

# Towards a life free of Violence and Abuse



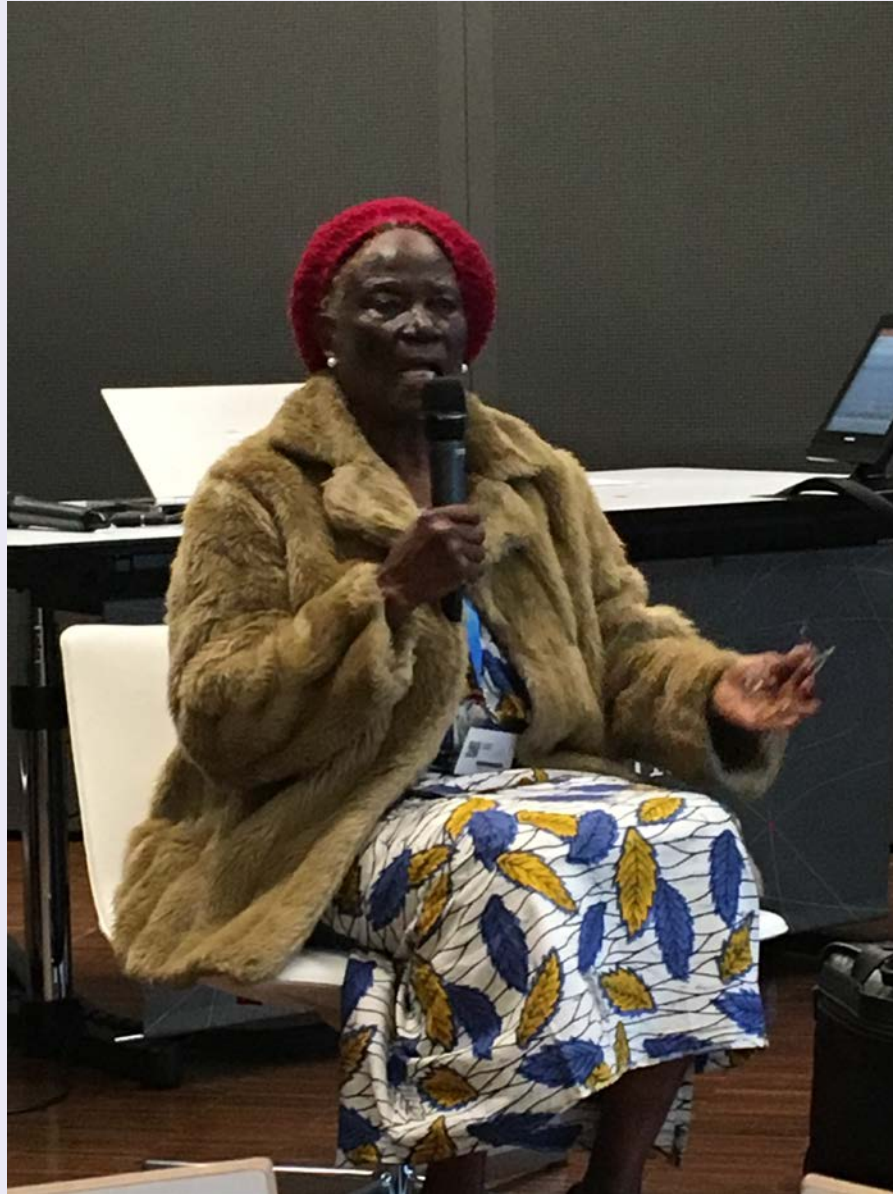
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# Dispelling the myths



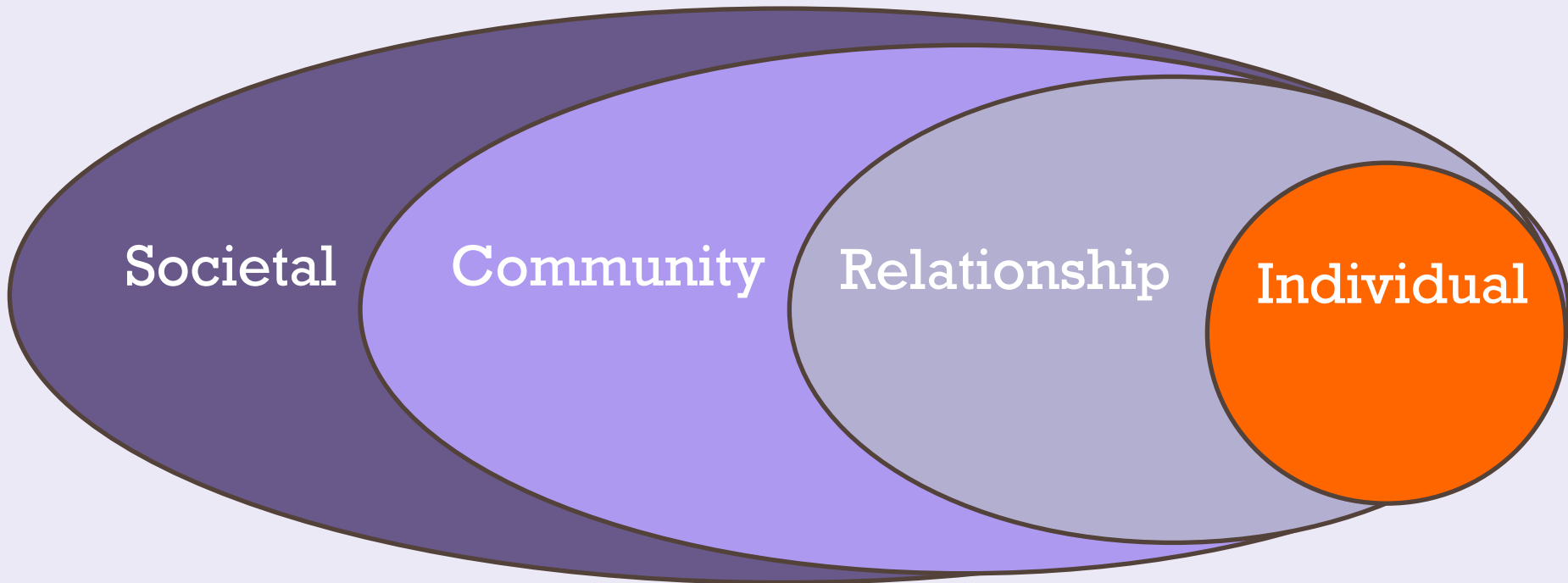
*My late husband, passed on whilst in my hands on a hospital queue due to professional negligence emanating from prejudice against older persons*

# Community and Societal Abuse

- **Widowhood rites**
- **Confinement**
- **Abandonment**
- **Property grabbing**
- **Lack of social protection**



# Ecological model



**Let us take a stand against ageism**

**It is time that older persons  
are seen as full citizens with full  
enjoyment of human rights  
and participation in  
society, community, own lives**

# Sustainable Development Goals



Older age or older people included directly or by implication in 15 of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals

# Concluding remarks

*The challenge is how to better understand, shape and value this new old age. Older persons themselves should define this portion of their lives, and not passively allow the culture to do so.*

*Robert (Bob) Butler*

*founder of ILC US*

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Visionary of Healthy Aging

# Thank you

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