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## News Release

### **APSN TO HOLD FIRST OF ITS KIND FUNDRAISING EVENT TITLED ‘THE SOCIAL FAIRGROUND’, TO PROMOTE INCLUSIVITY FOR PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS**

**Singapore, 14 June 2017** – The Association for Persons with Special Needs (APSN), a welfare organisation that pioneers in running schools for people with special needs in Singapore announces its first-of-its-kind fundraising event, **APSN - The Social Fairground** on 15 July 2017. Supported by [The Local People \(TLP\)](#) and the [Singapore Land Authority \(SLA\)](#), the State property at 25F Patterson Road would be transformed for the event from 11am to 9pm. Packed with fun-filled activities and specially curated market stalls, all proceeds from the \$12 ticketed event will go towards supporting and funding operations, training and programmes for APSN’s Centre for Adults.

“APSN-The Social Fairground is not like anything we have done before and we are very proud of the hard work and dedication in ensuring a fun line-up for the supporters and visitors,” commented Mr Victor Tay, President of APSN. “Singapore is still at a commencement phase of gearing awareness of diversity. We hope that fundraising events like this will forge such initiatives that would make us progress forward as an inclusive society. We aim to encourage more people to lend their support and to also show them a glimpse of our beneficiaries’ everyday life.”

With a well-thought out fundraising event in place, visitors can expect to reminisce to good old Sports Day activities. Incorporating Physical Education (PE) equipment and makeshift building blocks, participating teams will have to navigate themselves through five different stations such as Basketball, Bow & Arrow, Javelin and the primary school Beanbag race; this will not only test their agility but speed and creativity. The race will also double up as an art installation with building blocks painted by the students themselves. Each building block holds a deeper meaning that denotes the Association’s role to maximise each individual’s potential – confidence and optimism.

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The programme outline will also include *'The Human Library'*, a show-and-tell segment where families and children will be able to interact with someone with special needs and find out more about them as an individual, their dreams, hobbies and hopes; and notice how their aspirations aren't different to any of us. The event's aim is not only to raise funds, but to also educate and create an eye-opener opportunity for the Republic.

To complement fund raising efforts, staff volunteers from SLA will support the charity car wash, with all proceeds from this initiative going to APSN. Aside from just physical fun activities, an art market curated by TLP will be lined up for the day. The art market will be stocked with a range of interesting merchandises such as punny illustrations on cards, tote bags from Laugh and Belly and coffee from Kaki Kopi Geng. Take this opportunity to get your hands on homemade terrariums as well freshly baked goods made lovingly by the APSN beneficiaries themselves. The Band of Doodlers will be doing live portraits that can be redeemed\* for every entry ticket purchased.

\* Limited redemptions so make your way down early to The Social Fairground before it runs out.

Additionally, to tie the fundraising event together, visitors can also expect to enjoy musical performances put together by home-grown artistes like [Lew Loh](#), Desiree Orien Tay as well as local emerging artist, 19-year old [Jana Ann](#). Visitors are encouraged to make a day out of the event with their friends and family for a good course, while soaking in the atmosphere.

For more information or to make a donation to APSN, please visit <http://www.apsn.org.sg/the-social-fairground/>. To purchase tickets for ASPN-The Social Fairground event, please visit <http://apsnsocialfairground.peatix.com/>.

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## About Association for Persons with Special Needs (APSN)

Established in 1976, Association for Persons with Special Needs (APSN) is a social service organisation providing special education for persons with mild intellectual disability (IQ 50-70). Today, APSN operates four Special Education (SPED) Schools (APSN Chaoyang School, APSN Katong School, APSN Tanglin School and APSN Delta Senior School) for students aged 7 to 21, an APSN Student Care Centre for children aged 7 to 18 and an APSN Centre for Adults for persons aged 17 and older, benefiting over 1,200 beneficiaries each year.

The APSN Schools and Centre adopt a holistic approach in its curriculum, comprising academic, vocational and social skills which are important for open employment and lifelong learning. APSN seeks to enable persons with special needs to be active contributors of the society and is committed to inspire and build capabilities of its partners and community to lead and advocate an inclusive society.

To date, APSN's growing database has more than 5,000 alumni members. The Association is constantly expanding its network to reach out to and understand the needs of its members to better support them.

For more information on APSN, please visit [www.apsn.org.sg](http://www.apsn.org.sg).

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