

Join us as we celebrate the Yellow Ribbon Project's landmark 20th Anniversary in 2024!

By Yellow Ribbon Project (YRP)

As we commemorate 20 years of championing second chances in 2024, let us synergise our efforts and galvanise our nation to uplift ex-offenders and embrace the opportunity for beyond second chances for all.

Share with us your ideas, initiatives, or events in 2024 and display the Yellow Ribbon Project's (YRP) 20th anniversary logo as you join us in celebrating this monumental milestone. Organisations may request for an anniversary collateral (while stocks last!) that may be distributed at their events after April 2024 to guests or beneficiaries in support of the YRP's 20th anniversary.

Excited? So are we! For more information on the anniversary logo, contact Nicholas Chan, at Nicholas.Chan.li-en@yellowribbon.gov.sg. We look forward to hearing from you!

DON'T MISS OUT THESE HAPPENINGS IN 2024!

BTC Annual 202.4 Challenge is back!

By Break The Cycle (BTC)

Aside from welcoming the new year on a positive note by conquering 202.4km, we will be cycling to raise funds for Singapore Anti-Narcotics Association! We are grateful to have the support from our wider cycling community as we cycle in support of beyond second chances. Be part of this exciting challenge and click [here](#) to register! For more information on BTC, follow our [IG page](#).



ASPIRE TO INSPIRE



By Singapore After-Care Association (SACA)

A professional in the helping sector herself, Nooren is no stranger to working with, and engaging desistors. Yet, she finds time to do more to contribute her time to a cause she believes in. She is currently a volunteer with SACA and provides support through befriending. Nooren tells her befriendedees that she has an "open door policy" so that they can reach out to her anytime they need to. But she also checks in on them as she does not want them to think that they can only talk to her if they have problems. Other than being a listening ear to clients, Nooren also invites them to join in on sporting activities that she enjoys and finds creative ways for her befriendedees to be exposed to a healthier lifestyle and new network of positive friends.

Congratulations!
A \$20 GRAB voucher is coming your way.

Jim is our after-care staff with a long history of volunteering. He is a dependable and fatherly colleague with a young heart and a can-do attitude. As part of his job, Jim faithfully follows up with the ex-offenders by offering counsel and ministry to them. Additionally, he also coordinates island-wide deliveries for our monthly food assistance program, for our beneficiaries!



By Prison Fellowship Singapore (PFS)



SG Book of Records' Largest Patchwork Blanket!

By Yellow Ribbon Project (YRP)

YRP aims to enter the SG Book of Records by weaving together the "Largest Patchwork Blanket," spanning 20m by 24m, in conjunction with its 20th Anniversary.

This largest patchwork blanket would eventually be upcycled into 2024 products ranging from sales merchandise, event collaterals, and essential items that will be donated to other marginalised communities in Singapore. This project is being co-led with our community partner, Weaving Happiness. The patchwork would also vividly represent the vital role community partners play in the reintegration journey of ex-offenders and the building of an inclusive nation that embraces beyond second chances.

Come and join us to set this landmark record, together with your agencies' volunteers, desistors and families! For more information, contact Shariffa at Shariffa_Bagham@yellowribbon.gov.sg.

**PSSSST...
DID YOU KNOW?**

What's new?

YRSG'S NEW JOB PORTAL IS HERE



The Partners' Repository Engagement Platform (PREP)

By Yellow Ribbon Singapore (YRSG)

On 20 Nov 2023, YRSG officially launched our new job portal, the Partners' Repository and Engagement Platform (PREP)!

Conveniently hosted on YRSG's website, you can now access a wealth of information including skills, employment as well as the Yellow Ribbon Project (YRP) and Yellow Ribbon Fund (YRF), on the same platform. PREP is a one-stop resource platform for employers and job seekers. Users can view jobs offered by YRSG employer partners from the national jobs portal, MyCareersFuture (MCF) and make use of MCF's tools such as the resume checker and "Suggested Talents" functions for greater outreach. Curated resources will be available soon to enhance the hiring experience for all users.

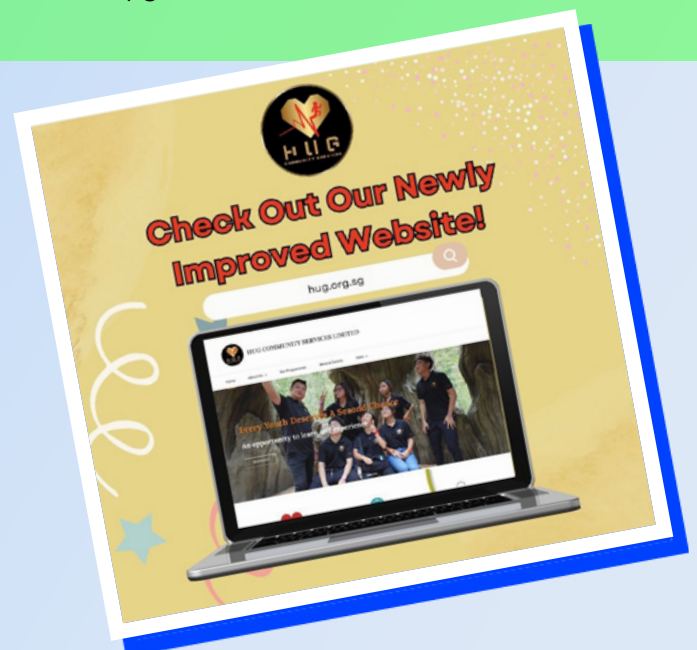
Check it out via [this link](https://www.yellowribbon.gov.sg/prep) and stay tuned for further feature upgrades!

