

CARE NETWORK
SUMMIT
2021



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The Next Horizon

13, 17 & 23 July 2021



Foreword

Dear Colleagues, Partners and Friends,

It is our pleasure to welcome you to CARE Network (CN) Summit 2021!

The CN Summit, or Seminar as known previously, is a much-anticipated annual event for us to come together and connect in our cause to support the reintegration of ex-offenders. Regrettably, it had to be cancelled last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. On a positive note, we are thankful that the pandemic created the impetus for the event to go fully virtual this year, which allowed us to reach out to more stakeholders.

There are quite a few “firsts” to CN Summit 2021 – the first time it is held virtually, the first time we are opening the event to public and it’s also CARE Network’s 21st year! There is a first to everything, and this signifies our first step into the next bound for aftercare, hence our theme – The Next Horizon.

The return of ex-offenders back to society is inevitable. How they return will make all the difference – successfully or unsuccessfully. As the society progresses, can we do more to support and empower them? Over the sessions, we hope that you will gain a better understanding of the efforts in supporting the ex-offenders and their families in their reintegration. You will also hear from desistors on how they overcome their struggles and pay it forward. Last but not least, we hope that the event will inspire you to join us in our cause.

All of us can play a part, in any capacity – be it as a partnering Social Service Agency, a corporate member, or even as a neighbour, or friend! Big or small, we can make Singapore a more caring and inclusive home for all.

We hope you will have a good time at the Summit. Stay safe and see you!

Wu Chenghui, Cheryl Wong & Grace Chan

Leads, Summit’21



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

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For more details, visit our Website at

<https://www.yellowribbon.gov.sg/community-engagement/care-network>

About the Event

The CARE Network Summit (previously known as “Workplan Seminar”) is an annual platform for community partners to connect and explore new ideas and opportunities to support the reintegration of ex-offenders. As the Network turns 21 this year, we renamed our yearly Seminar to “Summit”, to symbolise the transition from a conventional workplan sharing platform to a more dynamic forum, allowing for more meaningful engagements within and beyond the aftercare sector.

The Summit is held virtually over three days in July (13, 17, and 23 July), featuring a spread of interactive dialogues, workshops and panel discussions on specific rehabilitation and reintegration topics. Selected sessions are open to the public’s participation, allowing new audiences to gain a deeper appreciation of the sector’s work.

The Next Horizon

For the past 21 years, CARE Network members and partners have been dedicated to supporting ex-offenders in their reintegration. As we step into the new normal, against the backdrop of major structural shifts, the Network seeks to imagine new possibilities for the aftercare community, review current service delivery models, and expand our horizons through harnessing the power of collective action.

For this year’s Summit, the Network aims to empower the community through generating rich conversations and providing opportunities for connections to be forged between new and existing partners. As we head into the new normal, let us challenge ourselves to think out of the box, dream big, and cast our vision towards new vistas.



Programme Overview

1. Launch: The Next Horizon

13 July, Tuesday, 10am

2. A 2-Part Series on Advancing Capabilities

13 July, Tuesday, 2pm

3. Understanding Ex-offenders' Profiles: Youths, Elderly and Persons with Mental Health Issues

17 July, Saturday, 9am

4. The Journey of Families: From Incarceration to Post-Release

17 July, Saturday, 11am

5. Sustaining Employment: What Part Do We Play?

23 July, Friday, 10am

6. The Next Horizon for Aftercare

23 July, Friday, 3pm

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Session 01

Launch: The Next Horizon

Day 01: 13 July 2021, Tuesday | 10am–11.30am

The CARE Network Summit 2021 will be launched on 13 July 2021, with an opening address by Mrs Josephine Teo, Minister for Communications and Information and Second Minister for Home Affairs. This will be followed by a keynote presentation by Ms Melissa Kwee on 3P (Public, Private, People) partnership, strategic communications and social empowerment.

