



Willing Hearts

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OUR MISSION

To nurture a harmonious society through cross-cultural education and further contribute to the success of multi-racial Singapore

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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



I am pleased to present you our Annual Report for the past financial year.

I firmly believe that racial harmony is about personal responsibility. True harmony is about how we treat fellow members of our society with respect and dignity; regardless of race, religion or origins. While government policies can set the framework, eventually it is the attitude of individuals that would determine peaceful co-existence.

Singapore's social landscape is changing considerably. After close to 50 years of nation building, the team at OnePeople.sg felt it is important to establish where we stand on race and religious relations and build strategies for future intervention. It is with this in mind that OnePeople.sg partnered with the Institute of Policy Studies (IPS) to embark on a landmark study. A special workgroup was set up to work with IPS to research on key indicators of racial and religious harmony and assess where we rank on these indicators. After over a year of public surveys, analysis and consultations; the findings were released. OnePeople.sg together with IPS held extensive dialogues engaging people from all walks - youths, educators, religious and community leaders, stakeholders; and hosted a public forum on key issues arising from the study.

I am heartened by the results of the survey. The findings show that Singaporeans value multiracialism, a testament of how far we have come. While the findings are encouraging, there is certainly more we can do to put racial and religious harmony into practice such as having more close cross-cultural friendships; which ranked bottom amongst the set of indicators. The study brought about wide ranging debates and discussions on harmonious living. I am glad the study has helped articulate the need for racial harmony education and engagement to go beyond tolerance. This is the basis of OnePeople.sg's approach. The organisation has already started its work by leveraging on the study to look at areas within its key initiatives to address gaps. Plans are also underway to further engage our community on salient issues.

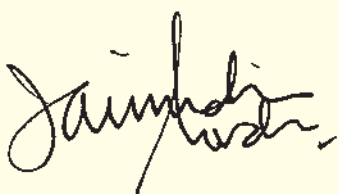
Over the past year, OnePeople.sg has fervently engaged various sectors of society to foster greater understanding between diverse ethnic groups. Our youth engagement activities continued to be robust. HarmonyWorks! Conference saw a strong turnout of over 800 students from diverse backgrounds. The discussions brought forward aspirations of our youth on the future of racial harmony in Singapore. I am glad to see our young ones speak up on shared identity and shared values as critical binding forces. The organisation also actively engaged staff and Youth Integration Ambassadors at Polytechnic levels and held exchanges with tertiary institutes.

OnePeople.sg brought forth a cause - *Race Against Racism* to inspire a community movement against prejudice at its signature event; the Orange Ribbon Celebrations. The event held in July saw the launch of the Orange Ribbon Run. The Celebrations garnered widespread support from members of the public from all ages and nationalities. The Football Association of Singapore together with S.League Club players came down in full force to register their support. I was rather encouraged by the spontaneous participation and outpour of personal messages. With the support of Community Development Councils, Self-Help Groups, government agencies and members of the public, the event successfully brought together 5,000 participants making a stand against racism at Marina Bay Sands.

Through the years, OnePeople.sg has developed a core group of volunteers who quietly work behind the scenes. These volunteers serve as an inspiration to all. Our young volunteers from the CampTeen Racial Harmony Ambassadors Programme spearhead community projects yearly such as Rafusicul, (Race, Fusion and Culture) promoting racial harmony through the arts. We have a strong group of adult volunteers who facilitate programmes such as Explorations in Ethnicity engaging youths to challenge stereotypes. In addition, we have volunteers from organisations and schools who come to support our key events as coordinators. We would not have not come this far, without the staunch contributions of our volunteers. The theme of this annual report - Willing Hearts is a tribute to their efforts.

Next year, marks our nation's 50th year of independence. Looking back, our journey was never destined. We had to work hard for what we have come to achieve. We have overcome harsh challenges along our way, such as the economic recessions and SARS, with unity, determination and resilience. Despite being one of the most diverse countries in the world, we are able to work together and live in peace and harmony. Singapore's model of multiracialism is our national pride. We should continue to nurture and treasure this asset. As I believe being multi-racial, is indeed, being Singaporean.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow members of the Management Committee, volunteers, donors, partners and staff for their exceptional contributions and support.



Zainudin Nordin
Chairman
OnePeople.sg



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Former Chief Executive Officer
Yayasan Mendaki
(Stepped down as Member on
31 Dec 2013)



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR



♥ **Rallying The Community - Race Against Racism**



♥ **Capacity Building Initiatives**



♥ **Youth-led Initiatives**



♥ **HarmonyWorks! Youth Conference**



♥ **Cross-Cultural Education in Schools**



♥ **Forum on Indicators of Racial & Religious Harmony**



♥ **Grooming Young Advocates**




♥ **Dialogues with Youths**



♥ **Engaging Tertiary Institutions**

Lasting Friendship





“We have a lot of common interests, hang out together and trust each other. By volunteering at OnePeople.sg, we give back to society and build valuable friendships in return.”

