



Keeping a **Drug-free** **Society for** **Our Children**



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About

National Council Against Drug Abuse

The National Council Against Drug Abuse (NCADA) was formed in January 1995. As the advisory council to the Minister and the Ministry of Home Affairs, NCADA's mission is to serve as an effective conduit between the Government and the public by championing:

- Advocacy on policies and measures against drug abuse
- Community engagements and outreach to public to promote Singapore's zero drug tolerance stance with the support of community partners

NCADA'S ROLES ARE TO:

- Promote national drug-free measures
- Support community engagements for the drug-free cause
- Serve as a conduit between the Government and the community for drug prevention efforts



NCADA's refreshed logo symbolises the Council's vision of uniting Singapore Against Drug Abuse (represented by the letters 'ADA'). The green & white anti-drug ribbon firmly wrapped around the letter 'D' represents NCADA's central mission to champion advocacy, support community engagements and build affinity for the drug-free cause.

Chairman's Message

Dear Friends,

Drug abuse and the harms of drugs continue to pose a significant threat to millions of individuals worldwide. The World Health Organization reports a staggering 600,000 lives lost to drug abuse in 2019 alone. If one were to consider the wider ripple of harm caused to those they left behind – their loved ones and dependents, the scale of the human tragedy is manifold.

Singapore's steadfast stance of harm prevention, in contrast to the harm reduction policies pursued by some Western countries, remains a basis of our nation's approach to drug control. As a citizen advisory body, NCADA fully endorses and supports Singapore's zero-tolerance stance on drug abuse. Through our long history of engendering conversations with policymakers and with those personally affected by drugs, we recognise the detrimental impact of drug abuse, which not only harms individuals but also destabilises families and disrupts the workforce. As a conduit between the government and the wider community on the drug issue, NCADA conducts regular studies to find out what the public thinks of these issues, and from NCADA National Drug Perception Survey 2023, we see that more than 9 in 10 Singapore residents, both adults and youths, agree, too, that maintaining a drug-free environment is in the best interest of Singapore.

Of particular concern to NCADA has been the trend towards permissiveness adopted by a growing number of our youths some of whom may have been influenced by the

misinformation put out by cannabis producers through the soft power of pop culture. NCADA's Drug Perception Survey shows that despite the harms of cannabis being well-evidenced by the medical community, including its potential for addiction, about a third of the respondents in 2020 felt cannabis was not addictive. This highlights the urgent need for proactive measures to address the proliferation of drug-related misinformation and its impact on our youth.

NCADA has made significant progress with several impactful initiatives to engender conversations with our youths. NCADA's multi-year 'What's Your Fix?' (WYF) campaign, developed in collaboration with our strategic partner Architects of Life (AOL), came to a close in 2023 with a film screening and youth dialogue with NCADA members. Through meaningful conversations and the sharing of lived experiences, the WYF campaign had inspired impactful initiatives, including an influential documentary series, engaging TikTok livestreams, and thought-provoking youth films and youth film dialogue event. The campaign clinched several media awards including the Innovation Award for Multi-Platform Campaign at the Asia Pacific Broadcasting+ Awards and the National Winner (Singapore) at Asian Academy of Creative Awards. More importantly, the campaign achieved the aim of changing mindsets; there was a 30% increase in positive attitudes towards the drug-free cause among youth post-campaign, emphasising its effectiveness in reaching and resonating with our youth audience.

A finding in NCADA's Youth Perception Survey 2019 indicates that 90.8% of youths whose parents had spoken to them about drugs and drug abuse reported that those conversations have deterred them from taking drugs. This research shows that parental influence is found to be effective in deterring drug abuse, and has positioned us to extend our efforts to work with parents in addressing the challenges of drug abuse. NCADA is committed to providing the necessary resources to support initiatives that resonate with and positively impact our youth community. Our focus on youths in past years has provided us with a firm foundation to widen our scope and encompass parents in our advocacy efforts in the coming years. The DrugFreeSG Fund provides grants to projects that focus on raising awareness of preventive drug education and fostering a drug-free environment. The increase in fund amount in the coming year allows NCADA to provide more support for worthy community-led ground-up initiatives.

