



*Presentation on*

# **CONFERENCE**

## **MUHAMMADIYAH –**

### **COMMUNITY LEADERS' FORUM**

**(YOUTH DEVELOPMENT NETWORK)**

*'Transforming Lives,  
Strengthening the Community'*



## About MWH



- 25 years of service to serve children and youth
- All boys ; 10 to 18 years old
- Residential home – 24/7
- Located @ Bedok North St 3

**MWH cared for 900 children in the last 25 years**



# **Presentation Outline**

## **1. Key features of project**

- Rationale
- Planning and Needs Analysis
- Outcome

## **2. Impact**

- Evaluation
- Feedback

## **3. Reflections**



## Rationale

- CLF Convention 2013 YDN identified 4 categories of Malay-Muslim youths based in their level of needs.
- One of the categories was identified as youth with **“VERY-HIGH LEVEL NEEDS”**.
  - “youths who are ***deemed delinquent*** or have been ***involved with crime, gangs or substance abuse***. These youths are ***usually on probation or are undergoing rehabilitation/programmes in institutions/approved homes***”

***6 of 24 Children & Young Persons Homes  
are run by MMO***



## CLF Report 2013

- “... there is a lack of service coverage by MMOs for MM youths that are identified as having high- and very-high level needs.
- Out of the estimated 1200-2000 MM youth identified as having high-level needs, only an estimated of 600 are serviced by MM youth agencies.
- Similarly, out of 800-1000 high-level needs MM youth, only 300 are covered by MM youth agencies.”





## Planning

- Needs Analysis survey & interviews with 10 residential Homes.
- To ensure relevance of conference.
- Common professional development need across all 10 homes:
  - *Issues on challenging behavior, mental health issues, sharing of best practices.*

# Outcome

## Conference and Pre-Conference on 21 & 22 Nov 2014

- Total Attendance – 310 pax
- Care Staff from other residential Homes
  - Probation & Child Protection officers),
  - School Counsellors
  - Family Service Centres
  - Malay Muslims Organizations
  - Social Workers & Counsellors
  - Tertiary Institutions (SP, NTU, NUS, etc)
  - Students from Tertiary Institutions
  - Individuals & volunteers of the Home



# TRANSFORMING LIVES, STRENGTHENING THE COMMUNITY

**FREE Admission**  
Register before 31 Oct 2014

conference@muhammadiyah.org.sg

Conference for professionals and volunteers working with youth at-risk on interventions for youth with very high-level of needs. Jointly organised by Muhammadiyah Association and Community Leaders' Forum to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the Muhammadiyah Welfare Home (MWH)

**Speakers include...**



Dr Laura Cockburn is a specialist Senior Consultant Psychologist in the United Kingdom (UK). She has vast experience working with youth and children with challenging behaviours and special needs in the UK, Malaysia, China and Singapore.



Dr Mariam Aljunied is a Chartered Educational Psychologist and Associate Fellow (British Psychological Society) and Honorary Lecturer @ University College London. Her expertise includes educational psychology, learning difficulties and training of allied health professionals. Dr Mariam is a long-standing volunteer with MWH.



Dr A. Majeed Khader is the Director of the Home Team Behavioural Sciences Centre (Ministry of Home Affairs), and also the Chief Psychologist of the Singapore Police Force. He teaches part time at the Nanyang Technology University. Dr Majeed has overseen the development of psychological services in the several areas including stress, resilience, crisis negotiations, crime profiling, and crisis psychology.



Ms Rahmatunnisa received her training at the National University of Singapore, and has worked in the children's residential care sector for more than 15 years. She is the superintendent of MWH since 2009.

**Guest of Honour :**  
**DR YAACOB IBRAHIM**  
Minister for Communications and Information & Minister-in-charge of Muslim Affairs

**Topics include :**

- Models for rehabilitation for youth with very-high level of needs
- Mental Health Issues
- Challenging behaviour
- Sharing of Best Practices by local children's homes

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## Pre-Conference on 21 Nov 2014

- Managing Challenging behaviour
- Mental Health issues among children & youth in care







## Conference on 22 Nov 2014

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## Dr Mariam Aljunied

### Key Messages



**Principal Educational  
Psychologist, MOE**

- Local trends and issues in residential care.
- Need for evidence based intervention.
- Research on neuroscience
- Use of Parent Coaching
- Building capacity & connectedness



## Dr Laura Cockburn

### Key Messages



**Chartered Educational  
Psychologist, UK**

- Impact of trauma on development and learning.
- Understanding of early experiences & attachment.
- Benefits of Residential Care.
- Importance of obtaining the child/ Young persons views.





## Dr A. Majeed Khader, MHA



**Chief Psychologist,  
Singapore Police Force**

### Key Messages

- Trends and issues in the local population of offenders.
- Effective engagement strategies.
- Highlighted the importance of obtaining the views and insights from the offenders themselves regarding the impact of rehabilitation & care.



## Professional Sharing & Dialogue

**Ms Rahmatunnisa Abd Majeed, MWH**  
**Pastor Adrian Tan, Andrew & Grace Home**





## Evaluation

### Overall ratings for Conference

14% - Excellent

36% - Very Good

24% - Good







## Feedback

*"I have greater understanding of the young children with different needs"*

*"Love the training! It was fun, comprehensive and very detailed"*

*"The desire to serve and contribute to youth work is commendable"*



## Reflection

- Closer network with other professionals in the field
- Crucial need to continue building capacity at different levels.



## ***Rumah Kita***

