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NEWSLETTER

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We wish you all a

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

May the new year bring you peace, joy, and happiness.

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2022

Dear MASW friends, greetings!

As 2022 is coming to an end and we are gearing up to welcome 2023 and start life afresh, it's time to look back on the moments of triumphs and appreciate those who made them possible.

We will open the book. Its pages are blank. We are going to put words on them ourselves. The book is called Opportunity, and its first chapter is New Year's Day!



Malaysian Association of Social Workers

2023

Happy New Year

May 2023 Be A Better Year For Everyone.
Take Care And Keep Safe!

MASW President & EXCO Members

I wish you a wonderful year filled with enormous happiness and boundless joy. May this new year come with lots of opportunities. Wish you success in everything you do.

MASW PRESIDENT

Prof. Dr. Azlinda Azman.

BENGGEL PRAKTIKAL KURSUS ASUHAN PERMATA TASKA RUMAH (KAPTR 4.0)



This workshop was organized by MASW in collaboration with Women's Workstream, PJ Parliamentary office (PI05). This workshop is a follow-up to the *Kursus Asuhan Taska Rumah* (KAPTR 4.0) which was held on 20 June 2022 until 29 July 2022. The main purpose of the workshop was to provide knowledge and skills in caring for children in home-based child care centre.

Among the topics:

Workshop 1: Smart use of gadgets

Workshop 2: Preparation of toys for babies and toddlers

Workshop 3: How to bathe a baby

A closing ceremony was held where successful participants were given a certificate of participation. A total of 3 outstanding participants were awarded a subsidy to attend the *Kursus Asuhan Permata* (KAP) certificated by the Department of Social Welfare (JKM).

After the course completed, home visits were carried out to homes of the participants who operated the home-based childcare. This was done to ensure compliance with subjects matter that had been learned in class. A specific checklist was used to observed and guide the operators to provide quality and holistic care.



4 home-based childcare operators were guided in this process. They live in PPR Desa Mentari, PPR Lembah Subang and PPR Putra Damai.

MASW would like to express our gratitude to YB Maria Chin Abdullah (Petaling Jaya MP) for collaborating and funding this project.



SEMINAR NIAT MENGANCAM DIRI: APAKAH PERANAN KITA??

Seminar ini akan mendedahkan bagaimana individu, keluarga dan komuniti untuk cakna dan mengambil langkah-langkah awal untuk membantu mereka yang mempunyai pemikiran bunuh diri. Dengan ini akan mewujudkan suatu persekitaran yang selamat dan menyokong kepada individu, keluarga dan komuniti.

SEMINAR NIAT MENGANCAM DIRI: APAKAH PERANAN KITA??
Seminar akan membincangkan isu berkaitan kesejahteraan psikososial masyarakat

9 OGOS 2022 SELASA | **8.00 AM HINGGA 5.00 PM**
AUDITORIUM INSTITUT SOSIAL MALAYSIA

Moderator
Enck Raymond Jagan, PPD, Suruhanjaya Keselamatan, Pertahanan dan Pertahanan Dalam Negeri

Penceramah
Enck Alex Lai Ai Liah, Pakar Psikologi Klinikal, Kementerian Projek, SIKKA Society
Dr. Wan Maryamun Wan Zulaili, Pengerusi Pengarah Kesihatan, Unit Psikologi Gema, Bahagian Psikologi dan Kaunseling, Jabatan Kebajikan Masyarakat
Enck Muhamad Yuzli Mohamed, Pengerusi Pembangunan Masyarakat, Kesatuan Kebajikan Sosial Perubatan, Pusat Perubatan Universiti Malaya
Datin Dr. Ang Kim Teng, Pengerusi, Malaysian Mental Health Association (MMHA)
Enck Kenny Lim, Pengarah Eksekutif, Behrenders Kuala Lumpur

YURAN PENDAFTARAN
Ahli MASW : RM 30.00
Bukan ahli MASW : RM 50.00
Pelajar : RM 10.00

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Objektif seminar:

- Memberi pendedahan berkaitan kesihatan mental khususnya kepada pemikiran bunuh diri dalam kalangan masyarakat di Malaysia.
- Berkongsi pengetahuan dan pengalaman berkaitan khidmat sokongan yang sedia ada di agensi kerajaan dan bukan kerajaan.
- Membincangkan bagaimana keluarga dan komuniti dapat membantu mereka yang mempunyai pemikiran bunuh diri.



Panel yang dijemput adalah terdiri daripada pakar psikologi klinikal, pekerja sosial perubatan, pegawai JKM dan juga wakil daripada Badan Bukan Kerajaan (NGO) yang bergiat aktif dalam bidang yang difokuskan.



MASW would like to thank "Parenting for Long Life Health" (PLH) and their team for the due diligence meeting that was held at our humble office on 7th September 2022.

A project focus on parenting, utilizing module for LPPKN was discussed.