Moving forward, we are committed to building networks of influence with parent groups and like-minded organisations, leveraging strategic partnerships to amplify our impact. Our strategy of engendering conversations and building advocacy will continue to guide our efforts as we strive to create a more informed and supportive community. As always, we remain dedicated to building capacity and capability within the community for the anti-drug cause.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to our esteemed partners, Council Members, and all those

who have supported us in our mission. I am confident that with our collective efforts, we will continue to advance our cause and work towards a drug-free society. Together, we can make a meaningful impact in our community and beyond.

As we embark on a new year, we are determined to renew our dedication to our anti-drug advocacy efforts. As we look ahead, we are determined to build upon our achievements and expand our efforts to address the evolving challenges in the global and local drug landscape.



Tan Chong Huat

Vice-Chairman,
National Council Against Drug Abuse

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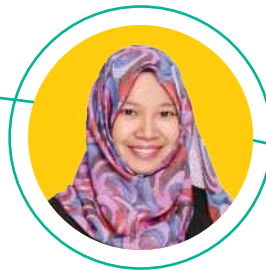
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Tribute to Mr Hawazi



Mr Tan Chong Huat (left), Mr Hawazi Daipi (Center), A/P Muhammad Faishal Ibrahim (right)



Mr Hawazi Daipi had served as Vice-Chairman NCADA from 1 Feb 2016 to 31 Dec 2016 and as Chairman NCADA from 1 Jan 2017 to 31 Dec 2023. His experience as MP for Marsiling, and as member of the National Committee on Prevention, Rehabilitation, and Recidivism meant he was very familiar with the drug problem and how the government and the community had to work together to address it effectively. He has always been serving the people; as a 4-term MP in Sembawang GRC from Dec 1996 to Aug 2015, as the Senior Parliamentary Secretary of MOE from May 2011 to Sep 2015 and as the Senior Parliamentary Secretary of MOM from Aug 2004 to Sep 2015. As a former MP, he had seen firsthand how drugs destroy lives and families, the reason he accepted the invitation to serve in NCADA after retirement.

During his Chairmanship, several significant initiatives were implemented to advance the mission of NCADA. These included the increase of the DrugFreeSG Fund, allowing for increased support for community-led ground-up initiatives. Additionally, seminars and engagement opportunities were introduced in 2022 to enhance the competencies and communication skills of advocates and partners in spreading anti-drug messages. Notable media campaigns such as '*High*' and '*What's Your Fix?*' were also launched, earning recognition and awards, including the prestigious Asian Academy Creative Awards and the Asia Pacific Broadcasting+ Awards. Under Mr Hawazi's term, NCADA successfully organised the Asia Pacific Forum Against Drug 2023 event, which will henceforth be organised by SANA who will front international relations and engage with overseas NGOs to advocate for Singapore. Another significant contribution was NCADA's corporate retreat held on 19 Nov 2022, providing a platform to discuss work priorities and foster better mutual understanding among NCADA members.

On behalf of NCADA, thank you for your exemplary leadership & numerous contributions, and may you always enjoy good health, Mr Hawazi!



Ignite Conversations, Foster Understanding



What's Your Fix? Campaign



What's Your Fix? Youth Film Programme

NCADA officially launched *What's Your Fix?* - our 2022-2023 media campaign in September 2022. The campaign sought to lead young people into conversation, to find out if there is truth behind the stories of drug abuse. In 2023, the campaign rolled out in three phases.

