

# CARE

## Network Insider

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### Guest-Of-Honour Speech

**Mrs. Josephine Teo,**  
Minister for Communications and Information  
& Second Minister for Home Affairs

In the opening address, Mrs. Josephine Teo shared on the achievement and progress of the various CARE Network partners. Mrs. Teo also outlined the initiatives that would advance the capabilities of CN partners to achieve our collective goal of reducing the five-year recidivism rate.

For the full speech, click [here](#).



## Welcome Back

After a two-year hiatus, the CARE Network Summit 2022 made its comeback on 18 Jul 2022 at Suntec Singapore Convention & Exhibition Centre. The venue was sponsored by our partner, Suntec Singapore. With over 350 attendees from various agencies and individuals, the event was packed with engaging activities and meaningful sharing. We also welcomed a new CARE Network member and celebrated a partner's relocation to a new workplace.



CARE Network Summit 2022 is a networking platform for the Network's partners to foster relations and seed new opportunities through meaningful conversations with one another. The Summit provides an opportunity for multiple stakeholders to learn from and network with one another, advancing collaborative efforts to support ex-offenders' successful reintegration into society. Themed 'Igniting Connections, Empowering Lives', the Summit aimed to spark conversations within the aftercare sector and also raise awareness and appreciation of the work put in by CARE Network partners to impact the lives of our beneficiaries.

As we hustle in the final quarter of year 2022 and gear up for year 2023, spare us 5 minutes of your time and help us to fill up the short Survey Form [here](#)!



# Key-Note Speaker on Appraising the Reintegration Challenges of Family Members for Returning Ex-offenders.

**Associate Professor Timothy Sim,**  
Head of Programme, Master of Counselling S R Nathan School of Human Development

In his insightful sharing, Assoc Professor Timothy advocated the need to support the families of ex-offenders so that they could better support the ex-offenders themselves. Two key takeaways from his sharing:

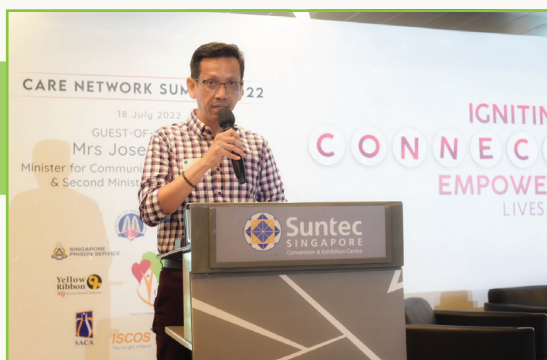
- There were literature gaps on the reintegration challenges faced by families. Overseas research on family members focused mainly on sex offenders, which differs from Singapore's main offender profile.
- An ex-offender's reintegration often adversely impacts his/her family members. Social isolation, stigma and harassment are key challenges that ex-offenders' parents, siblings, spouses, and children face as they support their loved ones through the incarceration period and reintegration journey.



## Presentation #1: Galvanising Community Collaboration

**Mr Muhammad Farik Omar,**  
Deputy Director MUIS FITRAH

This presentation shared on how MUIS FITRAH leveraged resources from various sources such as the M<sup>3</sup> Network, 33 social development mosques, volunteers, and other aftercare and social service agencies to aid families impacted by incarceration. MUIS FITRAH outlined how a whole-of-community support system could tap on the diverse strengths and resources within a community to support the various needs of ex-offenders and their families. Mr Farik said *"Being part of the CARE Network allows us to learn from and tap on each other's resources. At the end of the day, we believe that even if we do not see the impact of what we do today, possibly, in 5-10 years' time, we will see the results of the work we do."*



## Presentation #2: Connect to Reintegrate

**Ms Lilian Ong,**  
Director of Social Work, New Hope Community Services (NHCS)

As one of the transitional shelter providers to ex-offenders and rough sleepers in Singapore, Ms Lilian shared NHCS's key approaches and perspectives to support ex-offenders.

Ms Lilian also elaborated on NHCS's interventions for their clients:

- Restore their confidence by addressing barriers which hindered their reintegration and establishing strong relationships with their key support pillars.
- Motivate them to work by supporting their aspirations for stable employment through tangible support i.e. job referrals, job interview preparation and job matching.
- Sustain employment and promote employability by journeying with them after they have secured employment to support their adjustment to their new work arrangements.