DUE DILIGENCE MEETING Parenting for Life Long Health (PLH) - MASW



PROGRAM DISABILITY EQUALITY TRAINING (DET)

DET program is a comprehensive method to understand issues related to disability, based on the Social Model perspective, to create an inclusive environment and society.



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Social Sciences

Program
**DISABILITY
EQUALITY
TRAINING:**

MEMAHAMI KETIDAKUPAYAAN
KE ARAH INKLUSIF

28 SEPTEMBER 2022 (RABU)
8:00 PAGI - 5:00 PETANG

THE CUBE 3,
FAKULTI SASTERA DAN SAINS SOSIAL,
UNIVERSITI MALAYA

Penceramah
DR. AHMAD SHAMSURI MUHAMAD
Pensyarah Kanan
Jabatan Psikologi Pendidikan dan Kaunseling
Fakulti Pendidikan
Universiti Malaysia

IMBAS KOD QR UNTUK MENDAFTAR!
TARIKH TUTUP PENDAFTARAN: ISNIN, 15 OGOS 2022

This training conducted at Universiti Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur on 28th September 2022.

JOM BREAKFAST!



The Jom Breakfast program was held once a month with the main objective to provide free breakfast for the disabled children at Spastic Centre. This is a collaboration between Institute Onn Jaafar (IOJ) and MASW.



KURSUS PERLINDUNGAN KANAK-KANAK

This course was held as from 8th to 10th November 2022 (Series 1: Klang District) and 6th to 8th December 2022 (Series 2: Hulu Langat). The course aims to provide exposure and take into account children's rights according to the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC), the Care Center Act 1993 and the Childcare Center Regulation 1994. This course aims to strengthen the level of competence and professionalism of the care center operators and staff who provide protection services to children who are at high risk (abused, neglected and exploited), to provide quality services up to the level of "best practice standards".



KPKK Klang District : Series 1

A total of 19 daycare/residential center operators and staffs from 8 different centers in the Klang district as well as 17 participants from 11 different centers in the Hulu Langat district have successfully attended this course.



KPKK Hulu Langat District : Series 2

KURSUS PENGENALAN KERJA SOSIAL (SIRI 1 : ZON UTARA)

Series 1 targeted participants in the northern zone of Malaysia. A total of 15 participants from various NGOs participated in the course.



The purpose of this course is to increase the level of understanding about social work among practitioners who are working in non-governmental organizations. This course (Series 1) was held on 12th to 15th December 2022. In addition, this course also applies a strong awareness and knowledge of social work principles, values and ethics among practitioners working in non-governmental organizations as well as improving competence and skills regarding the methods and handling of case work in the context of individuals, families and community work.

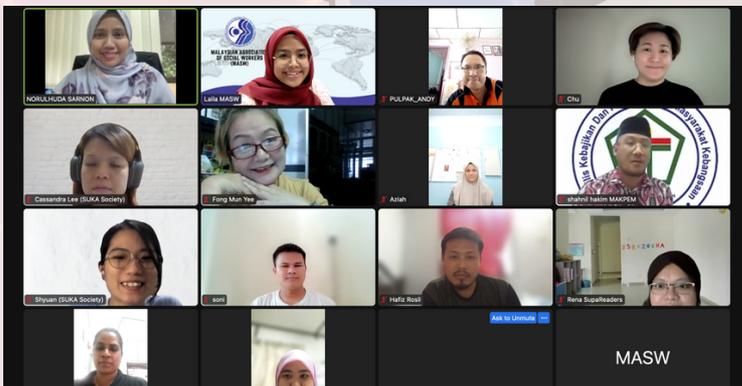
The next schedule is as below;

2nd series: 9-12 January 2023 (South)

3rd series: 16-19 January 2023 (Sabah)

4th series: 6-9 February 2023 (Sarawak)

If anyone interested, kindly contact Ms. Laila Nasuha at 011-31202175 for registration.



This current course began on 18th December 2022 and will end 26th February 2023 will be conducted only on Sundays. The opening ceremony at Crystal Crown Hotel PJ was graced by the presence of Mrs. Maria Chin Abdullah (former Petaling Jaya MP) and her team.

KURSUS ASUHAN PERMATA TASKA RUMAH (KAPTR 5.0)



Women Workstream's team: Mrs. Maria Chin Abdullah, Mrs. Yock Lin & Mrs. Rohini.

MASW team: Mrs. Amy Bala, Ms. Ainur Shamsudin & Ms. Laila Nasuha.

KAPTR Trainers: Mrs. V. Sithra Vijayasingam & Ms. Lee Poh Wan



Congratulations!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 3RD COHORT OF DIPLOMA OF SOCIAL WORK



Congratulations to the 3rd cohort of Diploma in Social Work, offered by Methodist College Kuala Lumpur (MCKL).

