



The Ripple Effect Continues: Yellow Ribbon School Highlights

Dear School Leaders, every second chance creates a ripple of hope. Check out how some schools and community groups have joined hands with Yellow Ribbon to build a more inclusive Singapore—and discover how your school can be part of this transformative journey.

Schools Making a Difference: Partnership Spotlight!

From student-led fundraisers to creative community campaigns, our school partners have been busy turning compassion into action! This year, we've witnessed incredible initiatives across secondary schools, junior colleges, polytechnics, and universities—all championing second chances in their own unique ways.

The numbers speak for themselves: Over \$4,950 raised for the Yellow Ribbon Fund, countless awareness campaigns, and hundreds of students actively engaged in building a more inclusive Singapore.

Discover the inspiring stories of how your fellow educators and students are leading change in their communities.



Young Artists, Big Hearts: Inaugural Yellow Ribbon Art Competition 2025!

Creativity met compassion as students across Singapore used brushes, pencils, and cameras to champion second chances. From striking paintings to moving short films, they didn't just make art—they created hope.

The response—293 entries from 55 schools—reflects our community commitment to second chances. Results are in - what a competition!

Featuring winners from **School of The Arts, Ngee Ann Secondary School**, and many more talented schools, proved how art can break barriers and build bridges. Turn the page to see the winning works and the stories behind them.



Creativity Meets Compassion:

Yellow Ribbon Art Competition 2025 Results Are In!



This year's Yellow Ribbon Art Competition saw an incredible outpouring of artistic talent from students across Singapore, with powerful submissions that beautifully captured the essence of second chances and community support. From 2D artwork such as expressive traditional paintings to innovative mixed media pieces, and compelling short films, our young artists didn't just create art—they created hope.



Congratulations to the Winners!



Winner of the 2D Artwork Category

"Illuminating Futures"

Low Yeng Khay - School of the Arts

A breathtaking acrylic piece that uses the symbolism of light to represent society's power to offer brighter tomorrows.



I've found a community that believed in me.



Winner of the Short Film Category

"Strings of Freedom"

Athaalaa Altaf Hafidz - Ngee Ann Secondary School

A profound short film about an ex-offender's journey of redemption through music.

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Merit Award Winners

These aren't just competition entries—they're catalysts for change. Each piece represents a young person who now understands that we truly are "each other's second chances" and who will carry this message forward into their communities. Congratulations and kudos to all participants for using their talents to champion inclusivity and second chances. Your creativity is helping to paint a more compassionate Singapore! 🌟



"Yellow Ribbon Bridge"
Nathanael Thomas Tjia -
St Andrew's Secondary
School



"Second Wings"
Valerie Ip Li Xuan -
Crescent Girls' School



"Hands of Second
Chances"
Wee Hsin Shuen, Myra
Jade - School of the Arts



"Hope, Handwritten"
Jeon Goeyn - Nanyang
Junior College



"Tapestry of Grace"
Low Hui Xin Rubi -
Canberra Secondary
School



"We are Each Other's
Second Chances"
Zhang Min Qi - Hwa Chong
Institution (Junior College)



"Piece by Piece"
Choong En Qi - Nanyang
Junior College



"Embracing Second
Chances: Journey of
Transformation"
Liu Jiaqi - Canadian
International School



"Helping Inmates Take the
Right Path as a Society"
Zhang Zhiyan - Nanyang
Girls' High School



"Rejoining Back into
Society"
Ong Yu Tzer Ayden - St
Andrew's Secondary School



"Confined Revolution"
Leo Wen Hui -
Canberra Secondary
School



"Breaking Out"
Zhang Mu - Nanyang
Girls' High School



"Real Key to Freedom"
Koh Cheng Wei -
Zhong Hua Secondary
School



"Mending through Making"
Anna Crossland - St
Joseph's Institution
International



"Rescue the Forgotten
Child"
Kotani Yuuna - Naval Base
Secondary School



One girl's letter sparks a community-wide movement of support, showing how small acts create powerful ripple effects.

"Second Chances,
Stronger Tomorrows"
Chew Wen Syuen -
Ngee Ann Secondary
School

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An animation exploring how stereotypes affect ex-offenders, showing taxi drivers initially refusing service until one driver chooses compassion over prejudice.

"Please, No
Stereotypes"
Meredith Pang Yu
An - Nan Hua High
School

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Flying the Flag for Second Chances

Our educational institutions continue to be powerful champions of second chances, proudly flying the flag for redemption and hope!

