



Use of Music in Engaging Children with Special Needs

Date: 28 July 2018, Saturday

Time: 9.30am to 12.30pm

**Venue: DSA Centre, Studio 1,
Bishan Place, #09-01,
Junction 8 Office Tower,
Singapore 579837**

Speaker's Profile: Ms Loi Wei Ming, Music Therapist of RCTC

Ms Loi has 10 years of experience as a qualified music therapist in the Special Education field. She had a mid-career switch and was awarded the NCCS VCF Scholarship in 2006 to pursue a Post-Graduate Diploma in Music Therapy at Anglia Ruskin University, (Cambridge, UK). She completed her Masters in Arts (Music Therapy) in 2010 following her research on the effects of songs and improvisation used in music therapy on the communication skills for children diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder. She was the founding treasurer in the Association for Music Therapy (Singapore) and has co-authored "Developing Music Therapy as a Professional Allied Healthcare Discipline", published on the Journal of Music and Medicine in 2014. She has also presented at various platforms including the MOE Arts and Music Conference, Music Therapy Symposium and Music Therapy Day@Esplanade Library. Recently in 2016, she participated as a co-researcher, looking at the Efficacy of Music for Improving Language in Children with Special Needs together with a Speech-Language Pathology Student from the National University of Singapore.

Synopsis of Talk:

Music has the ability to engage and bring people together. Music can often be used as a tool to achieve non-musical goals through the implementation of music-based strategies. Example, Learning Objectives from the social, social communication, social emotional and physical domains.

In this workshop, participants will learn to embed learning objectives using music-based strategies into their activities plan. We will also be covering the factors contributing to an appropriate choice of music. Participants can expect a mix of lecture and experiential activities in this programme.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of the workshop, participants will be able to:

- I. Identify contributing factors to the choice of appropriate music
- II. Develop knowledge on music-based strategies
- III. Establish engagement through songs, and with the use of instruments

Please submit your registration to Janet at email: janet@downsyndrome-singapore.org or call 6500 9304 for any queries.

Closing date for registration: 26 July 2018

Target age group: Parents with children age 3-8 years old