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Media Invitation

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BUILDING A MORE INCLUSIVE SINGAPORE THROUGH STORIES

**IAMinVISIBLE, TZU CHI HUMANISTIC YOUTH CENTRE and A GOOD SPACE are
jointly organising 'Do You See Me ? – Empowering Inclusion' on 5 Nov 2023**

SINGAPORE, 5th November 2023 – 'Do You See Me? - Stories Empowering Inclusion 2023,' a collaborative effort between IAMinVISIBLE, TZU CHI HUMANISTIC YOUTH CENTRE and A GOOD SPACE, and supported by NATIONAL INTEGRATION COUNCIL as well as various community partners, is set to ignite a collective conversation on how Singapore can continue to be a beacon for inclusion in an increasingly polarized world.

DO YOU SEE ME?

Stories
EMPOWERING INCLUSION . 2023

AWARDS PRESENTATION . ORIGINAL CO-PERFORMANCE . CULTURAL FOOD EXCHANGE . EXHIBITION
 • PANEL SHARING / 5 NOV 2PM - 3.30PM / REGISTER @ [BIT.LY/5NOV2023](https://bit.ly/5NOV2023)

MODERATOR  **INCLUSIVE PANELISTS**    

ASHOKAN RAMAKRISHNAN
 CHANGE MAKER,
 SOCIAL PREJUICE &
 NEURODIVERSITY ADVOCATE

ANITA KAPOOR
 MULTI-HYPHENATE
 MEDIA PERSONALITY
 & ALLY

SUE STEPHENS
 ETHNIC MINORITY
 LEADER & EDI
 ADVOCATE

DOUGLAS O'LOUGHLIN
 CONSULTANT,
 SPEAKER &
 AUTHOR

LILY GOH (DEAF)
 INCLUSION CHAMPION
 & AWARD-WINNING
 ARTIST

KEY ORGANISERS & PARTNERS **IAM INVISIBLE**  Humanistic
 Youth Centre
 慈濟人文青年中心 **A GOOD SPACE**

SUPPORTED BY **National Integration Council**

Last year, we featured 52 inspiring stories of migrant workers and change-makers from 8 countries. And this year, we have broadened our scope to include 207 individuals – covering locals, expats, migrant workers as well as persons-with-disAbilities.

To many around the world, Singapore is an icon of a prosperous, stable and multi-racial society. We have demonstrated that embracing diversity and fostering an inclusive environment can bring transformational benefits, both socially and economically. But there is still more to be done before we can say that we truly embody our National Pledge as “one united people regardless of race, language and religion”. And we hope that this event will be one more step in our journey for inclusion.

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

1. STORYTELLING AWARDS

77 video & photo stories, each an inspiration of inclusion, have been submitted from the public. We will be unveiling the 'Impact' & People's Choice' Awards for both the 'Youth' and 'Open' Categories.

2. DIVERSE & INCLUSIVE PANEL SHARING

A panel of thought-leaders will share their insights on what it will take to make our society and workplaces more inclusive. They include :

- **Anita Kapoor**, a multi-hyphenated media personality hailing originally from Mumbai but living in Singapore since 1978. Her career as a TV presenter brought her to many exotics places and gave her opportunities to meet many amazing people. But it is her innate curiosity to peel past the surface and uncover the hidden stories to reveal the insights that truly matter.
- **Sue Stephens**, a Curacao-born global citizen recognised as an Ethnic Minority Leader by Financial Times. She heads Meta's Business Growth, driving digital innovation to amplify impact. Been in Singapore for 5 years and still 'amazed' at the people she met that asked her to say she is from Europe. Her unwavering commitment to workplace inclusion and equal opportunity, is nothing short of inspiring.
- **Douglas O'Loughlin**, a New Yorker who has made Singapore home for the past 30 years. And in his capacity as an Organization Development (OD) consultant & trainer at the Civil Service College, he has played a crucial role in shaping our Nation's leaders.
- **Lily Goh**, an award-winning Deaf Artist, who is also a steadfast advocate for equity in the workplace. She champions accessibility to break down societal barriers and wants to create an inclusive environment where Deaf individuals are celebrated for their contributions, not marginalised for their differences.

3. ORIGINAL CO-PERFORMANCE

In celebration of the diversity and inclusivity of our society, our volunteers consisting of locals, expatriates, migrant workers, as well as individuals with disAbilities will be performing an artfully co-designed poem and theatrical piece.

4. 'RICE TABLE' - CULTURAL FOOD SAMPLING & STORIES EXCHANGE

An integral part of the event is the 'Rice Table' cultural food sampling. Rice is a staple food that connects the various ethnic communities in Singapore. Attendees will embark on a culinary journey by our foreigner 'chefs' representing 5 countries, offering an unique experience to savor their significant rice dishes while learning about the intimate and rich stories behind them and the special relationship it has with the chefs.

5. STORIES EXHIBITION

We will be unveiling 34 inspiring individuals in a two-week visual showcase, running from November 5th to 19th, 2023. We hope to give attendees a glimpse into the lives and causes of these changemakers. These stories champion interfaith peace and harmony, inclusive caregiving, child welfare, women's rights, mental health advocacy, and second chances.

EVENT DETAILS

- Date: 5th November 2023 (Sunday)
- Time: 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
- Venue: Tzu Chi Humanistic Youth Centre
- Guest-of-Honour: Mr. Louis Ng, Member of Parliament, Nee Soon GRC

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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About Our Key Organisers

IAMinVISIBLE

An impact and purpose-driven training and media agency that brings a rich perspective and a deep expertise in storytelling campaigns.

Tzu Chi Humanistic Youth Centre (HYC)

A non-profit by the Tzu-Chi Foundation (Singapore) that aims to nurture youth leaders for a positive, sustainable community by fostering values, connections, and societal contributions.

A Good Space

Singapore's first co-operative of changemakers, who choose to come together because we believe that as a collective, we can do more for the social issues and communities that we care about.