**HOW GRAN WORKS**

GRAN’s national organizational structure consists of our Steering Committee, Working Groups and Leadership Team.

**Steering Committee**:

The Steering Committee is our major decision-making body and includes our regional leaders, co-chairs of working groups and members of the Leadership Team.

**Regional Leaders:** keep in touch with and act as the ‘go to’ advocacy resource for representatives from different communities.

**Working Groups:**

Our three national working groups research specific issues, identify advocacy goals, and work with other similarly oriented civil society organizations. These working groups are:

* Access to Medicines (Irene Clark and Sue McKenna, Co-Chairs)
* Education (Ann Frost and Roz Johns, Co-Chairs)
* Violence Against Women (Lynne Kent and Janet Siddall, Co-Chairs)

The Hill Team is our fourth working group and draws its members from the Ottawa region. Members tackle the on-going work of meeting with MPs and policy-makers on the Hill. They also represent GRAN at meetings with Ottawa-based civil society organizations. Bonnie Johnson chairs the Hill Team.

**Leadership Team:**

GRAN’s national co-chairs head up the Leadership Team and are responsible for much of GRAN’s day-to-day work and forward planning. The monthly Steering Committee calls and the national ‘Updates’ sent out monthly are important ways we communicate. The Leadership Team keeps information flowing between the working groups and the steering committee.

**Current Co-Chairs**: Hilary Elliott and Heather Fraser.