Ms Melissa Kwee is the third Chief Executive Officer of the National Volunteer and Philanthropy Centre (NVPC). Her career has involved her bridging the public, private and community sectors as an anthropologist, researcher, programme designer, social innovator and catalyst in the private sector. She has founded, ran and served on the boards of several nonprofit organisations and ground-up initiatives relating to youth, women, the arts, the prisons, community development, healthcare and education. She received the Singapore Youth Award in 2007 and ASEAN Youth Award 2008 for her leadership and service, and was appointed as a Justice of the Peace in 2018.

She believes that genuine friendships are the purpose of life and is passionate about building a culture of giving and other-centredness where people give their best for others. She enjoys learning from children, peers, elders and strangers, and discovering new stories in the #CityofGood.

Guest-of-Honour



Mrs Josephine Teo
Minister for Communications and Information
and Second Minister for Home Affairs

Keynote Speaker



Ms Melissa Kwee
Chief Executive Officer
National Volunteer and Philanthropy Centre

Session 02

A 2-Part Series on Advancing Capabilities

Day 01: 13 July 2021, Tuesday | 2pm–5pm

Introducing: CN's Aftercare Competency Framework

Early this year, the [Aftercare Competency Framework](#) (ACF) was introduced. Wondering what this is all about, and how it came to be? Get your answers in this session, where senior practitioners share their experience in the year-long journey of developing the ACF and some tips on how we can use it.

Evaluation: What is it and where to start?

One of the competency domains in the ACF is Programme Development and Implementation. Increasingly, more emphasis is placed on adopting good evaluation practices to assess the effectiveness of programmes. Hosted by Singapore Prison Service's (SPS) Programme Development and Evaluation Branch (PDEB), this session will bring us through the concept of evaluation - what questions it can answer and how it can be approached meaningfully to gain insights, strengthen and demonstrate the value of programmes.

Speakers | Segment 1



Mr Chan Soon Onn
Head, Care Family
Care Community
Services Society



Ms Goh Guat Tiang
Programme Head
(Training)
Singapore After-Care
Association



Ms Hameet Khanee
Senior Manager
AMP Singapore

Speakers | Segment 2



Ms Chua Shu Hui
Assistant Director (Programme
Design and Evaluation Branch)
Singapore Prison Service



Ms Farhanis Ahmad
Correctional Rehabilitation
Specialist (Programme Design
& Evaluation Branch)
Singapore Prison Service



Session 03

Understanding Ex-offenders' Profiles: Youths, Elderly and Persons with Mental Health Issues

Day 02: 17 July 2021, Saturday | 9am–11am

Strengthening the resilience of ex-offenders is critical to helping them reintegrate well. Yet, the needs of different populations may be unique. Hence, reintegration requires an important shift to a person-centred approach in aftercare service delivery. With a person-centred approach, services are tailored to meet the needs of the recipient.

In three breakout groups, this session will delve into the emerging trends and needs related to selected populations, namely youth (ex-)offenders, elderly (ex-)offenders and (ex-)offenders struggling with mental health issues. What are the challenges they face in their reintegration journey? What are the strengths they possess? How can we, as a community, come together to better support them?

Speakers | Youth Profile



Mr Robin Tay
Head of Department,
Residential and Rehabilitation
Programme
The New Charis Mission



Mr Mohaideen Abdul Kadir
Deputy Commanding Officer,
'J' Enforcement Division
Central Narcotics Bureau



Mr Yeo Yun Luo
ISCOS Titan
[Desistor]

Speakers | Elderly Profile



Mr Loh Eng Hao
Assistant Director
(Correctional Research
Branch)
Singapore Prison Service



Ms Ivy Soh
Director (Aftercare)
Yellow Ribbon Singapore



Ms Justina Teo
Assistant Director, Special
Projects & Development,
Befriending Services
Lions Befrienders

Speakers | Persons with Mental Health Issues



Dr Christopher Cheok
Acting Chief and Senior
Consultant, Department of
Forensic Psychiatry
Institute of Mental Health



Mr Cher Jing En
Senior Associate
Psychologist, Aftercare
Singapore Anti-Narcotics
Association



Mr Ng Boon Aun
Officer-in-charge,
Psychiatric Housing Unit,
Institution A3
Singapore Prison Service

Session 04

The Journey of Families: From Incarceration to Post-Release

Day 02: 17 July 2021, Saturday | 11am–1pm

How does one cope with a loved one's incarceration? Can life begin anew after one's release from prison?