Volunteers

Aprilia Loke, 20

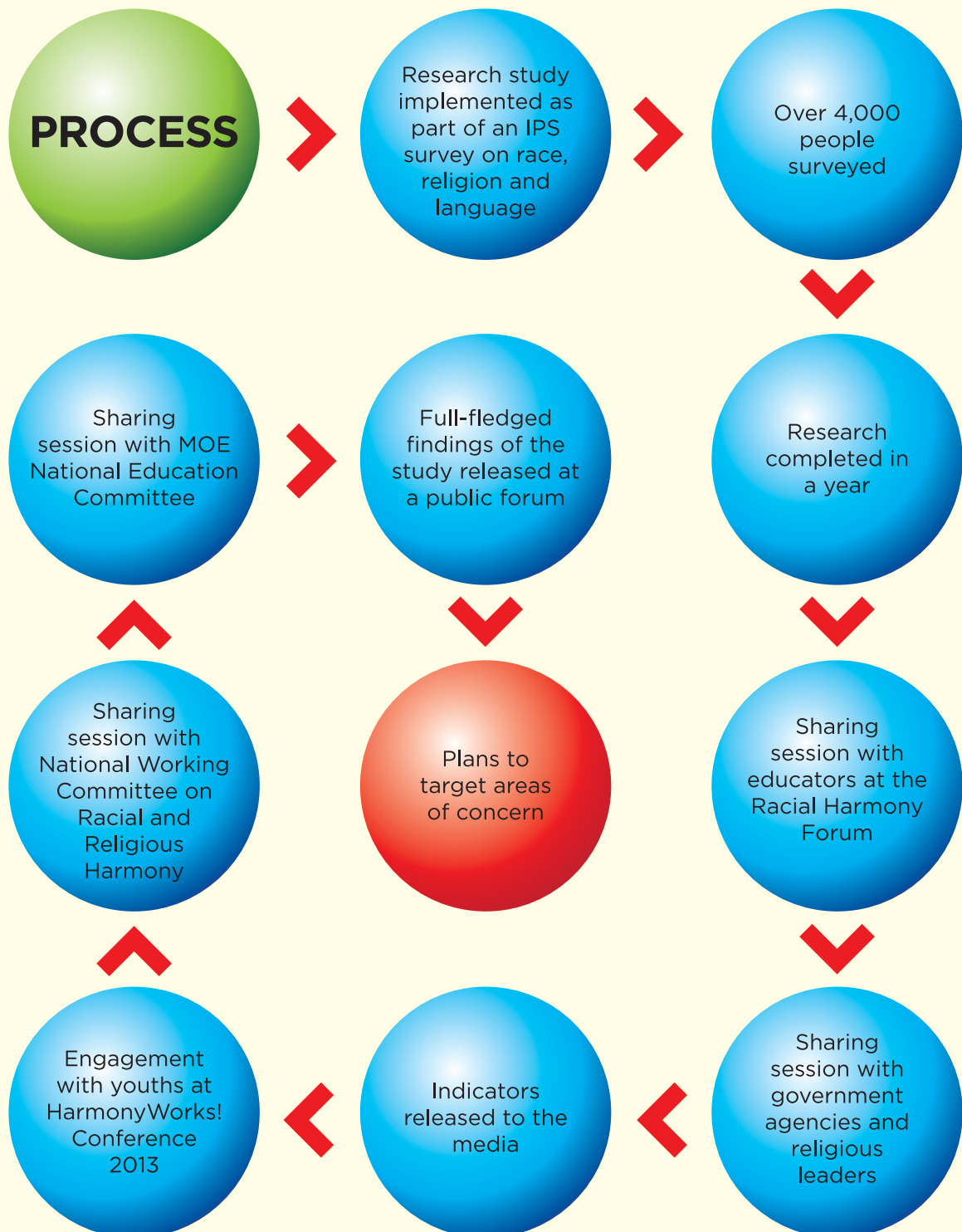
Suriakanthan Ganesen, 22

OPSG Youth Wing

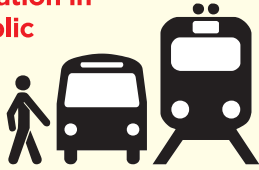


INDICATORS OF RACIAL & RELIGIOUS HARMONY

The Indicators of Racial and Religious Harmony is a joint project of the Institute of Policy Studies at the National University of Singapore and OnePeople.sg (OPSG). The baseline study provides a reading of Singaporean attitudes on race and religion. The indicators were developed using results from a survey of 4,131 Singapore residents. The sample included a nationally representative sample of 3,128 respondents and an additional booster sample of minorities to ensure that there was sufficient number of minorities to make cross-ethnic comparisons. Following the study, OPSG held a series of dialogues engaging stakeholders and community partners on key issues. The full-fledged findings of the study was released through a public forum held on 11 September 2013. The study in essence, provides a framework for OPSG, policy makers as well as community stakeholders to look at strengths and gaps, and build strategies for deeper intervention.