MASW is in joint working partnership with other 4 industry partners and MCKL to extend the fully accredited Diploma in Social Work programme, targeting existing social service practitioners and individuals who are passionate to pursue social work as a vocation.

All your hard work has been paid off finally!

NEW MINISTER FOR MINISTRY OF WOMEN, FAMILY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

MASW would like to congratulate YB Dato' Sri Hajah Nancy Shukri for being appointed as the new minister for the Ministry Of Women, Family And Community Development.

Congratulations

We hope to realize the Social Work profession bill under her leadership!





MALAYSIAN SOCIAL WORK ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONS NEW LAW

IFSW Secretary-General, Dr. Rory Truell was in Malaysia as from 14th - 16th November 2022. MASW organized several activities for him. Below is an extract of his article after his visit to Yayasan Chow Kit, Kuala Lumpur.

Chow Kit, a suburb in the Centre of Kuala Lumpur, offers a mix of realities for the people that live there. The inviting smells of the differing traditions waft in the humid air. Malay style wok fried vegetables, Pakistani roasting meat, and the spices of India. These rich cultural traditions are a celebration of the peaceful cultural co-existence in Malaysia. But hidden in the shadows are also sleeping children, women and men, laying on the ground without covering. Tragic evidence that this society, like many others, is still on the long journey to full inclusion and respecting the dignity of everyone.

Between two food shops, stairs lead directly to solutions, creating hope for those living in the shadows. The NGO, Yayasan Chow Kit, sits on the upper floors of the main street. It employs social workers and other professionals that work beyond the idea of aid and charity as they address the root causes and co-create sustainable dignified solutions. Social workers, Ratna Devi and Hasini, told me, 'We co-create services with the local people because they know their situation best'. The NGO runs education classes for both vulnerable Malaysian nationals, undocumented and refugees. For the refugees that fled war or persecution from other countries, the social workers work with them, piecing together the required documentation in order for them to access health services and other ..

government support systems. Housing and work are also high on the community's agenda and together the social workers and community develop entrepreneurial businesses to fund accommodation and better lives.

In the absence of state-run support systems, the social workers promote skills and business development. This also includes blending the national school curriculum with community mutual-reliance projects. I visited the NGO run alternative school for undocumented children that are not able to attend public education. Between the math, science and language classes, the children also had projects that involve the production of products that their families could sell. One example the children had on display, was jars of a chocolate-based milk drinks. Everything from the design of the label to the recipe was created by the children.

Upon graduation, a number of ex-students come back and work in the NGO because they want to give back to others what they had received. The social workers explained, 'They are the experts at working across the streets of Chow Kit and engaging people with the Centre .It creates a sense of belonging, a context of a community working together for change'. Because of this work, new businesses have emerged, such as bakeries, accommodation has been found, and new horizons have become more than dreams.

The work of Yayasan Chow Kit is exemplary of the social work approach. Yet sadly it is not the norm as there are less than 1200 practising qualified social workers in a country of over 32 million. There are many NGOs on the streets, however, offering free food and compassion to the homeless. The government also has a large budget for low-income Malaysian nationals and much of this is given in the form of small cash transfers which can make the difference between eating or not, but like the work of the charities, the scheme does not move people out of poverty. Many say it keeps them in slightly better appalling poverty conditions.

There is optimism for change, however. During my visit, organized by the Malaysian Association of Social Workers, we meet with a senior director and staff of various government ministries. Our discussions identified that a new law proposed by MASW could act as a key milestone in the country's journey of social development. The proposed law recognizes that social work is essential to social development, and creates a register of professional social workers, leading to the further training and employment of social workers.

The Deputy Secretary General of the Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development commented, 'We need social workers as highly trained professionals, and until we have them, our country can never move beyond the minimal cash transfer payments. With social work involvement, we will see people living with dignity, in work, with health and housing'. He further commented he would move the proposed Bill further up the government's agenda and hoped there may even be a first reading later this year.

It is not hard to be impressed by the social workers in the MASW. They are articulate, clear and focused on the evidence of what works: 'Working beyond cash transfers and charity, professional social workers recognize and draw up on all people's strengths, resourcefulness and ability to lead sustainable changes in their own lives', they explained.

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Following these rich encounters, while travelling back to the airport, I see groups of undocumented migrants and their children working under the hot midday sun. I also see the multi-faith communities successfully living side by side as a celebration of diversity, and I look forward to the developments ahead. A country with many qualities for others to learn from. A country poised on recognizing social work, as a reference point, in its development. A country with skilled, committed and passionate social workers to co-guide the way

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UPCOMING EVENTS

SOCIAL WORK DAY 2023



MASW 50TH GOLDEN JUBILEE



Annual General Meeting & Committee Election 2023

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SOCIAL WORK QUOTES

Diversity makes for a rich tapestry. We must understand that all the threads of the tapestry are equal in value, no matter their color; equal in importance no matter their texture.

-Maya Angelou-

