

# ST. MARGARET'S CONNECT



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## Come and Be Connected

### At our Craft Workshop & Annual General Meeting 2023

1st April 2023

2.00pm - Craft workshop

3.00pm - Annual General Meeting

3.30pm - Refreshment & Fellowship

Venue: SMSS Learning Lab

Address: 111 Farrer Road Singapore 259240



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- SMESA Annual General Meeting (AGM) – 1 April
- SMESA Legal Awareness Workshop – 3 June & 1 July

**SMESA Newsletters will be distributed in soft copies. Hard copies are available upon request only.**

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## SMESA AGM

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Message from Ms. Chew Siew Kheng, SMESA President:

"I want to give thanks to and praise God that the Covid restrictions have finally been lifted and we are now able to meet face to face once again. Thus, this year's Annual General Meeting will resume to physical meeting instead of a virtual one which we had over the last 3 years.



I am excited and looking forward to meet each one of you at the AGM, so please plan to join us. Since this is a good opportunity for us to gather together, we have also planned a craft workshop just before the AGM so members could come together for a time of fun and fellowship. The proceeds from the crafts will go towards supporting the Primary School PERI upgrading project."

Light refreshments will be served after the AGM.

Members of SMESA should have received an email invitation to the AGM (dated 9 March 2023). We hope to receive your RSVP by **25 March 2023**.

If you did not receive the email or have enquiries regarding the event, please contact us via (email) [smesa.sg@gmail.com](mailto:smesa.sg@gmail.com) or (WhatsApp) 8825 4620.

## NEW MEMBERS

We welcome aboard the following new members :-

	SMPS	SMSS
1. Sharen Wong Sook Ying	1992	--
2. Naeema Ismail	--	1998
3. Salamanisa Binte Abdul Kalil	1998	--
4. Amanda Tan Li Ching	1999	2003
5. Stephanie Pandji	1999	--
6. Nur Athirah Binte Suhaimi	2002	2006
7. Grace Tan Liwei	2006	--
8. Azra Ali Sabry	--	2014

### SMESA MEMBERSHIPS

**We offer both Life membership and Youth membership.**

**For further details, please visit our website:**  
<http://www.smesa.org.sg/membership>.

## **SMESA Legal Awareness Workshop: Lasting Power of Attorney (3 June & 1 July)**



*“About 30,000 people under 50 have drawn up a Lasting Power of Attorney (LPA) since 2010 but more Singaporeans need to get on board, said Parliamentary Secretary for Social and Family Development Eric Chua on Tuesday (July 6).”*

*Source: The Straits Times, 6 Jul 2021*

We have read reports or perhaps know of cases where a person's welfare was put at risk when the person's mental capacity is affected. This can be avoided if we are prepared for any such unfortunate eventuality.

Join us in a two-part LPA workshop, led by SMESA Member **Ruby Lee, Deputy Director at SMU Pro Bono Centre.**

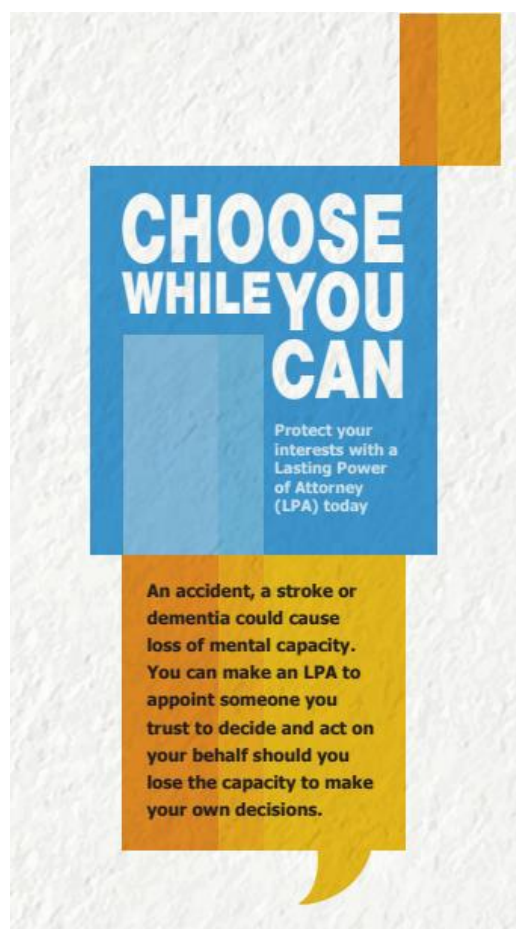
**Part 1 (3 June)** will cover the talk on issues relating to mental well-being, supported by videos, and how we can be prepared for any unfortunate event affecting our ability to take care of ourselves. This will be conducted virtually via **Zoom, 2pm.**



**To sign up, please do so via this link:**

**<https://forms.gle/5jgdyDmhnpZCc1CE7>**

**Part 2 (1 July)** will be to assist **participants, who have attended Part 1 of Workshop**, to appoint their donees and to certify the LPA Forms. Practising lawyers will be on hand to do this. This will be conducted on-site at the **office of SMESA, SMSS, 2pm.**



(Source: LPA Brochure, MSF)

## Christmas Visit to St. Andrew's Cathedral Home

### Reflections from Mdm Suraja Raman

An extraordinary day! On 28 December 2022, together with a team of fellow alumni Siew Kheng, Soo Kwan, Joy, Jenny, Janet and Carol from St Margaret's Secondary School, we arrived at the SAC Home to the warm welcome of the lovely and friendly residents. The resident coordinator was just as thrilled to see us and ushered us to the eagerly awaited residents.