Absence of minority discrimination in using public services:



SCORE 9.75

- More than 90% of minorities felt that they were treated equally in the use of public services

Absence of inter-racial and religious tension



SCORE 7.99

- About 70% of respondents did not experience any racial or religious tension in their daily lives

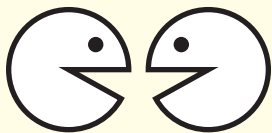
Embracing diversity



SCORE 7.63

- About 70% believed that it was good for Singapore to be made up of different races

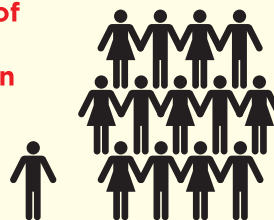
Interest in inter-cultural understanding and interaction



SCORE 6.49

- About 55 % were interested in meeting people of other races and religions
- About 50% were interested in understanding other people's customs

Absence of minority perception of social exclusion



SCORE 6.20

- Under 20% of respondents believed that Indians and Malays had to work harder compared to other races to have a basic, decent life in Singapore
- Slightly above 30% of respondents believed that Indians and Malays had to work harder compared to other races to reach top positions in their organisations

Presence of close inter-racial friendships



SCORE 4.51

- About 80% were comfortable having a close friend of another race or religion
- Only 45% had at least 1 close friend of another race

*(Scores derived are based on a calculation of mean scores of various items in the survey.)
(Percentages do not reflect respondents with neutral opinions.)*

Ranking	Indicator	Score
1	Absence of minority discrimination in using public services	9.75
2	Absence of inter-racial and religious tension	7.99
3	Embracing diversity	7.63
4	Absence of minority discrimination in the work place	7.56
5	Inter-racial and religious comfort in private and public spheres	7.46
6	Inter-racial and religious social trust	7.18
7	Embracing colour blindness	6.96
8	Interest in inter-cultural understanding and interaction	6.49
9	Absence of minority perception of social exclusion	6.20
10	Presence of close inter-racial friendships	4.51

Beyond Borders





“We feel proud to be part of the organising committee for Orange Ribbon Celebrations 2013. By advocating racial harmony, we are actually campaigning for and spreading a colourless culture, a culture where colour means absolutely nothing.”

Volunteers

Lim Xin Hui, 21

Desmond Toh, 22

Race Against Racism 2013



ORANGE RIBBON CELEBRATIONS – RACE AGAINST RACISM



Orange Ribbon Celebrations Race Against Racism

The first of its kind - Race Against Racism was launched by OnePeople.sg (OPSG) on 6 July 2013 at Marina Bay Sands Event Plaza. The Orange Ribbon Celebrations carried a cause for people to resonate with and support; inspiring a people's movement against racism. A competitive Orange Ribbon 10km Run was launched in addition to the 3.5km Family Walk. The Race drew spontaneous support from members of the public of diverse ethnic groups from both local and international communities. Close to 5,000 participants comprising children, youths, families and seniors rallied at Marina Bay Sands dressed in Orange. Then Acting Minister for Culture, Community and Youth, Mr Lawrence Wong graced the event as Guest of Honour. The participants had wholesome fun during the event set in a carnival setting with multi-ethnic performances, exhibitions and delicacies.

Ground-Up Efforts

250 volunteers from various schools such as Whitley Secondary School, Teck Whye Secondary School, Temasek Polytechnic, National University of Singapore as well as members of the public came forward to volunteer their efforts and play their part.

Organised By

- OnePeople.sg

In Partnership With

- Chinese Development Assistance Council
- Yayasan Mendaki
- Singapore Indian Development Association
- The Eurasian Association, Singapore
- Association of Muslim Professionals
- Ministry of Culture, Community & Youth
- Ministry of Education
- National University of Singapore, National Police Cadet Corps

Supported By

- Central Singapore Community Development Council
- North East Community Development Council
- North West Community Development Council
- South East Community Development Council
- South West Community Development Council
- People's Association



Personal Messages

More than 500 heart-felt messages filled the event backdrop and large printed boards placed along Marina Bay Sands. These personal messages from participants underscored values of respect, understanding and friendship.