To set the first phase in motion, a 3-part docuseries titled ***What's Your Fix?: On the Mend*** was launched across different social media platforms on 26 July. The series shed light on real-life accounts of young individuals whose lives had been affected with addiction. Several issues were explored, such as the cost of being indifferent towards drug abuse and the consideration for the

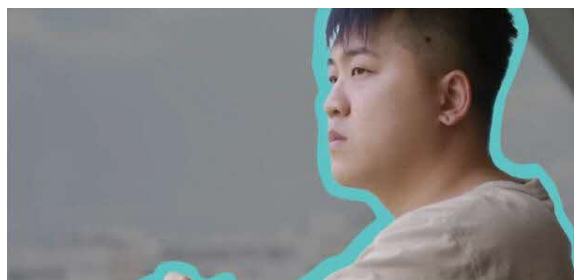
costs shouldered by unseen victims of drug abuse. *On the Mend* was also amplified through contests on social media to unpack and expand conversations on issues reflected in each episode.

Following the release of the docuseries, the campaign cast an open callout to empower young people to advocate for the drug-free cause through film and content co-creation. In phase two, young content creators and filmmakers aged 35 and below were invited to submit their creative ideas for a short film related to different drug abuse related themes. Three winners were offered production grants of up to \$15,000 each, and a **Youth Film Programme** was developed to bring their concepts to life. They received mentorship from experienced professional filmmakers and Viddsee Studios. NCADA worked with our campaign community partner, the Architects of Life (AOL), to enrich the programme with a drug-free advocacy component as well. This allowed the content creators to directly interact with former youth drug abusers to build their appreciation for the challenges of drug addiction. This helped to bring firsthand experiences to screen. Three films were produced through the Youth Film Programme, and they covered a myriad of topics pertaining to drug abuse such as the role a family plays in the prevention of drug abuse, the impact of normalising drug abuse, and what youths can do when their friends are considering experimenting with drugs.



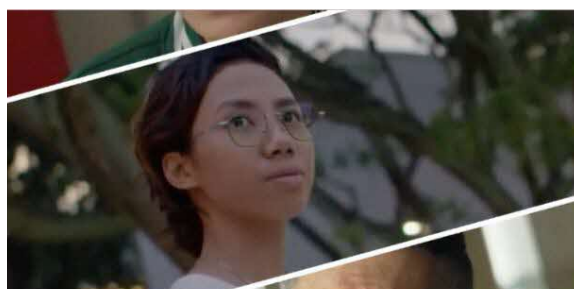
EP 1: AM I JUST A BYSTANDER?

RISHI MEETS JASPER, A FORMER DRUG ABUSER WHO IS NOW AN ENTREPRENEUR, TO UNDERSTAND HOW JASPER'S PERMISSIVENESS TOWARDS DRUGS THREW SOMEONE VERY CLOSE TO HIM INTO THE CYCLE OF DRUG ADDICTION.



EP 2: WHAT CAN I SAY TO FREE SOMEONE FROM DRUGS?

RISHI TALKS TO BOON SIANG, WHOSE MOTHER CALLED THE POLICE ON HIM FOR ABUSING DRUGS, TO FIND OUT WHAT IT TAKES FOR SOMEONE LIKE BOON SIANG TO TRULY BREAK FREE FROM DRUG ADDICTION.



EP 3: WHO SHOULDER THE COST OF DRUG ABUSE?

RISHI SPEAKS TO TWO INDIVIDUALS TO UNDERSTAND THE IMPACT OF DRUG ABUSE ON IMMEDIATE FAMILY AND FRIENDS. HE ALSO HEARS FROM VIKNESAN, AN ADDICTIONS SPECIALIST, TO LEARN ABOUT THE POSSIBLE AVENUES AND SUPPORT FOR THOSE IMPACTED BY DRUG ADDICTION.

On The Mend Docuseries

The final phase was titled ***What's Your Fix? Presents: Youth Film Dialogue***. NCADA organised a dialogue to engage about 100 participants on the urgency of issues pertaining to drug abuse, and their relevance to the youths in Singapore. This event was held on 22 September 2023, and it offered a platform for youths to express their views and sentiments on the subject, and to lend their voice to the nation's drug conversation.

