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Connections

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

Announcement

- The second conference will be on 27 August 2021 (Friday), with the theme, 'Higher Grounds'.
- The announcement for the second grant call will be made during the conference.
- Keep a look out of our emails for the details of the conference, as well as for the grant call.
- Alternatively, you may visit <u>this webpage</u> for more information in due course.

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Inaugural Singapore Social Work Practice Research Conference 2018



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

Time passes as usual regardless of the restrictions imposed by the ongoing pandemic. The good work in the social services goes on without abating.

In 2018, the Mrs Lee Choon Guan Endowed Research Fund organised the first national conference on social work practice research with the support of the Ministry of Social and Family Development, the National Council of Social Service, as well as the Singapore Association of Social Workers. It was a well attended on-site event but today we are planning an online conference to take into consideration the volatility in the social environment.

Here is a short heads-up on what to expect (more details from the Secretariat on conference registration and submission of workshop abstracts will follow):

Date: 27 August 2021 (Friday)

Theme: 'Higher Grounds'

Keynote Speaker: Professor Bowen McBeath, School of Social Work, Portland State University

Topic of the Keynote Address:

'The Ecology of Sustainable Practice Research in Social Work'

At the conference, there will be:

- A symposium on papers presented by the 5 research teams (currently funded by the Mrs Lee Choon Guan Endowed Research Fund) on their learning journeys in social work practice research
- A plenary session on social work practice and social work practice research during uncertain times
- Online workshops (webinar style) from agencies in Singapore engaged in social work practice
- Announcement of the 2nd grant call

We hope to see you there and look forward to a time of sharing and learning from each other so that social work practice research in Singapore can move to 'Higher Grounds'.

With warm wishes and best regards,

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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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