



Special Edition - IDEP 2023

IDEP 2023: “Decent Work and Social Protection: Putting Dignity in Practice for All”

SCC renews our commitment on 17 October with the goals of IDEP integrally aligned as part of our SCC vision: **Poverty Transformation With-in Empowered Communities**. Annually, we would observe this special date and period where collectively we would stand in solidarity as an organisation along with others, support community-led initiatives and contribute bit-size canvas pieces of our works towards achieving these goals, working towards ending poverty and creating greater social mobility and equity for our members, their families, and communities.

Last year's theme from IDEP 2022 was “Dignity for all in practice”, where “Dignity” was reiterated not as an abstract concept, but that it belongs to each and every one of us. “Today, many people living in persistent poverty experience their dignity being denied and disrespected. The ways in which the poorest people are treated are a measure of the respect in which human dignity is held in our societies.”

This year, the focus is on continuing the notion of dignified practice, with a focus on decent work for all and the hopes towards universal social protection.

At SCC, we have committed to 3 efforts and supporting 1 community-led movement this year namely;

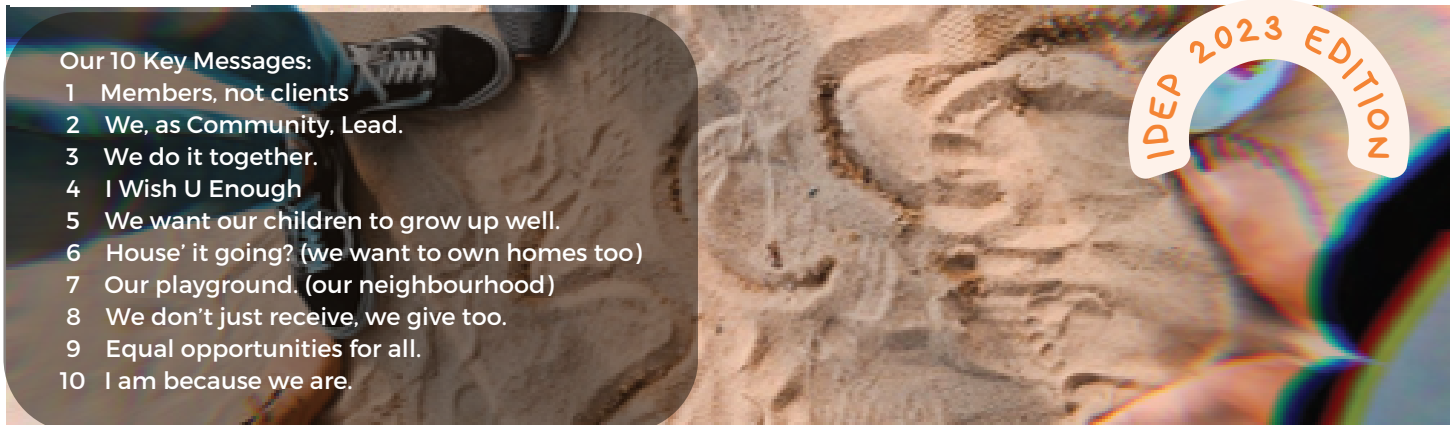
Commitment 1: SCC's 10-year COMM-UNITY commemorative coffee table book.

Featuring a collection of uniquely SCC 10 key messages (commonly used “languages”), reflecting the past 10 years of the collective voices and our work with the lower income families at SCC and their communities. At SCC, we believe in the power of changing and creating equitable narratives, towards how we, together with others, can see and value families living in relative poverty as empowered change makers, living dignified and abundant lives.

Commitment 2: Formation of SCC's Lengkok Bahru Prototype (LB Prototype),

a social mobility test-bed prototype in working alongside families with children living in 6 identified rental blocks towards family and community empowerment, and ultimately towards greater social mobility.

Formed in 2023, LB prototype hopes to bring together a one team approach, building upon the families' aspirations towards achieving a holistic families transformation, multi-generation, multi-pathway approach towards greater uplift and creating empowered and lasting communities as part of sustainable change.



Our 10 Key Messages:

- 1 Members, not clients
- 2 We, as Community, Lead.
- 3 We do it together.
- 4 I Wish U Enough
- 5 We want our children to grow up well.
- 6 House' it going? (we want to own homes too)
- 7 Our playground. (our neighbourhood)
- 8 We don't just receive, we give too.
- 9 Equal opportunities for all.
- 10 I am because we are.

Commitment 3: Pilot of SCC's Good Livelihood initiative (20 members), to empower and provide personalized support to low-income community members in the areas of employment and livelihood enhancement.

Conceptualising "Good Livelihoods" as having stable and sufficient income to meet basic needs and facilitate asset accumulation, acknowledging the healthy balance between families' financial, care and personal needs, and developing the interests and assets of our members, aligned with their personal strengths, goals and career progression plans, nested within a safe and suitable physical and socio-cultural work environment. This pilot aims to help us better deep dive into the real challenges of persons with lived experiences navigating the livelihood terrain and identify factors that can contribute to their achievements.

Supporting the Communities: I Wish U Enough 2023 (Nov 2023), 100% community-led social movement

I Wish U Enough, IWUE is a movement that culminates in an annual event as part of our community and SCC's initiative to strengthen the Gotong Royong Spirit. This signifies neighbours (near and far) coming together to contribute in their own ways so that everyone will have enough. The movement, in its 7th year, commits to 5 important foci,

- Appreciating our community's gifts
- Connecting and celebrating communities
- Encouraging Neighbours Helping Neighbours
- Proliferating the IWUE movement
- Raising awareness on Poverty

I Wish U Enough Movement continues today to culminate small acts of mutual self-help to bring about the Gotong Royong Spirit in our communities as part of collective efforts towards our commitment towards IDEP.

Through these work collections and continued support of a community-led movement, we hope to reaffirm our commitment, build awareness and inspire change as ONE (Ownership, Neighbours for Neighbours, Empowerment) here in SCC. Let's stand together, because together, WE can.

I Wish U Enough & Let's Leave No One Behind,

Ruth Tan, Executive Director, SCC



Celebrated since 1987 as the World Day for Overcoming Extreme Poverty and recognized by the United Nations in 1992, the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty promotes dialogue and understanding between people living in poverty and their communities, and society at large.

“It represents an opportunity to acknowledge the efforts and struggles of people living in poverty, a chance for them to make their concerns heard, and a moment to recognize that poor people are in the forefront in the fight against poverty.” (United Nations, Report of the Secretary General, A/61/308, para. 58)

More information about initiatives, events, and activities to mark October 17 around the world can be found at: UNDESA website, and overcomingpoverty.org.

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