



## **Community-based Research and Evaluation for Practice and Policy (8 January 2020)**

### Course Outline:

This course is aimed at social service professionals, community-based practitioners and policymakers to examine what community work and community-based services mean for the people we serve, as well as how community members can be active collaborators in community-based research.

Community work and community-based services have become a central feature of all social and healthcare work in Singapore. For community work to be effective, members in the community need to co-own and participate meaningfully in the co-creation and evaluation of services and initiatives. How can service providers and policy makers become community enablers, moving from “needs assessment” to “asset-mapping”? How do community members become co-producers and collaborators in the evaluation process?

### Course Objectives:

- Discover our assumptions and paradigms about “community” and “community needs” and how changing our paradigm changes what we treasure and measure
- Understand the strengths and challenges of engaging community members in research and evaluation to inform practice and policy making
- Be able to outline an evaluation process that engages community members actively and meaningfully.

All course participants are expected to complete a short assignment during the workshop.

### Pre-requisites:

At least a university degree in any discipline, with preference given to social science and community health disciplines and at least 2 years of working experience in the social service sector.

### Who Should Attend:

Social workers, policy-makers, counsellors, community psychologists, community and allied health professionals. All other professionals and practitioners in the social service and community health sectors, particularly those working in multi-disciplinary teams.

### Trainers:

*Mr Phua Chun Yat* is a Senior Assistant Director at AMKFSC Community Services. As part of his work, he is privileged to be involved in community work under AMKFSC’s Centre for Collaborative Practice, and strongly believes in the power of the community. He obtained his postgraduate degree from LSE and undergraduate degree from NUS.

*Ms Ng Bee Leng Bee* is the Director of Community Development & Corporate Support at AMKFSC Community Services Ltd. She is an official Asset Based Community Development Guide who believes in activating the collective strengths and often hidden assets of communities for bottom-up and inside-out production of well-being in the community.

*Ms Faridah Bte Rashid* is an active contributor in her community, animating many bottom-up initiatives in the Bukit Ho Swee, Lengkok Bahru and Redhill neighbourhoods. Her life is a story of “from zero to hero”. She is trained in Asset Based Community-led Development (ABCD) and is passionate about encouraging people to contribute their assets towards the betterment of communities

*Dr Neo Yu Wei* is a research fellow at the Social Service Research Centre (SSR) at the National University of Singapore. She obtained her postgraduate degrees from the disciplines of sociology and public policy. She advocates for qualitative research methods that are more meaningful, participatory and collaborative for social services.

Course fee:

**This course is SSG-approved.** Participants who are **Singaporeans or Singaporean Permanent Residents** will be eligible for 70% of the course fees, excluding GST. **Singaporean participants who are aged 40 years old** and above will be eligible for higher subsidies of up to 90% of course fees. Participants are required to attend at least 75% of the course and obtain a pass grade for the required assignments. The table below shows the breakdown of the course fee payable.

	International Participants	Singapore Citizens		Singapore PRs
		39 years old or younger	40 years old or older	
<b>Full Programme Fee</b>	\$900.00	\$900.00	\$900.00	\$900.00
<b>Less: SSG Grant Amount</b>	\$0.00	\$630.00	\$630.00	\$630.00
<b>Nett Programme Fee</b>	\$900.00	\$270.00	\$270.00	\$270.00
<b>7% GST on Nett Programme Fee</b>	\$63.00	\$18.90	\$18.90	\$18.90
<b>Total Nett Programme Fee Payable, Including GST</b>	\$963.00	\$288.90	\$288.90	\$288.90
<b>Less Additional Funding</b> if Eligible Under Various Schemes	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$180.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Nett Programme Fee Payable, Including GST, after additional funding from the various funding schemes</b>	<b>\$963.00</b>	<b>\$288.90</b>	<b>\$108.90</b>	<b>\$288.90</b>

Registration:

You may register online at <https://mysurvey.nus.edu.sg/EFM/se/543BE5C27A95EBC6>

or scan the QR code below:



Registration closes on 20 December 2019.