NCADA's intent for the *What's Your Fix?* campaign, through co-creation and conversation, was to inspire youths to become advocates against drug abuse.

For more information on the *What's Your Fix?* campaign, visit <https://whatsyourfix.sg>



What's Your Fix? Presents: Youth Film Dialogue
on 22 September 2023

Asia Pacific Forum Against Drugs 2023:

Working together to achieve a Drug-Free Vision

The National Council Against Drug Abuse (NCADA) and the Singapore Anti-Narcotics Association (SANA) co-organised the Asia Pacific Forum Against Drugs (APFAD) 2023 on 26 May 2023, to encourage local and foreign delegates to network and engage in comprehensive discussions on drug-related issues and how anti-drug efforts are sustained through local community action.

The forum was established in 2015. APFAD 2023 is part of NCADA and

SANA's efforts to spur collective ownership of the drug-free vision, and to mobilise the region for the drug-free cause. It was also the first since Singapore's successful election to the United Nations Commission on Narcotics Drugs announced in April 2023. The regional forum, hosted in Singapore, is a testament to Singapore's vision to build a drug-free community and reaffirms our commitment to work with regional non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to play our part to address the world's drug problem.

Themed "From Prevention to Aftercare - Integrated Community Action for a Drug-Free Society", APFAD 2023 served to rally local and regional anti-drug advocates and NGOs to discuss holistic harm prevention and aftercare approaches to better address the complex and increasingly challenging drug problem. The forum emphasised the importance of adopting a whole-of-society approach to drug prevention, featuring speakers who were practitioners, medical professionals, as well as peer leaders from the ex-abuser community.



APFAD GOH and Forum Speakers (From left to right): DAC Karen Lee (SPS), Mr Rogers Kasirye (WFAD), Ms Nur Azlinda Binte Zulkifli, Minister of State for Home Affairs and for National Development A/P Muhammad Faishal Ibrahim, Dr Chew Tuan Chiong (VCM NCADA), Minister for Communications and Information & Second Minister for Home Affairs Mrs Josephine Teo, Mr Kaka Singh (VP SANA), Mr Simon Khung, Dr Sandor Heng, Mr Augusto Nogueira (IFNGO).



Panel Discussion on *Where is the 'war on drugs' headed and how can the wider community be activated to prevent a worsening drug situation?*, moderated by Mr Nicholas Fang (Black Dot) and A/P Elmie Nekmat (NCADA), with Mr Augusto Nogueira (IFNGO) and Mr Rogers Kasirye (WFAD).



Panel Discussion on *What are the benefits and challenges of a holistic, throughcare approach?*, moderated by Dr Sandor Heng (SANA), with SANA Peer Leaders Mr Simon Khung and Ms Nur Azlinda Binte Zulkifli, and DAC Karen Lee (SPS).

The forum concluded with delegates signing the APFAD Declaration, which represents the voices of NGOs that firmly advocate a drug-free agenda. Delegates signed the declaration to renew their commitment to take a proactive stand against the normalisation of drug abuse in their respective cultures.

Mrs Josephine Teo, Minister for Communications and Information & Second Minister for Home Affairs, was the Guest-of Honour at this Forum. In her opening remarks, she underscored the importance of collaboration amongst NGOs and governments to combat the tide of misinformation about drug use in the face of a worsening global drug situation.

Global leaders, including Mr Rogers Kasirye, Vice President of the World Federation Against Drugs (WFAD), and Mr Augusto Nogueira, President of the International Federation of Non-Governmental Organisations for the Prevention of Drug and Substance Abuse, shared their insights on the opportunities to engage communities towards the development of best practices for drug prevention and intervention approaches.



Signing of APFAD Declaration

Supporting Partners, Building Advocacy



NCADA believes that cultivating partnerships and implementing advocacy initiatives are instrumental in advancing our mission for a drug-free society. Additionally, by leveraging the DrugFreeSG grant and publicising our monthly DrugFreeSG Advocacy Newsletter, we have enabled advocates to amplify anti-drug messages and initiatives, fostering a collective movement towards a drug-free Singapore.