Launch of Orange Ribbon Music Video *Voice of Harmony*

A special Orange Ribbon music video commissioned by OPSG portraying shared values was launched on Race day by Guest of Honour, then Ag Minister Lawrence Wong. The music video features local celebrities Jack and Rai. The music video was broadcasted over MediaCorp over mainstream ethnic TV Channels for a period of 2 weeks with kind sponsorship from Sheng Siong Group Ltd.

“Race is real and is colourful. Let’s enjoy and cherish the world with all colours!”
Cheow Choon Whong, 57

“No one should ever be judged based on their skin, the blood running through our bodies are all the same colour – red.”
Gauhrie C Yogarrajah, 19


“Open Your Mind And Speak Out Against Racism.”
Fiona Chung, 34

“Every Colour and Hue is represented by me & u.”
Neriza Racelis, 30



Appreciating Differences





“Through organising youth-led initiatives such as Cyclovation, Envartial and Rafusicul, we forged strong bonds and friendships with our younger participants and most importantly, we appreciate, trust and treat each and every one equally. We will continue to champion Racial Harmony as Ambassadors.”

Volunteers

Nurul Shazlyn Zuriaty Binte Mohd Zaidi, 18

Faizulhizam Bin Sheik Mohamed, 20

Jacelyn Low Jie Ning, 17 (Left)

OPSG Youth Wing



Awareness

HarmonyWorks! Workshop

Close to 600 students benefited from the HarmonyWorks! Workshops catered specially for secondary school students. Participants were engaged in building blocks of harmony and shared values through group discussions, videos and hands-on activities.

Race and Ethnicity Awareness Programme (REAP)

Targeting upper secondary students, REAP, a diversity awareness programme adopts an experiential learning approach that raises students' awareness of personal orientations/biasness and enables them to engage in open discussions on sensitive issues. A total of 41 students benefited from the programme.

Engagement

Explorations in Ethnicity (EiE)

Explorations in Ethnicity (EiE), a youth-for-youth initiative adopts an experiential learning approach with an avenue for self-reflection as well as honest examination and dialogue on cross-cultural relations. OPSG further extended its reach to students from post-secondary institutions. EiE courses were held for students from ITE College West, Nanyang and Republic Polytechnics as well as NTU. For the first time this year, OPSG reached out to Integration Ambassadors at Polytechnic levels tackling issues concerning local-migrant relationships. While students who undergo EiE learn to confront personal bias and stereotypes; young adults are trained to be facilitators being equipped with the required knowledge and skills to engage youths on inter-ethnic issues. EiE reached out to 260 students from Junior Colleges, ITEs, Polytechnics and Universities.



HarmonyWorks! Conference

Titled, “Generation NEXT: The Future of Harmony”, HarmonyWorks! Conference 2013 drew over 800 youths from various secondary schools, post-secondary institutions, Madrasahs and international schools. Into its 8th year, the Conference was organised in collaboration with Singapore Polytechnic.

Mr Tan Chuan-Jin, then Acting Minister for Manpower graced the event as Guest of Honour. Joining him as panelists for the dialogue session were Mr Zainudin Nordin, Chairman, OnePeople.sg and guest speakers, Mr Neil Humphreys, an author and columnist with TODAY newspaper and Dr Mathew Mathews, Senior Research Fellow at the Institute of Policy Studies and Board Member, OnePeople.sg.

Dr Mathew Mathews presented on the Indicators of Racial and Religious Harmony; a joint study with OnePeople.sg highlighting strengths and gaps of our racial harmony model. The students were engaged on current issues such as the changing social landscape of Singapore and its impact on race relations as well as shared values they could champion in the real and virtual realms. The Conference brought forth a robust discussion among youths on the state of race relations and their aspirations moving forward.

“The Conference has taught me the importance of racial harmony. It made me more aware of the ill effects of racism.”

Doris Lim, Yuying Secondary School

"I have learnt to respect each other's cultural differences."

Nur Syaquilla Bte Ali,
Innova Junior College



Leadership

Community Engagement Champions Programme

In its second year, the Community Engagement Champions Programme engaged a group of 47 student leaders from Innova and Pioneer Junior College. With the support of MOE's Character and Citizenship Education Branch, the programme aims at building capacity among student leaders to take lead of racial harmony initiatives and moot peer engagement. The students participated in a holistic 4-month programme comprising workshops on cross cultural diversity, dialogues and experiential learning programmes. To better understand nuances, the students visited the ISD Heritage Centre as part of their learning journey. The students presented their experiences and learning journey at the HarmonyWorks! Conference and co-facilitated breakout discussions with fellow youths. Year on year, the initiative has received positive feedback from youth leaders.



