a group for economically and socially isolated older people. Through OPSHG, older people can share their issues and seek for solutions. Each OPSHG is functionally and financially managed by older people.
   2) ageism and age discrimination case collected
   3) OPSHG assessment research
   4) human right textbook for OP and workers in gerontology field published

AGE DEMANDS ACTION CAMPAIGN

1. What is ADA?
   Age Demands Action (ADA) is a unique movement of campaigners across the world, where young and old fight for a better and fairer world for older people.

   Groups of older people lobby their local and national governments on the issues most important to them, such as pensions and healthcare.

   And campaigners of all ages join marches, debates and petition signings.

2. Solution?
   Internationally, ADA is calling for a UN convention to protect older people’s rights by law.

3. Current Issues?
   1) Pension system reform
   2) Raise awareness of elderly human rights issues

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