NCADA Members in Action

On 21 June 2023, Vice-Chairman of NCADA, Dr Chew Tuan Chiong, led an engaging question & answer (Q&A) session with the Research and Data Division of the Ministry of Communications and Information (MCI). The two-hour session focused on gaining insights into the perspectives of the younger generation regarding drug-related issues and policies. The questions posed during the session aimed to capture the thoughts and concerns of the younger demographic, which may provide valuable input for future policy considerations and initiatives.



Dr Chew led a two-hour-long sharing and Q&A session with MCI's Research and Data Division.



Mr Viknesan (second from right) as Panel Speaker on "Singapore's Approach to Advancing Clean Sport" on 14 Nov 2023.

On 14 Nov 2023, Vice-Chairman of NCADA, Mr Tan, organised the Asia Golf Convention, where one of NCADA council members, Mr Viknesan, participated as a panel speaker on the subject of Singapore's approach to advancing clean sport. The engagement not only served to raise awareness about the significance of addressing drug addiction and its detrimental effects but also aimed to mobilise parents and industry leaders to understand the importance of intervention and their role in addressing the increasing exposure to drug-related content in today's society. The convention highlighted the collective commitment to fostering a culture of clean and drug-free sports, emphasising the responsibility of all stakeholders in upholding the integrity of sports.

Nurturing Our Advocates

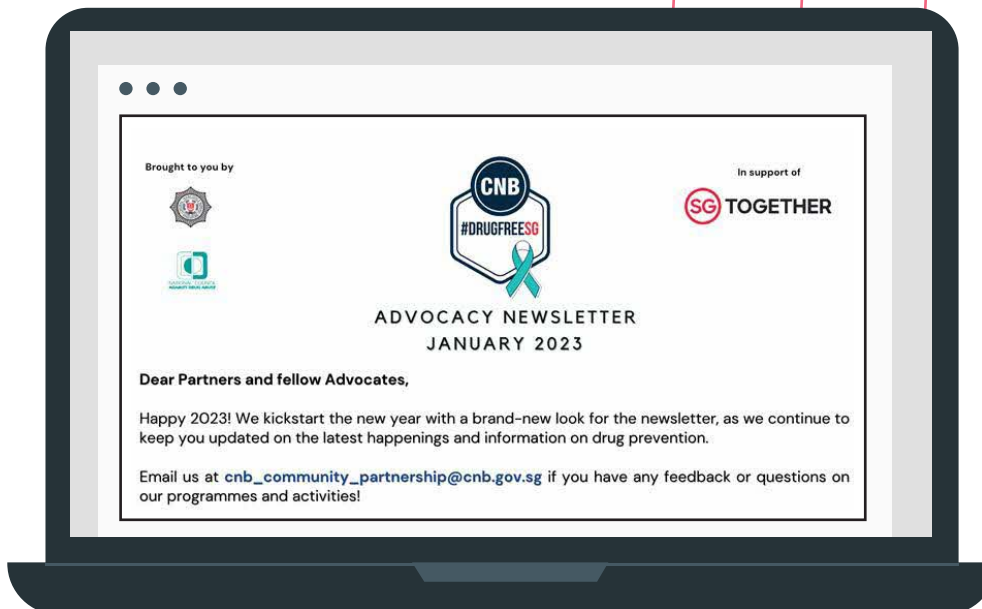
Our Advocates

To nurture our advocates, we have regular training sessions, where we share an overview of our volunteer scheme, outlining the ways in which volunteers can make meaningful contributions, and emphasising the code of conduct for volunteers. Officers from CNB's Enforcement Division and an ex-abuser would also share their insights. The session covers various topics, including strategies for volunteers to engage with youths to deter drug use, as well as the complex issue of drug legalisation in other countries.