From student competitions to community partnerships, schools across Singapore are fostering understanding and creating opportunities for positive change.

Here's a snapshot of the incredible initiatives and partnerships with schools and students since our last newsletter!

May – June 2025

- 🏛️ 8 May - Ngee Ann Polytechnic students experienced heritage tours combined with meaningful sharing sessions
- 🌟 17 May - Raffles Institution's Project Defteros worked hand in hand with PSB Academy in organizing PSB Academy's first Charity Walk in championing second chances and embracing a more inclusive society.
- 🏠 29 May - Two student groups from St. Anthony's Cannosian Secondary supported the Yellow Ribbon Project through their Values-In-Action project by running game stalls and raising funds for the Yellow Ribbon Fund at the SAC Blaze Carnival.
- 🎨 June - CHIJ Sanctuary for Children collaborated with Yellow Ribbon Project to receive artwork submissions by creative young artists (7 to 12 years old) based on what second chances mean to them.



July 2025

- 🏛️ 23 July - Ngee Ann Polytechnic's School of Design and Environment students presented their event ideas to Yellow Ribbon Project and transformed them into engaging creative displays and hands-on booth experiences on their campus.
- ☀️ July to November - Project Solis
 - As part of YMCA's Youth for Causes Programme, Hwa Chong Institution's Project Solis went into overdrive across multiple community platforms amplifying the message for second chances and raising over \$4,700 for the Yellow Ribbon Fund.
 - Named after the Latin word for 'the sun', Project Solis embodies hope and warmth, bringing light into the lives of ex-offenders whilst supporting their reintegration into the community and workforce. The student-led initiative demonstrates how young people can become powerful advocates for change, organising fundraising and public awareness campaigns that foster greater empathy and understanding towards ex-offenders.
 - Through their dedicated efforts, the Hwa Chong students not only raised significant funds but also educated their peers and the broader community about the struggles ex-offenders face during reintegration. Their work exemplifies how the next generation can drive meaningful social change, transforming attitudes and creating a more inclusive society that believes in second chances.



August 2025

- 🚚 5-28 August - As part of the Yellow Ribbon Community Arts Festival, the art truck showcased inmates' and ex-offenders' artworks roved to various schools on weekdays. The Art Truck's epic school tour hit Ngee Ann Polytechnic, Singapore Polytechnic, Serangoon Anderson Junior College, St. Joseph's Institution, Ngee Ann Secondary, St. Anthony's Canossian Secondary, Bowen Secondary, Singapore Institute of Technology, Yishun Town Secondary, Pasir Ris Secondary, Boon Lay Secondary before its grand finale at Hwa Chong Institution—bringing heartfelt sharings to every stop!
- 🎮 12 August - Ngee Ann Polytechnic's Next Chapter showcased their self-designed board game for their final year project. The game raised awareness on the challenges of ex-offenders reintegrating back into society.
- 🧶 15 August - CHIJ St. Nicholas Girls' School Project Kairo raised \$253.40 through sales of handmade bracelets, crochet items, and bookmarks.



September 2025

- 🧸 20 September - 24 students from Temasek Polytechnic Design School designed costumes for Yellow Ribbon Fund Hope Bears. The adorned bears were put up for silent auction at the Yellow Ribbon CARE Network Gala Dinner 2025 to fundraise for the event.
- 📝 September - St. Margaret School (Secondary) and Maris Stella High School students interviewed ex-offenders and penned inspiring written features for chinese competitions respectively.



On the Calendar

- ☀️ July 2025 to November 2025 - Project Solis continues their inspiring community engagement journey, building bridges of understanding and support for ex-offenders across multiple platforms.
- 📅 August 2025 to February 2026 - Students from the Singapore University of Social Sciences explore the Yellow Ribbon cause through their 'Learning with Communities' module, developing creative ideas to inspire community support for second chances and foster greater inclusivity.
- 🎧 September 2025 to Q1 2026 - Unfiltered Narratives, a collaborative student group from several polytechnics, is producing a podcast series to raise awareness about ex-offenders' challenges and highlight ways the community can offer support.
- 🌿 October 2025 - Ngee Ann Polytechnic's Project Unwind organizes therapeutic art sessions, providing youth offenders with a meaningful outlet for self-expression and personal growth.





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!

BE AN ADVOCATE FOR SECOND CHANCES

- **Awareness Talks and Small Group Circles:** 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!



Join us in making a difference.

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

Click now to register your school's interest to partner us for 2026!



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