In this session, speakers from across the public, people and private sector convene to discuss the impact and challenges of incarceration on the families, the support provided to them, and how the family could serve as an important pillar to motivate change. We also welcome you to contribute your views on the challenges and gaps you have heard or witnessed from families impacted by incarceration, and how we, as a community, can extend a helping hand to them.

Speakers



Dr Ting Ming Hwa
Senior Assistant Director/
Principal Research Specialist,
Translational Social
Research Division
National Council of Social Service



Mr Jason Wong
Centre Manager,
Prison Support Services,
Kids In Play
The Salvation Army



Ms Jennifer Shyna
Programme Executive,
Prison Support Services,
Kids In Play
The Salvation Army



Ms Sybil Sim
Senior Executive (Education)
Wildlife Reserves Singapore



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Session 05

Sustaining Employment: What part do we play?

Day 03: 23 July 2021, Friday | 10am–12pm

Gainful employment is a critical factor for successful reintegration. A stable job will open doors for many other important reintegration factors to fall in place: housing, prosocial support, self-esteem and a brighter future. How can they successfully rejoin the workplace after release from prison while coping with the implications of their incarceration? How can employers support ex-offenders in their journey of reintegration?

This session will shed light on the experience of an Employer-Employee duo from The Privé Group. We will also have a dialogue session with speakers from Yellow Ribbon Singapore and the Industrial & Services Co-operative Society Ltd, who are working to rebuild the lives of ex-offenders by helping them enhance their employability potential.

Presenters & Panelists



Mr Kelvin Lim
Assistant Associate
(Partnership)
Yellow Ribbon Singapore



Mr Jean-Luc Vu Han
Chief Executive Officer
The Privé Group



Mr Chen Ruiquan (David)
Employee
The Privé Group



Ms Paulin Chua
Director (Partnership)
Yellow Ribbon Singapore



Mr Marc Chong
Senior Assistant
Director (Careers)
Yellow Ribbon Singapore



Mr Rudy Hamid
Senior Social Service
Executive
Industrial & Services
Co-operative Society Ltd

Session 06

The Next Horizon for Aftercare

Day 03: 23 July 2021, Friday | 3pm–4.30pm

We are living in challenging times, exacerbated by a high level of volatility, uncertainty, complexity and ambiguity (VUCA). This reality is further accentuated by several structural shifts and trends, such as the digital revolution accelerated by the COVID-19 pandemic, disruption to economies and jobs, and emerging social tensions. In embracing the new normal, how can we be innovative and adaptive to seize new opportunities and emerge even stronger?

Hear from the leaders of CARE Network on their visions and perspectives on the next bound for aftercare. Let us discuss possibilities on service transformation, advancing the sector's capabilities and mobilising the community to better support and empower our beneficiaries. Together, we will share our reflections, conclude the CARE Network Summit 2021, and cast our vision to the next vista.

Panelists



Ms Shie Yong Lee
Commissioner of Prisons
Singapore Prison Service
[Co-Chairman CARE Network]



Mr Chng Hwee Hong
Chairman
Yellow Ribbon Singapore
[Co-Chairman CARE Network]



Ms Doris Ng
Executive Director
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Mr Prem Kumar
Director
Singapore After-Care
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Mr Abdul Karim
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Singapore Anti-Narcotics
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Ms Ng Jiak See
Vice-Chairman
Yellow Ribbon Fund

Moderator



Mr Troy Jack Thevathasan
Deputy Director, Psychological and
Correctional Rehabilitation Division
Singapore Prison Service



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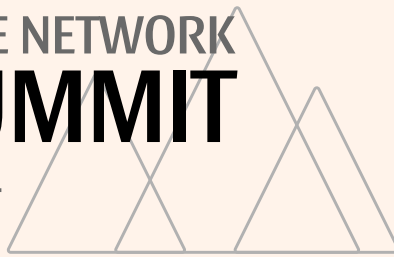
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