Training session for our volunteers held on 21 Aug 2023 at CNB.

DrugFreeSG Advocacy Newsletter



The DrugFreeSG Advocacy Newsletter continues to serve as a vital monthly e-newsletter circulated to our advocates, partners, and supporters dedicated to the anti-drug cause. This collaborative effort by NCADA and CNB features updates on anti-drug events, along with insightful articles and case studies to keep readers informed about the evolving drug

landscape in Singapore and abroad. Additionally, the newsletter provides details about upcoming events that advocates can actively support and participate in. It also showcases the contributions of advocates, offering inspiring stories of how individuals have played their part in promoting a drug-free Singapore.

ADVOCACY/UNODC YOUTH FORUM



The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) Youth Forum brings together youths from all UN member countries to exchange ideas, perspectives and ideas on prevention. This year, Dervin, our Anti- Drug Advocate (ADA) travelled to Vienna to attend the forum which was held from 13 to 15 March. Representing Singapore at the forum, Dervin got to know young leaders from other countries and participated in many interactive and engaging discussions on preventing substance abuse.



In Mar 2023 issue, there was a feature on Mr Dervin, our youth advocate, who represented Singapore at the United Nations Office on Drug and Crime Youth Forum.

READ /ACCIDENTAL INGESTION OF CANNABIS BY CHILDREN

Legalisation and decriminalisation of cannabis in some countries have led to the prominence of cannabis products and edibles. Some of these edibles are packaged and marketed like "normal" food products, but that does not mean that they are harmless or less harmful. Cannabis edibles pose a high risk especially to children, with rates of accidental ingestion of cannabis edibles in children having gone up globally. Cannabis edibles have been detected by CNB in recent years.

Earlier this month, 60 schoolchildren in Jamaica were rushed to the hospital after accidentally consuming cannabis-laced candy. The children, aged between 7 to 12 years old, were hospitalised after the candy had caused them to vomit and hallucinate. The packaging of the product called "Sour Belts" stated that it contains Delta-8 tetrahydrocannabinol, a psychoactive substance found in the Cannabis sativa plant and can cause "psychoactive and intoxicating effects". Jamaica decriminalised cannabis for people over 18 in 2015, with possession of 56 grammes of cannabis or less downgraded to a petty offence.



Dozens of Jamaican schoolchildren hospitalized after eating cannabis candy | CNN

Closer to home, a three-year-old child in Thailand was sent to hospital on 2 Sep after accidentally eating a jelly snack containing cannabis. He was found to be unconscious, confused, weak, and his hands shook uncontrollably. The report mentioned that the child could not answer anything when questioned. The doctor found that the snack was packaged like an ordinary snack, but the ingredients contained Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC). The jelly snack the child ate contained 600 milligrams of THC, which is enough to intoxicate the child. His grandmother said that she received the jelly snack from someone else.

In May, an 11-year-old girl in Perak, Malaysia was hospitalised after eating chocolate biscuits made by her father that was suspected to be laced by cannabis. It was reported that she experienced shortness of breath, dizziness and nausea after eating the biscuits. The police had arrested the victim's 38 year old father and the urine test on the suspect was found to be positive for THC.

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Dozens of Jamaican schoolchildren hospitalised after eating cannabis candy



Three-year-old Thai boy loses consciousness after accidentally eating cannabis-laced snacks



Malaysian girl hospitalised after eating cannabis-laced biscuits, dad arrested



Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) is the main psychoactive substance in cannabis that alters the mind and causes harmful effects.

"Be Aware. be Wise. think Twice."



This video aims to tackle the serious topic on cannabis through spontaneous conversations between an adult and young children. It acts as a cautionary message to parents and educators to stay vigilant against such 'edibles', while educating our children and teens on the harmful effects of drugs.



The Oct 2023 issue featured an informative sharing on a real-life example involving cannabis, and a video on how to tackle the serious topic on cannabis through spontaneous conversations between adult and young children.