Our Newly Improved Website!

By Hug Community Services Limited (HUG)

We are thrilled to announce our newly improved website! Explore a user-friendly interface, enhanced features, and a more immersive experience. Discover the latest items, stay updated on news and events, and connect with our community effortlessly. Your satisfaction is our priority, and this upgrade is designed with **YOU** in mind!

Visit us today at [this link](https://www.hug.org.sg) and experience the new and improved HUG online. Your feedback is invaluable to us, so feel free to share your thoughts!



New e-Learning Course by SACA: Understanding Offenders in the Context of Family

By Singapore After-Care Association (SACA)



SACA has launched another new e-learning course titled 'Understanding Offenders in the Context of Family'. Family plays a crucial role in shaping who we are as a person; it has a huge influence on one's values, beliefs and behaviours. Understanding the history and dynamics of a family can help us better understand a client's criminal behaviour.

This course looks at understanding the complex interplay of factors contributing to criminal behaviours and how it impacts family. Participants will also learn ways of effective engagement and how they can better work with clients & their families through the incarceration journey. To learn more or sign up for the course, click [here](#).

REGISTER NOW!

Charities Accounting Standard and its Application
Register by 7 Dec 2023



Budgeting for Charities
Register by 18 Dec 2023

Management and Organisation Development Training Courses by Social Service Institute

By National Council of Social Service (NCSS)

There's always room for growth when it comes to improving the organizational performance of your social service agency. Find the right course for you and your staff with these management and Organisation Development Training Courses:

For more courses, visit: <https://www.ssi.gov.sg/training/management-and-organisation-development/> & <https://www.ssi.gov.sg/training/board-development/>.

PAY-IT-FORWARD

FITRAH's Volunteer Community

By Family and Inmates ThRoughcare Assistance Haven (FITRAH)

Illuminate the Journey of Transformation! FITRAH invites you to be a volunteer and be a part of positive change. Together, we can transform lives and build brighter futures.

Free training will be provided with many opportunities to be involved in community events, befriending and mentoring, family support, awareness, and advocacy initiatives.

If you are above 21 years old and passionate about being a part of positive change, wait no more! Register your interest and sign up via this [form](#) now. For more information, visit FITRAH's [FB page](#).



New Life Stories' New Community Space – Calling for Contributions & Support!

By New Life Stories (NLS)

Our new community space will be purpose-built for counselling rooms, dedicated facilities for play therapy, peer support groups and volunteer training and other uses for our families and communities to grow and heal. A space like this is crucial in hosting face-to-face sessions with our families as well as training sessions for our volunteers who work with our children, and so much more! If you are interested in contributing to this space, drop us a DM on our [IG page](#) or show your support via [this link](#)!



**New Life Stories is moving!
And we are taking you on
this journey with us!**

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) Signing Ceremony between the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW) South East Asia Limited and Yellow Ribbon Fund

By Yellow Ribbon Fund (YRF)

We are thrilled to announce a groundbreaking partnership between the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW) South East Asia Limited and the Yellow Ribbon Fund.

CELEBRATE MILESTONES & ACHIEVEMENTS!

The MOU signing at ICAEW's Annual Corporate and Award Dinner on 9 November 2023, marks the beginning of a journey to empower the family members of inmates and ex-offenders in Singapore with professional certification and career opportunities in the accountancy industry. Guest-of-Honour Mr K Shanmugam, Minister for Home Affairs and Minister for Law, Singapore, together with Mr Sam Myers, His Majesty's Deputy Trade Commissioner, Department for Business and Trade, United Kingdom, witnessed this momentous event.



This is a commitment to social mobility, inclusion, and second chances. Join us in celebrating this remarkable initiative in championing a brighter and more inclusive future for all!



PAST HAPPENINGS...

SACA Appreciation Night 2023

By Singapore After-Care Association (SACA)

SACA held its annual Appreciation Night on 27 October at Concorde Hotel to commemorate the efforts of their dedicated volunteers.

The Guest of Honour and SACA Patron, Chief Justice Sundaresh Menon, joined the festivities alongside their partners, clients and invited guests. The evening consisted of a long service and special award presentation for volunteer-recipients, live music by desistor group 'Xtreme Conviction', a comedy magic performance, and lots of catching up over dinner!



Read more about the volunteer-recipients in the most recent issue of SACA's internal publication – SPARKS:

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Quotes by Clients

"Satisfying! Because I get to be with seniors, it makes me feel grateful to be in this event. Being part of them, I feel that I have given some self-esteem to the senior."

"It was [a] wonderful moment and I will cherish the memories. It was a pleasant surprise that we can bond and be happy together."

"The engagement was worthwhile especially after their lockdown. Learning how to push a wheelchair was an eye-opener."

SACA Community Service Event 2023

By Singapore After-Care Association (SACA)

As part of efforts to encourage clients to voluntarily give back to society, SACA organises a community service event yearly. This year, SACA organised a visit to the NTUC Health Nursing Home. Over 30 clients and staff gathered for a morning of fun games & singing and spent quality time with the residents. While the main purpose of community service is to encourage the spirit of giving back, the very act of clients wanting to contribute & volunteer their time to support another person is empowering in itself. Clients shared that they would enjoy having more opportunities to give back.

To wrap up the CN Insider 2023, we leave you with this short video by the Yellow Ribbon Project, titled "[We Are Each Other's Second Chances](#)".



Thank you for being a part of second chances, and for all your hard work and **heartwork**! Enjoy the video and have a happy year-end season!

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