

CARE

Network Insider

Don't Miss it!

Upcoming Events



25th Anniversary Book Launch: Unlocking Imagination

By Life Community Services Society (LCSS)

LCSS celebrates its 25th anniversary this year. To commemorate this milestone, LCSS will be launching a compendium of real life stories about children from vulnerable backgrounds whose lives are transformed through mentoring. These mentors help the children unlock their imaginations and achieve their aspirations.

This book is suitable for anyone curious about mentoring and the role it plays in child development.

• **Date:** 29 Jan 2022, Sat | 11am to 12:45pm
Stay tuned on how you can purchase a copy via [www.facebook.com/LifeCommunityServices Society!](https://www.facebook.com/LifeCommunityServicesSociety/)



YRF Charity Golf

By Yellow Ribbon Fund (YRF)

The YRF Charity Golf is happening in Mar 2022! Proceeds from the event will be channeled towards rehabilitation and reintegration programmes to support inmates, ex-offenders and their families.

For more information, please contact Cheryl Choo (cheryl_choo@yellowribbon.gov.sg) or Faith Yu (faith_yu@yellowribbon.gov.sg).

Happy New Year!

We are excited to launch our inaugural CARE Network (CN) Insider 2022. Together with CN partners, this newsletter brings aftercare-related news to you on a quarterly basis. We hope this will inspire you to forge stronger bonds within the community to further this meaningful cause of reintegration for ex-offenders and their families.

About CARE Network

The Community Action for the Rehabilitation of Ex-Offenders (CARE) Network was established in 2000 to coordinate aftercare rehabilitation and reintegration services. The Network connects community partners together to provide seamless throughcare support, from incare to aftercare, for ex-offenders.



Vision

Hope, Confidence and Opportunities for Ex-offenders

Core Members

Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA)
Ministry of Social and Family Development (MSF)
Singapore Prison Service (SPS)
Yellow Ribbon Singapore (YRSG)
National Council of Social Service (NCSS)
Industrial & Services Co-Operative Society Ltd (ISCOS)
Singapore After-Care Association (SACA)
Singapore Anti-Narcotics Association (SANA)
Yellow Ribbon Fund (YRF)



What's New!

Prisons (Amendment Bill 2021)

The Prisons (Amendment) Bill 2021 was passed in Parliament on 11 Jan 2022. With the introduction of the Employment Preparation Scheme (EmPS), inmates will be allowed to undergo skills training and education in the community. This will complement the work programmes and skills training provided by SPS and YRSG.

Read the articles published by The Straits Times and Channel News Asia on 11 Jan 2022: [Article from Straitstimes on EmPS](#) & [Article from CNA on EmPS](#)

What's in store for you?



WSQ Higher Certificate in Food Services (Culinary Arts)

By HCSA Community Services

HCSA Academy is one of four programmes run by HCSA Community Services. Admission is now open for the 2022 intake for the WSQ Higher Certificate in Food Services (Culinary Arts) course. Experience hands-on training in essential culinary techniques and be guaranteed a job placement after the 6-week programme.

Sign up today @ www.hcsaacademy.sg!



Men's Support Group

By Industrial & Services Co-operative Society Ltd (ISCOS)

Feeling lost? Need support with reintegration? The ISCOS Men's Support Group offers a safe space to talk about life after prison, with friendly peers ready to listen and share their own experiences dealing with similar challenges. The session is held on every third Wed of the month, at 7pm (subject to prevailing COVID-19 restrictions).



To enquire and indicate interest for the support group, please email ms@iscos.org.sg.

Support Group for Mothers and Caregivers

By ISCOS ReGen Fund

Calling to all mothers and caregivers! Being a parent or caregiver is never easy and it is even more challenging to do it on your own. On every last Tue of the month at 8pm, the monthly support group sessions are dedicated to mothers and caregivers to tap on positive peer support and learn from one another, including tips on self-care.



Drop us an email at fcp@iscos.org.sg and join us today!

What's in store for you?