## Exhibition Gallery: Show, Tell & Mingle!

One of the highlights for Summit 2022 was the CARE Network Exhibition Gallery, featuring these 20 agencies' programmes, initiatives, and services:



1. AMP Singapore
2. Architects of Life
3. Bamboo Builders
4. Break the Cycle Sg
5. Care Community Services Society Singapore
6. Glyph Community
7. HCSA Highpoint Halfway House
8. Hug Community Services Limited
9. Industrial & Services Co-Operative Society Limited
10. Life Community Services Society
11. New Life Stories
12. New Hope Community Services
13. Pertapis Halfway House - Pertapis Football Alumni
14. Rise Above Halfway House PPIS
15. Singapore After-Care Association
16. Singapore Anti-Narcotics Association
17. Singapore Prison Services
18. The Salvation Army – Kids In Play
19. The T Project
20. Yellow Ribbon Singapore

These agencies provide a wide range of support to beneficiaries, including case management services, prosocial support, transitional accommodation, mentoring & befriending and more! Access to their posters [here](#)!

## Breakout Sessions Discussions

For the final activity and to close off the event, the attendees were encouraged to dive deeper into the following topics:

### Breakout Group 1: Harnessing the Potential of Cross-Sector Collaboration

**Key Takeaway:** Addressing today's complex challenges requires the public, private and people sectors to work collaboratively in building trusted partnerships to co-create sustainable social impact and uplift the lives of ex-offenders and their families.



### Breakout Session 2: Rethinking Reintegration: From Desistors' Perspective

**Key Takeaway:** Successful reintegration goes beyond professional and theoretical viewpoints. Service planning and delivery must be tailored to desistors' unique aspirations, needs and circumstances.

**Fun fact about Breakout Group 2 is that all the moderators and facilitators are desistors!**

### Breakout Session 3: Through Thick & Thin: Impact of Family Reconciliation on Offenders' Reintegration

**Key Takeaway:** Incarceration is devastating and destabilising to the interpersonal relationships of ex-offenders. It is essential to build resilience within families and empower them to pursue reconciliation with one another.



All three breakout sessions were fully subscribed. Many thanks to our speakers for taking time and great effort to curate relevant and insightful content for our participants and the wonderful facilitators for bringing life and energy to the sessions!



New  
Onboard!

## NeuGen Fund

By ISCOS

Formerly known as ISCOS ReGen Fund, NeuGen Fund was launched on 27 July 2022. The charity's new tagline 'New Lives New Futures' and the newly-introduced Neu Empowerment Model reflects their shift in focus towards empowering children and youth to make positive changes for the future. The model comprises various educational and pro-social initiatives aimed at moulding resilient individuals. These initiatives are designed to meet the educational, personal development, family bonding and environmental needs of children and families of ex-offenders.

Click [here](#) for more information or visit their FB and IG page:

<https://www.facebook.com/neugencharity/> • <https://www.instagram.com/neugencharity/>

## New Community Hub

By Prison Fellowship Singapore (PFS)

On 12 July 2022, PFS's Community Hub relocated within the Parish of Christ Church, opposite the KK Women's and Children's Hospital, minutes away from both Little India and Farrer Park MRT stations. At 5,000 sq ft, the new Community Hub will allow beneficiaries, volunteers, donors, and stakeholders to interact in a safe environment that possesses a 'kampung' spirit. The Community Hub has a drop-in centre, café and well-equipped counselling rooms with a multi-purpose hall and office space.



To stay updated on PFS, click: [www.pfs.org.sg](http://www.pfs.org.sg) or visit their FB & IG page:

<https://www.facebook.com/PrisonFellowshipSingapore> • <https://www.instagram.com/prisonfellowshipspsg>

## Till the next CARE Network Summit!



Once again, let us welcome our new member, NeuGen Fund onboard and congratulate PFS on their new and bigger space!

Last but not least, our heartfelt gratitude to all CARE Network partners for coming together to make CARE Network Summit 2022 a successful event! With that, we wrap up this month's CN Insider with a song [performance](#) dedicated to the CARE Network Summit 2022 by the talented Mr Riduan Ishak and the summit [video](#) highlights. Enjoy!

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