

# ***Gentle Hearts, Noble Minds***

Nurture Empathy, Embrace Diversity &  
Cultivate Inclusivity with Down  
Syndrome Association (Singapore)



# FOUNDED OUT OF LOVE

Down Syndrome Association (Singapore) or known as DSA, was borne out of love and devotion by a group of parents of children with Down syndrome. The Association was established in September 1996 and aims to support and educate families, professionals and the general public about the genetic condition.

## PRIMARILY SELF-FUNDING, NON-PROFIT ORGANISATION

We work closely with health and educational professionals and other Voluntary Welfare Organisations in support of persons with Down syndrome. We are officially recognised by the National Council of Social Service (NCSS) and is registered as a charity organisation with the Commissioner Of Charities, Singapore.







## OUR VISION

To be the centre of excellence for individuals with Down syndrome, their families and the community.

## OUR MISSION

**Develop** individuals with Down syndrome through lifelong learning and social integration.

**Support** families through specialist services, information and education.

**Advocacy** for equal opportunities, quality of life and their contribution to society.

# OUR GOALS



Equip them with skills for independent living.

Foster self-advocacy.

Promote social integration.



# DSA SUPPORTS THROUGH



Infant Toddler Program



Integration Facilitation Support Program



Adult Enhancement Program



Independent Living and Training Centre



Enrichment Programs



Family Support Services



# CHILDREN EDUCATION SERVICES

Education Enhancement  
Program (EEP)  
Infant Toddler Program (ITP)  
Integration Facilitation Support  
Program (IFSP)

Provides the highest level of education and care to the child through all phases of their lives

Places emphasis on early intervention services

Advocates inclusion in schools and community

Supports education in mainstream primary schools

Provides resources and training for parents and teachers through education enrichment courses





# ADULT EDUCATION SERVICES

Adult Enhancement Program  
(AEP)

Independent Living and  
Training (ILT) Centre

Skills-enhancement program for persons with Down syndrome aged 18 years and above

Adopts a person and family-centered model

Focuses on functional life-skills and give rise for practice in independent living

Design and embed lifelong learning in learner's skills set, tool set and mindset to fulfil their aspirations



# ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

Performing arts

Visual arts

Sports

Literacy and Numeracy

Programs are specially tailored to benefit persons with Down syndrome

Engage learners to develop their talents and passion

Provide opportunities for learners to showcase their acquired skills, talent and growth





# FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES

Parent Support Group  
Education talks

Focuses on building and strengthening family bonds by working with professionals to educate parents through various knowledge workshops

Provides knowledge to parents/caregivers to better care for their children

# JOIN US ON OUR JOURNEY



## Advocate for Down syndrome

Lend us your voice and help to raise awareness for Down syndrome



## Start a Fundraiser

Engage your personal and professional network



## Volunteer with us

- Regular
- Episodic
- Projects-based



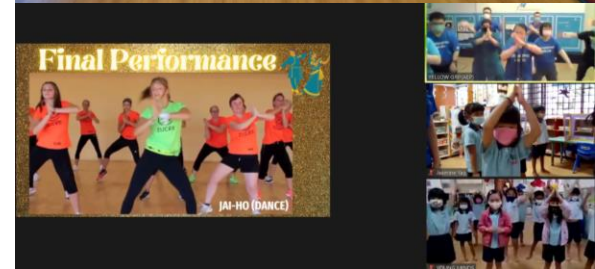
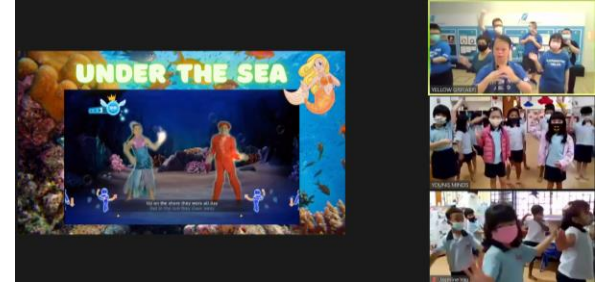




# SSDB 2019-2021

As part of SSDB Campaign, educators and children come together to organise, plan and coordinate many interactive and creative activities for our beneficiaries to foster better mutual understanding.

We work with the preschool partners to hold sharing and awareness talks to give them a better understanding of the Down syndrome community and the challenges they face in Singapore.