CampTeen: Youth Racial Harmony Ambassadors Programme

STEP UP!

Tanzania, USA, Germany, Britain, Thailand, South Korea and Armenia - these were just some of the countries participants hailed from at Camp Teen Racial Harmony Ambassadors 2013. More than 230 youths came together in a fun-filled 4-day adventure to build friendships.

Leveraging on the recent landmark study jointly with the Institute of Policy Studies, "Indicators of Racial and Religious Harmony"; CampTeen 2013 themed "Step Up!" called on youths to address the bottom two indicators - "interest in inter-cultural understanding and close cross-cultural friendships". These youths from over 30 local and international schools as well as Madrasahs bonded over 4 Days and 3 Nights at Labrador Adventure Centre. Youths of different backgrounds visited heritage and religious institutions such as the Buddha Tooth Relic Temple, Sree Ramar Temple, St. Andrew's Cathedral, Masjid Sultan Mosque and the Armenian Church. This cross-cultural exchange is part of the experiential learning journey; where youths appreciate unique differences and similarities.

The campers also visited homes of Malay and Peranakan families. The Finale saw youths sharing new found experiences and friendships penned in a journal titled, "You've Got A Friend in Me". It was encouraging to see 76% of campers, state they had made at least two friends of a different culture.

Taking advocacy as their first priority, these newly appointed Racial Harmony Ambassadors discussed current race related issues and came up with refreshing project ideas to embark on.



Volunteer led Initiatives

Rafusicul – Race. Fusion. Culture.

Running consecutively for the 6th year, Rafusicul drew more than 500 supporters. This unique upbeat talent competition geared up 100 multi-racial youth contestants to express their thoughts on racial harmony. The event attracted families and friends of all walks with a strong show of support. The youth-led initiative was organised on 8 June 2013 by OnePeople.sg’s Youth Wing members. Held at VivoCity, the new open category featured different genres of performances. An annual initiative, Rafusicul creates a youth centric platform celebrating inter-racial friendships.



Envartial – Amazing Race

Envartial is a youth-for-youth event initiated by OnePeople.sg. A fusion of the words “Environment”, “Arts” and “Race”, Envartial aims to raise the importance of recycling while bringing youths of different cultural backgrounds together. From strangers to campers to good friends, the planning committee of Envartial has come a long way since attending OnePeople.sg’s flagship camp- CampTeen in 2011. Fulfilling their duties as Youth Racial Harmony Ambassadors, our youth volunteers initiated and executed Envartial – Amazing Race in June 2013. Mentored by OnePeople.sg, this small scale project drew 40 participants and volunteers including new citizens and foreigners.

