

# Connections

>> Updates from the Mrs Lee Choon Guan Endowed Research Fund

## Announcement

- This is the first issue of our newsletter. We hope to bring you exciting updates through the newsletter. If you have any suggestion for us, please feel free to let us know.
- Our next grant call is projected to be in August 2021. Do stay tuned for more information.

## Featured Content

### 'Why-What-Who-How' of Practice Research

By A/P Timothy Sim, Hong Kong Polytechnic University

This was presented at a plenary session during the Inaugural Singapore Social Work Practice Research Conference in 2018.



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## Dear Colleagues and Friends of the Mrs Lee Choon Guan Endowed Research Fund,

The last six months in 2020 had been a challenging time of adjustment for all of us because of COVID-19. Thankfully, life seems to be slowly moving towards some aspects of activities that are familiar in work and home. This short e-newsletter aims to update you on the adjustments we had to make for existing funded research projects and future plans for 2021 if the situation continues to improve.

As you know, the Fund had already supported 5 practice research projects from the 1st grant call. These are:

1. KK Women's and Children's Hospital (adolescents living with eczema);
2. Lakeside FSC (long-term low-income clients and the social service system);
3. SHINE Children and Youth Services (school attendance);
4. Samaritans of Singapore (service model for bereavement support);
5. South Central Community FSC (low-income families and home ownership).



*Photograph taken at the Award Ceremony with the teams and Mr Keith Chua, Co-trustee of the Mrs Lee Choon Guan Trust Fund*

Because of the circuit breaker regulations, most of the research teams had not been able to continue their data collection activities in recent months. As a result, the completion dates for these funded projects have been extended to 2021 and we look forward to their research reports and the transfer of knowledge to practice from the findings.

In 2021, the Mrs Lee Choon Guan Endowed Research Fund intends to engage in the following activities:

- To hold the 2nd Singapore Social Work Practice Research Conference in August 2021 (if the situation permits) to provide opportunities for agencies in the social services to showcase their practice research work and for networking to encourage agencies in specific sectors to collaborate in practice research in their area of practice and expertise;
- To enable the research teams to share their presentation at the 5th International Conference on Practice Research in Melbourne (in May 2021) so that colleagues unable to attend the conference can also benefit from their practice research experience;
- To concurrently announce the 2nd grant call and the invitation to submit practice research proposals for funding at the 2nd Singapore Social Work Practice Research Conference in August 2021;
- To continue with this e-newsletter approach when appropriate as a means of sending information and material that may be useful in preparation for the submission of abstracts for paper/poster presentation at the 2nd National Conference;
- To continue using the newsletter as a platform for sending information and material that may be useful in preparing practice research proposals for the 2nd grant call (often helpful to start conversations about areas of interest and potential agency research team early).

This first e-newsletter includes an attachment (with consent) of slides on the topic of 'Why-What-Who-How' of practice research by Assoc Prof Timothy Sim, Hong Kong Polytechnic University, presented at a plenary session during the Inaugural Singapore Social Work Practice Research Conference in 2018. Not everyone was able to attend the 2018 conference, so we thought this set of slides might be a useful way to disseminate information and to kickstart conversations about practice research at the agency and in the sector. Slides/lecture notes from other speakers at Singapore Social Work Practice Research Conference and seminars will be attached in future newsletters.

If you have questions or thoughts about the Mrs Lee Choon Guan Endowed Research Fund, please do write to the Secretariat, Attention: Ms. Tan Shi Hui, and we will be as helpful as we can with the response.

Take care and keep well.

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**Don't miss out our announcement!**

Let us know so that we can add you to our mailing list.

## About the Mrs Lee Choon Guan Endowed Research Fund

The NUS Department of Social Work is honoured to be the recipient of a gift by the Mrs Lee Choon Guan Trust Fund to establish an endowed NUS Social Work Practice Research Fund. This endowed fund resources the Department to engage with frontline practitioners to conduct practice research that will enhance service provision and delivery. The distinguishing features of these practice research projects lie in the involvement of service providers, service users, and caregivers in the entire research process. These stakeholders are involved in the conceptualisation, implementation, analysis and utilisation of research findings etc. The objective is to produce more practice research and to turn them into teaching and training materials. These practice research projects have the potential to: (1) improve the accessibility, delivery and design of services, (2) enhance the well-being of service users, as well as (3) contribute to policy discussions at the agency and governmental levels.



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