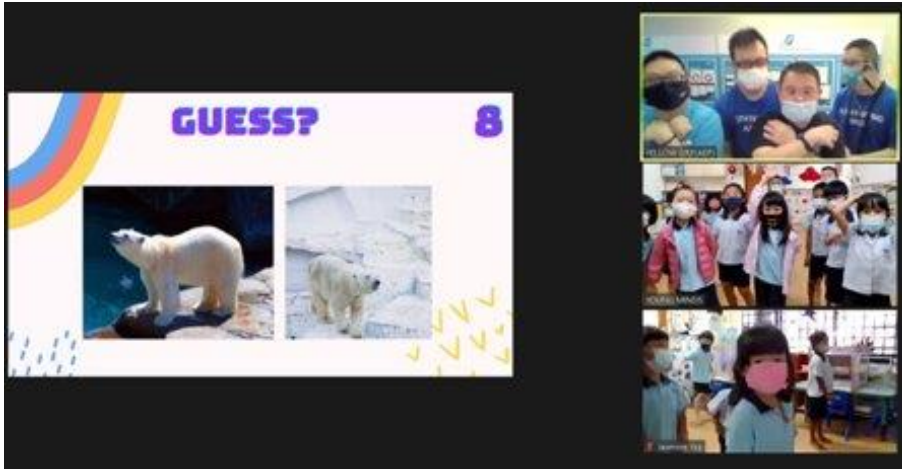
# PAST SSDB Projects

## **Inclusivity Starts From Young organised by Young Minds Childcare Pte Ltd**

On 9 September 2021, the beneficiaries of Down Syndrome Association and children of Young Minds Childcare Centre Pte Ltd had a great morning of interaction via games, music and dance.

The learners from our Adult Enhancement Program led a round of Pictionary for the children, followed by music and dance on Under the Sea and Jai Ho.

Both the beneficiaries and children had a great experience and enjoyable time.





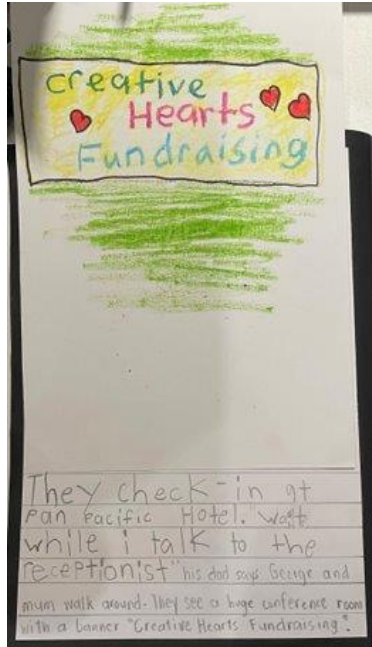
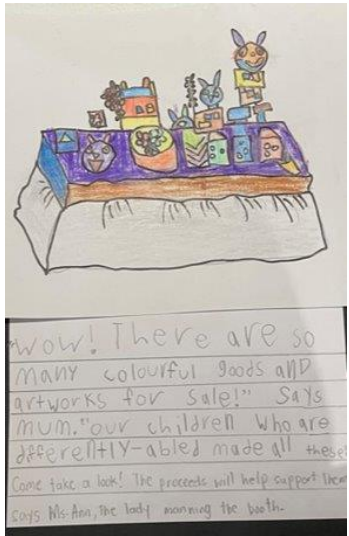
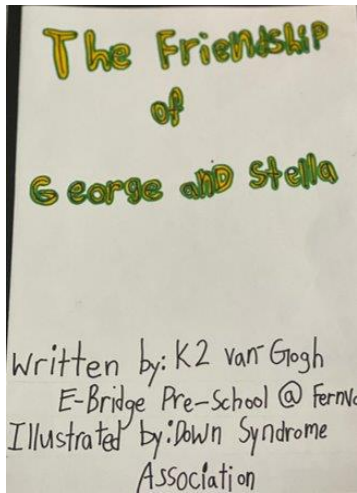
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## Let's Care and Connect organised by E-Bridge Pre-school (Fernvale)

Down Syndrome Association is glad to partner with E-Bridge Pre-school (Fernvale) and SOMOS International Preschool for SSDB 2021.

The objectives are to raise awareness on the inclusion of persons with Down syndrome and form friendship and connections through art.

A storybook was created by children from E-Bridge for the members of DSA to fill in the illustrations. The children from E-bridge then shared the story and illustrations with the Japanese students from SOMOS.



# PAST SSDB Projects

## **I'M 'X'TRAORDINARY** **organised by Iman Childcare (Bukit Batok) Pte Ltd**

Down Syndrome Association is grateful for the opportunity to partner with Iman Childcare (Bukit Batok) to raise awareness and funds for our association.

An awareness talk about Down syndrome and our community was conducted for the children to increase their understanding of the condition.

On top of the sharing, the centre organised a fundraising event by selling children's artworks and crafts to raise funds to support the programmes and services for the Down syndrome community.







**With your support,  
we can move  
towards public  
awareness & a more  
inclusive society**



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