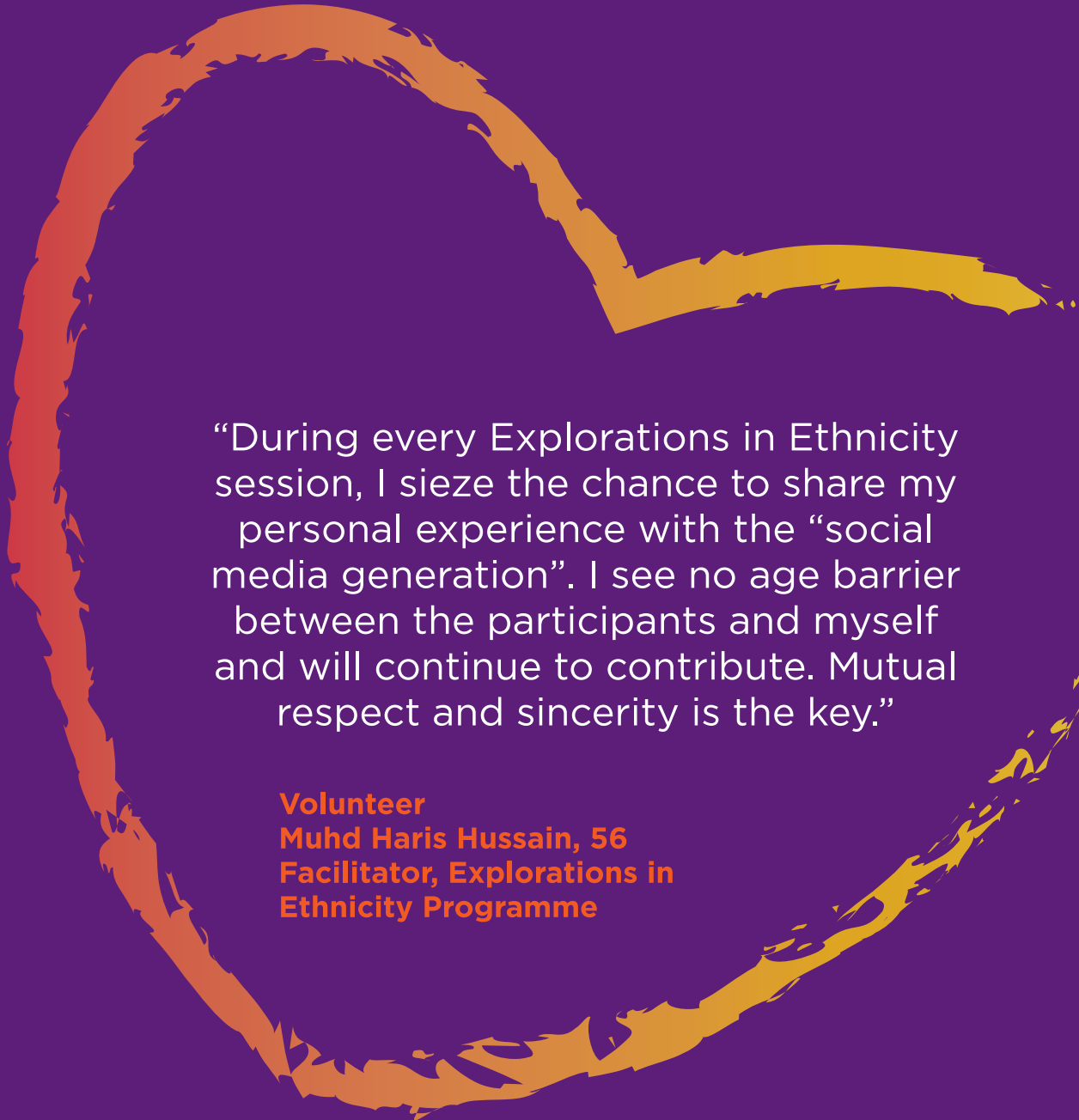


Volunteers’ Appreciation Tea

The inaugural Volunteers’ Appreciation Tea was held on 27 April 2013 to honour the dedicated efforts of OPSG’s multi-racial volunteers. The Volunteers’ Appreciation Tea recognised outstanding and significant contributions by our Youth Wing Members and EiE Facilitators. 120 volunteers gathered together with their family members at the light hearted event. The event also paid tribute to long service volunteers who have passionately served with OPSG since inception. The awards were given out by Mr Zainudin Nordin, Chairman, OnePeople.sg.

Bridging Ties





“During every Explorations in Ethnicity session, I seize the chance to share my personal experience with the “social media generation”. I see no age barrier between the participants and myself and will continue to contribute. Mutual respect and sincerity is the key.”

Volunteer
Muhd Haris Hussain, 56
Facilitator, Explorations in
Ethnicity Programme



ENGAGING STAKEHOLDERS



Inter-Racial and Religious Confidence Circles (IRCCs)

Cross-Cultural Understanding

Throughout the year, 100 IRCC members attended OPSG courses on cross-cultural understanding. This new initiative saw OPSG working hand in hand with community organisations such as the Singapore Federation of Chinese Clan Associations, Majlis Pusat and the Eurasian Association to draw up a framework on cross-cultural education emphasizing nuances and attributes of the major ethnic groups. The topics include origins, tenets, values, practices, and social norms of the Chinese, Malay, Indian and Eurasian cultures. The sessions were followed by an exchange of experiences among participants. IRCC members found value systems of these cultures particularly insightful.

“I have learnt about funeral, wakes, marriages and importance of catechism classes. The Eurasian culture is so cosmopolitan.”

Jalaludin s/o Peer Mohamed,
Radin Mas IRCC

“I never knew of the Chinese practice of “sending off” the kitchen god and that the seventh day of the lunar calendar represents everyone’s birthday.”

Unnikrishnan Nambiar,
Yio Chu Kang IRCC



“Well planned and there were lively interactions and exchange of ideas throughout the workshop session.”

George Khng,
Jalan Besar IRCC



“The video clip sharing was touching and the resources were useful as well.”

Thangavelu Maliga,
Potong Pasir IRCC

Personal Development Courses

Peace-building and personal communication workshops attracted close to 40 IRCC leaders. In partnership with The Arbinger Institute Singapore, the peace-building workshop raised awareness on nurturing peace at personal, societal and community levels. The workshop also touched on ways to transform conflict situations with lively discussions and hands-on activities.



