

MEDIA RELEASE

Date: Saturday, 28 October 2017

Event Name: The Young Women in Leadership Dialogue (YWILD) 2017

Singapore, Saturday, 28 October 2017. The Young Women in Leadership Dialogue (YWILD), jointly organised by MENDAKI Club and the Singapore Muslim Women's Association (PPIS), in collaboration with various organisations such as the National Youth Council, Ilham and Lembaga Basiswa Kenangan Maulud (LBKM), has returned for the second time. YWILD serves as a platform to celebrate the aspirations of young women from the community.

"When we launched the inaugural Young Women in Leadership Dialogue two years ago, it was spurred by the realisation that few events were targeted at young women looking to make an impact in the world. At the time there were few platforms catered to the challenges of young women, her aspirations, and her desire for mentorship and guidance," Ms Nadia Yeo, Co-Chair for YWILD 2017 said.

"Therefore we created this platform to provide women with a dedicated forum from which their voices can emanate. We wanted to empower women to reclaim and take ownership of the issues that relate to them. And what better way to do it than through the strength of stories shared by each of our panel speakers, which serve not only as a source of inspiration but also assurance and guidance to other women that challenges, whatever form they may take, can be overcome."

After its successful debut in 2015, this biennial dialogue was officiated by Guest-of-Honour Ms Grace Fu, the first female Minister to head the Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth, together with some 120 youths at the Funan - the Showsuite today.

This year's Dialogue featured a panel discussion themed '*Resilience – Ordinary People Doing Extraordinary Things*' moderated by Ms Fazlinda Faroo; Centre Manager of PPIS Vista Sakinah and four panel speakers who were Ustazah Liyana Musfirah; Director at Safinah Holdings and social media influencer, Ms Yusrina Jacob who summited Mount Everest this year, Actress Ms Adlina Adil and Ms Shereen Williams; an advocate for women, race and religious cohesion issues.

Minister Fu joined the speakers in exploring and sharing their stories on topics such as the successes and challenges facing Malay/Muslim women in Singapore, the virtues of resilience as well as the need to re-define success.

Adding to that, youths were also able to enjoy the various fringe activities put together by collaborating organisations such as the Doodling Counter and Art Exhibition by the Band of Doodlers as well as the Photo Booth by The Codette Project.

The event was open to all genders and communities.

Other Fringe Activities

- Career Clinic or Disc Profiling by LBKM
- Note-to-Self Exhibition of past YWILD participants by Our Grandfather Story
- Pay-with-a-Question Board and Pop-Up Café by the National Youth Council
- Leather Making Exhibition by the Maketh Project
- Big Talk (Facilitated Ice Breaker) by Ilham and Kalina Silverman

Guest of Honour:

Ms Grace Fu Hai Yien

Minister for Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth

Leader of the House

Chairperson of National Youth Council

Event Details:

Date: Saturday, 28 October 2017

Venue: Funan – the Showsuite (Nearest MRT is Raffles City)

Time: 12.00 pm – 3.30 pm

GOH will be arriving at 2.00pm



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About MENDAKI Club

MENDAKI Club, or MClub, is a community of Malay/Muslim young professionals and students who are engaged in affairs concerning the community, Singapore and the world. We engage in strategic youth development initiatives and participate actively in discussions on current developments in the local and global arena. We also strive to build bridges within the Malay/Muslim community, and between our community and other communities, to promote mutual understanding and cooperation.

For more information, please visit: <http://mendakiclub.org.sg>

About PPIS

Founded in 1952, PPIS (Persatuan Pemudi Islam Singapura or Singapore Muslim Women's Association) is a non-profit organisation focused on community services. We are dedicated to working with women of all ages in carrying out their multiple roles in society. PPIS runs three core community services namely Family Services, Student Care and Early Childhood Education (ECE). With 16 centres island wide, the services work together to provide quality and holistic support as well as developmental programmes for women and their families.

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