Supporting Advocacy: The DrugFreeSG Grant

DFSG Grant

The DrugFreeSG Grant supports ground-up initiatives that focus on raising awareness of preventive drug education, enhancing individual and community resilience, and fostering a drug-free environment. Administered by NCADA on behalf of the Ministry of Home Affairs, the Fund accepts grant applications throughout the year.

DFSG Recipient: Nanyang Technological University, Cultural Activities Club, Dragon & Lion Dance



The NTU Institutional Lion Dance Competition, organised by the NTU CAC DLD, has been an annual tradition since 2000. Leveraging the platform provided by NTU CAC DLD, the competition served as a means to engage the Chinese community of youths, parents, supporters, friends, and individuals interested in Chinese arts, culture, and heritage. The event, which took place on 26 March 2023 at West Coast Community Centre, aimed to raise awareness about the perils of drug abuse, featuring a special Lion Dance performance with a tailored anti-drug message created specifically for the occasion. Vice-Chairman of NCADA, Dr Chew Tuan Chiong, also extended his support for the event by attending and highlighting the importance of promoting a drug-free lifestyle within the community. The event encompassed a Preventive Drug Education (PDE) Exhibition Panel, two distinctive PDE performances, and the inclusion of PDE messages within the Guest of Honor's speech, delivered by Second Minister of Education, Dr Maliki Osman. These features collectively contributed to the event's success in promoting the message of drug abuse prevention within the community.

DFSG Recipient: Pertapis

Pertapis Halfway House organised a futsal competition titled 'Kick The Habit' on 18 June 2023, in conjunction with World Drug-Free Day, where they united to break free from the chains of drug addiction and embrace a life of strength, resilience, and positivity. The community outreach event, held at Futsal Arena Yishun, featured futsal as a healthy sporting activity for participants to be engaged in. The event, graced by Minister of State, Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of National Development Associate Professor Muhammad Faishal Ibrahim, served as a powerful platform to raise

awareness about the importance of overcoming addiction and leading a healthy, drug-free life.

At the sidelines of the futsal competition, there was a PDE Exhibition by the Community Partnership Unit, CNB that engaged the youth participants, their friends, family members and members of the public who came to watch, support and cheer for the teams. It was a fun and wholesome activity for all futsal enthusiasts and a great bonding time with family and friends while learning more about the dangers of drugs.



Acknowledgements

Moving Forward

Reflecting on the events and programmes that NCADA has organised and supported in 2023, we wish to express our sincere appreciation to all those who have been involved. We are deeply encouraged by the unwavering support and dedication of our partners and counterparts in contributing to a #DrugFreeSG. NCADA remains committed to our role as the lead citizen's advisory council to the Ministry of Home Affairs on preventive drug measures and programs in Singapore. We will continue to work tirelessly to rally the community towards our shared objective of creating a drug-free Singapore!

Acknowledgements

NCADA expresses our appreciation to Council Members Mdm Yee Siaw Ling and Mr Tan Yap Kin who have stepped down in 2023.

We also extend a warm welcome to our new members Dr Alvin Tan and Ms Tan Chiah Hwee whose expertise and dedication will undoubtedly enhance our collective efforts in promoting a drug-free Singapore.

Last but not least, we thank the organisations and individuals who have collaborated with and supported NCADA events throughout 2023 and look forward to another year of collaboration for a drug-free Singapore in 2024.

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- Ministry of Home Affairs
- Ministry of Education
- Ministry Social and Family Development
- Central Narcotics Bureau
- Singapore Prison Service
- People's Association
- Chinese Development Assistance Council
- Yayasan MENDAKI
- Singapore Indian Development Association

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- Singapore Anti-Narcotics Association
- National Addictions Management Service, Institute of Mental Health
- Architects of Life
- NTU Cultural Activities Club, Dragon & Lion Dance Troupe
- An-Nur Mosque
- Pertapis Halfway House
- And all local and international partners and supporters

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