Introduction to Religions

For the first time, Ministry of Defence engaged OnePeople.sg to conduct an introductory course on inter-faith understanding for 50 personnel and staff at the SAFTI Military Institute. OPSG worked with members of the Inter-Religious Organisation, National Council of Churches, MUIS Academy and the Buddhist Fellowship to hold a dialogue on key tenets of different faiths. Mr Zainudin Nordin, Chairman OnePeople.sg and Board Member, Mr Mohd Nasim addressed participants on importance of growing the common space. Singapore Polytechnic, as part of its Community Engagement week also had their group of students and staff attend a similar introductory course. 250 participants benefited from these engagements.

“Understanding a religion does not just come from observations but teachings of the faith and application of the teachings to real life.”

Fong Chun Yean,
Ministry of Defence

“Through the workshop, I have learnt these three social media management tools, Statweestics, Twiends and Hootsuite!”

Koh Shi Hui, MCCY

“I have learnt how to establish online presence and better manage it.”

Steven Lim PBM,
Tampines Central IRCC

“I have learnt the six steps of ground sensing and to intervene when there is a need.”

Sean Rozario,
Moulmein IRCC



Social Media Workshop

35 Participants got to know more about the Social Media Trinity (Facebook, Twitter and Blogger). They were taught how to bring messages across via social media. This includes identifying the target audience, determining the relevant content mix and developing an online communication plan. Participants were also engaged on potential risks posed by social media. IRCC members explored case studies on offensive postings online and brainstormed ways to address such incidents.

Crisis Communication and Ground Sensing Workshop

The crisis communication workshop enables IRCC leaders to learn the importance of teamwork and mutual respect in dealing with potential crisis situations escalating from a possible racial or religious misunderstanding. In addition, the ground sensing workshop enables members to discuss faultlines, explore case studies and adopt a framework to better sense issues which may potentially escalate on the ground. These workshops were specially catered for IRCC leaders to tackle ground realities and bolster community relations. 21 IRCC members benefited from these workshops.





“This workshop raised awareness about the intricacies of community engagement in an extremely honest and open environment.”

Nurazian Bajuri,
Dunman Secondary School

Educators

Community Engagement Workshop

School leaders from various secondary schools and junior colleges attended OPSG’s ground sensing workshop as part of a collaboration with MOE to engage them in managing racial and religious incidences within the school setting. Through case studies and scenario-based role plays, educators explored ethnic and religious sensitivities and addressed possible faultlines. More than 160 educators benefited from this workshop.

Partners


Joint National Day Observance Ceremony & Iftar

For the first time, OnePeople.sg and the five Self-Help Groups came together to organise the National Day Observance Ceremony & Iftar during the month of Ramadan. Community and religious leaders, along with colleagues from the Self-Help Groups, and staff of OnePeople.sg had an opportunity to break fast together with their Malay friends. The event brought about a meaningful exchange on the significance of Ramadan, courtesy of Harmony Centre, and personal stories of what it means to be Singaporean. This joyous occasion was graced by Assoc Prof Dr Yaacob Ibrahim, Minister for Communications and Information and Minister in-charge of Muslim Affairs.



Connecting Hearts





“Having stayed in Singapore for eight years, I have learnt to appreciate and understand Singapore’s diverse culture and way of life. As a facilitator in CampTeen, I get to advocate racial harmony and in turn learn from fellow youths and forge valuable friendships.”

Volunteer
Henzl Franz P. Valerio, 16
OPSG Youth Wing



Racial Harmony Forum

For the fifth consecutive year, OnePeople.sg collaborated with MOE's Character and Citizenship Education Branch to organise the annual Racial Harmony Forum targeted at NE educators. The forum held on 3 July 2013 at Republic Polytechnic's Cultural Centre aimed to raise awareness on strengths and gaps of our racial harmony model. Dr Mathew Mathews, Board Member OnePeople.sg and Senior Research Fellow, IPS presented key findings from the "Indicators of Racial and Religious Harmony" - a joint study with OPSG. Educators explored platforms to nurture cross-cultural understanding and friendships within the school setting. The forum also featured a lively dialogue with Mr Gerald Singham, Vice-Chairman, OnePeople.sg. The event drew close to 1,000 educators. Mr Hawazi Daipi, Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Education graced the event as Guest of Honour.



OnePeople Game Application

The OnePeople Game Application, a new resource tool to inculcate values of racial harmony was launched by Minister for Education, Mr Heng Swee Keat on 19 July 2013 at Pioneer Secondary School. This smart phone application is an interactive simulation game that enables students to build their very own multicultural cities. This informative yet exciting Application was developed by Republic Polytechnic final-year students in partnership with OnePeople.sg. The game is geared to be youth centric raising awareness on the importance of social capital in sustaining a vibrant city. The Application incorporates quizzes on diverse ethnic cultures and a toolkit for educators.