This was a familiar environment for all of us as we had experienced the hospitality of the staff and residents during the past visits. An Asian tradition is that of bringing gifts during a visit. This was surely a surprise moment when the gifts were opened.

God's loving presence was felt as we united our hearts in prayer. Singing familiar Christmas songs warmed our hearts, and hearing the good news of the coming of God's precious Son, Jesus Christ, coming into the world to bring the gift of eternal life, brought joy and smile on our faces.



**What were our reflections during this visit?**

***A privilege to be an ambassador for Christ!***

***A joy to serve the King of Kings by loving one another!***

***A precious time to be in each other's presence, as God's children!***

**May you count it a privilege and a joy to be visiting the SAC home during your next trip.**



## SMS(S) Work Attachment / Job Shadowing Programme

The SMS(S) Education and Career Guidance (ECG) programme enhances the lessons conducted within the Character and Civic Education (CCE) curriculum through customised experiences, such as the Work Attachment / Job Shadowing Programme. As its name suggests, students participating in it are given the opportunity to learn more about these jobs through experiencing them firsthand.

Here are what some of the recent participants had to say about their experiences:

### Central Chambers 14 – 17 Nov 2022

#### Reflections by Tanisha Srinivasan:

I thought that being a lawyer in the legal industry was mostly about having cases and being in court but I learnt that there **is so much more going on behind the scenes**. We don't see such late nights that the lawyers work to research their case.... I have learnt the **importance of punctuality and quality of work** through this attachment ... In completing tasks assigned by my teachers, I aim to **put in more effort** and go the extra mile so that I can **learn from my own mistakes** and grow academically.

The experience was eye-opening. This was a new environment with new people and a different atmosphere than I had experienced before. I learnt many new things about the legal industry and work-life in general such as attire, behaviour and professionalism.



**S3-4 LIM ZOEY**  
**S3-5 TANISHA SRINIVASAN**



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### National Trades Union Congress 7 – 17 Nov 2022

#### Reflections by Olivia Chung:

I learnt the skills of **communication + working** in teams – my buddy and I had to discuss with each other while working on the research and at some points we disagreed on the research but we learned to **hear each other's point of view** and resolve the dispute... I learnt that we had to be **inquisitive and be unafraid to ask many questions**.

I also learnt that the research needs to be **very thorough and needs to have statistics and evidence from credible sources**. Ms Melissa Ng was **very helpful** throughout the whole attachment and constantly asked us if we had any questions.

The attachment was **insightful**. This experience really opened my eyes to **current affairs**, NTUC, what work is like and a lot more. I feel like I took away a lot from my time attached to NTUC.



**S3-3 CHENG HUI LING , CHLOE  
S3-4 OLIVIA CHUNG ZHI XUAN**

### Tanglewood Music School 14 – 25 Nov 2022



#### Reflections by Rachel Yeo

I learned that to run a successful business, a target audience has to first be selected and finding ways to **cater to the needs of this target audience is important**.

**S3-3 YEO YU XIN RACHEL  
S3-1 AMANDA WONG CHU JUN**

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SMS(S) would like to convey their heartfelt thanks to SMESA members who offered the opportunities for our girls. From the reflections, it is clear that the girls were well taken care of and enjoyed the experience.

With the pandemic behind us, they look forward to more partners to come on board this programme.

If you would like to contribute to this meaningful programme, do reach out to us via (email) [smesa.sg@gmail.com](mailto:smesa.sg@gmail.com) or (WhatsApp) 8825 4620.

**SMS(P) – PERI-Upgrading Project Updates**

**St Margaret's Fundraising**  
 < Support our PUP >

Items for sale#. Proceeds will go to the PERI Upgrading Project.

Car Decal (\$10 each)	Print cards* (\$8 per set) (each set consists of 4 different designs & envelopes)
<b>Design 1</b> 	<b>Set A</b> (click for details) 
<b>Design 2</b> 	<b>Set B</b> (click for details) 
	<b>Set C</b> (click for details) 

# while stocks last  
 \* Designs printed on the cards are selected from the students' works.

For purchases, please call general office at  
**63394247** (during office hours).  
 Thank you for your support.

**School Website :**
<https://stmargaretpri.moe.edu.sg/>

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