Professional Certificate in Correctional Management 2022

Singapore Prison Service (SPS)

SPS's Community Corrections Command (COMC) collaborated with NUS to develop a Professional Certificate in Correctional Management. The Professional Certificate, which comprises four customised modules, aims to enhance competencies in community corrections. It is open to individuals working or interested in community corrections. The modules are listed below:

Professional Certificate in Correctional Management	Run Dates
Module 1: Process and Punishment	Pending date for 2 nd run in 2022
Module 2: Multicultural Sensitivity in Corrections	15-16 Feb 2022
Module 3: Enhancing Ethical Reasoning in Corrections	24-25 May 2022
Module 4: Integrating Theory (Case Formulation) and Use of Self (Reflective Practice) in Community Correction	16-17 Aug 2022

Singaporeans attending the professional certificate are also eligible for the Skills Future Singapore Training Grant. Applications are now open for Module 2 Multicultural Sensitivity in Corrections. For more information, please approach Ms. Haslindah at Haslindah.SHONIB@pris.gov.sg. To apply, click the links below: [Online Application Portal \(nus.edu.sg\)](https://nus.edu.sg) [Corporate Sponsored Participants] [Sponsored-OAP-Instruction-Guide-RNG.pdf](#) [Member of Public] [Self_Sponsored_OAP_Guide.pdf](#)



Sector's Scoop



Tote Board Social Service Fund

Through National Council of Social Service (NCSS)

From FY21-23, the fund will prioritise support for the following groups:

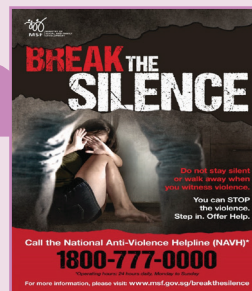
- Families to break out of intergenerational social disadvantage cycle;
- Caregivers in managing their caregiving responsibilities and self-care; and
- Persons with mental health conditions to attain empowerment and social inclusion.

Agencies are encouraged to submit applications related to these priority areas.

For more information, please visit:

<https://www.ncss.gov.sg/grants-search/detail-page/ToteBoardSocialServiceFundTBSSE>

For further queries, feel free to write in to NCSS_CAC@ncss.gov.sg



Family Violence Awareness Training

By Ministry of Social and Family Development (MSF)

The FVAT provides a basic understanding of family violence (FV), including the different types and forms of abuse and neglect. Participants will also learn about the impact of FV on parties involved, the systems and legislations in Singapore for family protection work, how to intervene safely and the available help channels. This workshop aims to equip participants in the early detection of FV cases for appropriate response. FVAT participants would also be introduced to the Break-The-Silence (BTS) campaign, aimed at raising public awareness of FV.

Register your interest to have the FVAT workshop conducted at your agency and join in the BTS campaign! Submit an enquiry here: <http://go.gov.sg/fvat>.

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Last
Quarter...

Homelessness Learning Forum 2021

By New Hope Community Services (NHCS)

New Hope Community Services held its first ever virtual Homelessness Learning Forum (HLF) in partnership with the Singapore Association of Social Workers. Titled 'Rethinking Homelessness, Fostering Partnerships', the forum touched on the complex issues surrounding homelessness, practical help for the homeless and the importance of focusing on their dignity and personal voice.

Today, New Hope runs four shelters and various programmes which support the long-term growth of their clients. One shelter remains dedicated to male ex-offenders, and offers residents case management and life skills training.



Yellow Ribbon Community Art & Poetry Exhibition

By the Yellow Ribbon Project (YRP)

The Yellow Ribbon Community Art and Poetry Exhibition (YRCAPE) launched its first-ever virtual exhibition from 30 Nov to 31 Dec 2021. The 14th edition of YRCAPE marks the YRP's inaugural partnership with ex-offender art support group CANVAS, and second collaboration with Sing Lit Station.

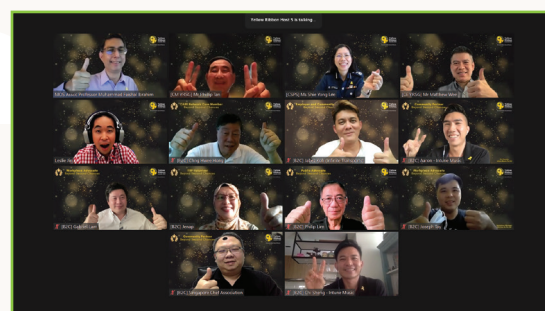
Themed A Garden of Possibilities, YRCAPE 2021 aimed to convey existing and former inmate artists' hopes and desires to change, and their hard work and determination to turn their darkest moments into endless possibilities. The exhibition showcased over 90 pieces of art and poetry created by 29 inmates and artwork 10 CANVAS artists. Visit the YRCAPE website @ www.yellowribbonart.sg.



Yellow Ribbon Awards

By Yellow Ribbon Singapore & Singapore Prison Service

Minister for Law and Home Affairs K Shanmugam launched the inaugural YR Awards on 8 Dec 2021, honoring 577 employers, community partners, ex-offenders and volunteers for their contributions towards championing second chances for inmates and ex-offenders. In his opening speech, Minister said that the recipients of the YR Awards showed how acts of kindness could change the lives of ex-offenders and inspire them to do the same for others.



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