# **YELLOW RIBBON** COMMUNITY **ENGAGEMENT**

**JANUARY 2025 NEWSLETTER** 



We Are Each Other's Second Chances Image: Section 2007 Section

## **Dear School Leaders**

As we embark on a new year, we invite you to join hands with the Yellow Ribbon Project (YRP) in 2025. Our mission to champion second chances and promote inclusivity aligns with MOE's role in shaping compassionate, and socially responsible students.

Together, we can inspire a generation that values empathy and kindness, creating a more inclusive society for all.

Let's make 2025 a year of positive change. We look forward to collaborating with you.



Sincerely

The Yellow Ribbon Community Engagement Committee

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### **MY NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION**



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My goal is to support initiatives that enhance ou community engagement and improve our processes, ensuring that we continue to make a positive impact.

The HUFI team



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yellowribbonsg "To anyone struggling, remember that it's okay to seek help and lean on your community. Take one step at a time, and be gentle with yourself. Every small progress counts, and you are not alone in your journey. Believe in your strength and the possibility of brighter days ahead."

**"Redemption** begins where judgement ends."

# A RECAP OF 2024 INCLUDING YELLOW RIBBON PROJECT'S 20TH ANNIVERSARY



### Moving HeARTs in the City



Singapore Book of Records - Largest Patchwork Blanket



Giving a New Lease of Life - Recycling Project



Singapore Prison Service Heritage Gallery Tours



### School Sharing (ft. ex-offender insights)



We would like to thank all the schools who joined us in our projects and initiatives in 2024

- Anglo Chinese Junior College
- Assumption English School
- Cerebral Palsy Alliance
  Singapore
- ITE College East
- ITE College West
- Kuo Chuan Presbyterian
  Secondary School
- Ngee Ann Polytechnic
- Pasir Ris Secondary School
- SIM Global Education
- Singapore Management University
- Singapore Polytechnic
- SJI International School
- Spectra Secondary School
- St Anthony's Canossian Secondary
- Temasek Polytechnic
- Victoria School



### Collaborative Student-Led Projects



# EXCITING PROJECTS IN 2025

This year, we have an exciting event coming up! The Yellow Ribbon Art Competition 2025.

The theme, "We Are Each Other's Second Chances" calls on everyone – neighbours, employers, volunteers and citizens to make a difference in the transformation journey of those in need. By giving support to inmates and exoffenders, each of us plays a role in breaking the cycles of reoffending and fostering a society of inclusion and acceptance.

#### Unleash your Creativity, Change Lives! Sign up now!

#### For details, including terms and conditions:

Visit <u>www.go.gov.sg/yr-artcompetition-guide</u> OR scan the QR codes below:





Register your students' interest preferably by 28 Feb 2025: YRP\_ARTS@yellowribbon.gov.sg

### YR Art Competition 2025 "We Are Each Other's Second Chances"

- Challenge: Create a visual art piece that showcases how each of us plays a role in breaking the cycles of re-offending and fostering a society of inclusion and acceptance.
- Date: Feb 2025 to 15 May 2025
- Category

#### **Eligible Participants**

2-Dimensional (2D) Artwork <u>or</u> Short Video

Students studying in Secondary Schools, Institutes of Technical Education, Junior Colleges, and Polytechnics

• Prizes

One Winning Entry per category: \$1,000 Four Merit Awards per category: \$250

#### All winning artworks will be exhibited at the Yellow Ribbon Community Arts Festival 2025 to be held later in the year.



"One thing I learnt through Yellow Ribbon Project is that everyone can be the giver of second chances and every simple act of grace is impactful"

- Barry Yeow, Inmate Artist Mentor for 2024 Moving HeARTs in the City





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Let's foster empathy, social responsibility and active citizenship together.

Empower your students to shape a more inclusive society! Join Yellow Ribbon's school sharing programme and help break down barriers for ex-offenders.

By educating our youth on second chances, we're not just erasing stigma—we're building a more compassionate community. These sessions offer invaluable insights into the challenges faced by ex-offenders and the transformative power of acceptance.

Don't miss this opportunity to foster empathy, challenge prejudices, and equip your students with the knowledge to make a real difference. Register your school's interest to be part of the movement towards a more understanding Singapore!

#### WE ARE EACH OTHER'S STORIES, WE ARE EACH OTHER'S SECOND CHANCES.

# BE AN ADVOCATE FOR SECOND CHANCES IN 2025

- Awareness Talks: Host Yellow Ribbon staff and ex-offenders to share the meaningful stories of rehabilitation
- Heritage Gallery Tours: Learn about evolution of Singapore's correctional system and gain a deeper understanding of rehabilitation efforts
- **Student-Led Projects:** Have an idea for collaboration in mind? Chat with us!



### Don't just wear a yellow ribbon. Be one.

### Register your school's interest:

www.go.gov.sg/yrce

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