OnePeople Portal

OnePeople.sg provides access to outreach materials and resources via our OPSG website. Race-related articles, reports, projects done by students and their reflections can be found in the portal. In addition, OnePeople.sg collaborates with the National Library Board providing easy access to books and research materials.

Social Media



OnePeople.sg has connected with over 1,400 friends at our OPSG Facebook and 500 Twitter followers. These social media platforms allow for instant updates of the latest information on our programmes and events. The public can also view videos and highlights of OPSG's events through our very own YouTube channel.



InterFaith World Tour by Coexister

OnePeople.sg hosted a French youth inter-faith movement called Coexister on 17 February 2014. Supported by the French Government, this group of passionate youths are part of an NGO which looks at global peace building initiatives. Part of their learning journey is to study inter-faith organisations all over the world. Singapore was one of the stops for the tour and it gave OPSG an opportunity to engage the visitors. The visit enabled these youths to explore concepts of multiculturalism and diversity in Singapore. The group also shared their travel experiences which made for an enriching exchange.



Hosting Malaysian Delegates

OnePeople.sg hosted Malaysian Minister, YB Tan Sri Joseph Kurup in the Prime Minister's Department and a group of Malaysian Delegates on 4 March 2014. The visit to OPSG was initiated by the Minister YB Tan Sri Kurup to study OPSG's role in the promotion of racial harmony. Mr Zainudin Nordin, Chairman, OnePeople.sg and Board Members hosted the 60 strong delegation comprising of officers from the Implementation Coordination Unit, Department of National Unity & Integration and various ethnic and religious bodies in Malaysia. The dialogue presented an excellent opportunity for both OPSG and Malaysian delegates to interact and share models of building cohesive inter-cultural relations.



MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS

Berita

Integrasi kaum pencapaian paling penting

Yaacob: Tanpa perpaduan, kita tidak akan berada di sini hari ini

“இனம், சமயம் ஆகிய சொற்களை மாற்றவேண்டும்”

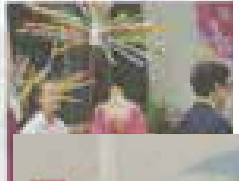
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Colleagues of another race OK, but not spouses: Survey

A survey by the Institute of Policy Studies (IPS) shows that Singaporeans are more open to working with colleagues of another race, but less so when it comes to spouses. The survey also found that Singaporeans are more likely to date someone of another race than to marry them.

Students game to build city of harmony

Students from various ethnic groups are participating in a project to build a model city of harmony. The project aims to promote understanding and cooperation between different ethnic groups.



S'pore does well in study on racial, religious relations

A study by the Institute of Policy Studies (IPS) shows that Singapore is performing well in terms of racial and religious relations. The study found that Singaporeans are more open to working with colleagues of another race, but less so when it comes to spouses.

சிங்கப்பூரில் இனவெறிக்கு இடமில்லை: லாரன்ஸ்

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首个种族和谐调查

多数国人安于多元种族社会

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Living up to our ideal of multiracialism

There is reason to be gratified by the findings of a recent study on racial and religious harmony in Singapore. The findings indicate that Singaporeans are more open to working with colleagues of another race, but less so when it comes to spouses.

Young are open, few feel discrimination

A survey by the Institute of Policy Studies (IPS) shows that young Singaporeans are more open to working with colleagues of another race, but less so when it comes to spouses. The survey also found that few young people feel discriminated against.

Harmoni kaum proses dua hala

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Racial differences 'easier to bridge'

A survey by the Institute of Policy Studies (IPS) shows that racial differences are easier to bridge in Singapore. The survey found that Singaporeans are more open to working with colleagues of another race, but less so when it comes to spouses.

Who has a friend from another race?

Probably younger, more well-off S'poreans: Survey

A survey by the Institute of Policy Studies (IPS) shows that younger and more well-off Singaporeans are more likely to have a friend from another race. The survey also found that Singaporeans are more open to working with colleagues of another race, but less so when it comes to spouses.

Measuring race relations: Half full or half empty?

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STUDY ON RACIAL, RELIGIOUS TIES: Public services treat all races fairly

A study by the Institute of Policy Studies (IPS) shows that public services in Singapore treat all races fairly. The study found that Singaporeans are more open to working with colleagues of another race, but less so when it comes to spouses.

Race against Racism

Race against Racism. This was one of 10 5-League supporters who were selected as best dressed in yesterday's inaugural Orange Ribbon Run/Walk 2013 along Marina Bay.





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