FACT SHEET

E^2 Connect 2016

21 – 22 July2016, Enabling Village

E^2 Connect 2016 is Singapore's inaugural Forum on Infocomm and Assistive Technologies (IT/AT) aimed at encouraging collaborations between Voluntary Welfare Organisations (VWOs), allied healthcare professionals, employers, people with disabilities (PwDs) and their caregivers. Representing the key goals of the Forum, **E^2 Connect** stands for **Enable**, **Empower** and **Connect**.

As a result of today's increasingly digital landscape, PwDs are breaking barriers through the use of technology which has become a necessary tool for many, enabling them to engage and perform many tasks. The devices help them have greater control over their own lives, empower them to contribute more to activities at home, work or school, interact with greater confidence and engage with the communities around them and beyond.

Organised by the Infocomm Development Authority of Singapore (IDA) and held at the Enabling Village, E^2 Connect 2016 seeks to bring about greater awareness of the positive impact technology has in the daily lives of PWDs and the various opportunities for learning and employability. The Forum also includes a showcase of IT/AT adoption, tools and facilities that can maintain or improve an individual's functioning and independence to facilitate participation and enhance overall well-being.

For more details, please visit www.e2connect.sg

THEMES

1. **Employment & Employability**
   Employers from the private, public and social sectors can discover how they can create the right opportunities, workplace accommodation, job training and re-design for successful job placement of PWDs.

2. **Innovation in a Smart Nation**
   With the use of data analytics, monitory sensors and tech solutions like IoT (Internet of Things), schools, VWOs and employers can provide better early intervention and tele-rehabilitation.

3. **Education & Training**
   Educators and trainers play an important role in equipping PWDs with essential skillsets through training and curriculum. Find out the best practices on early invention and training programmes to maximize learning and development.

4. **Personal Empowerment**
   Listen to PWDs share life experiences of how tech has transformed their lives and the agencies that have adopted tech to empower PWDs in their daily lives.

About Enabling Village

Located at 20 Lengkok Bahru, the Enabling Village is a universally designed community space combining retail, lifestyle and training in an all-accessible public space, home to several social businesses. The Enabling Village enables persons with disabilities to live independent and fulfilling lives through:

a. An information and Career Centre, which provides information, referral and employment related services;
b. The Academy, which houses a suite of training spaces and training opportunities to prepare persons with disabilities for employment across a range of industries;
c. Tech Able, which showcases assistive and infocomm technologies and provides assessment and information to help persons with disabilities make better informed purchasing choices; and
d. Other facilities such as an inclusive preschool, F&B and retail outlets fitted with universal design features, and community services that are accessible to persons with disabilities and the wider community.

E^2 Connect Partners

About SG Enable

Set up by Ministry of Social and Family Development in July 2013, SG Enable is an agency dedicated to enabling persons with disabilities and building an inclusive society. It seeks to provide comprehensive support to persons with disabilities across different life stages. For more information, please visit www.sgenable.sg.

About SPD

SPD is a voluntary welfare organisation that supports people with disabilities by promoting their interest, welfare and advancement so as to develop their potential to the fullest. Through programmes and services that encompass therapy, vocational skills training, assistive technology, early intervention, day care, and employment, educational and social support, we seek to enable people with disabilities to be self-reliant and independent. For more information, please visit www.spd.org.sg.

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We aim to create sustainable and long-term growth for our business, while leading and shaping positive changes for our marketplace and customers, the communities we operate in, our people and the environment. Singtel's community focus is on the well-being of people, enabling their inclusion into society and helping them realise their potential through our core competence in digital and infocomm technologies. We believe that we can make a difference to disadvantaged communities, especially the vulnerable children and youth, through corporate and workplace giving, staff volunteering and leveraging our skills and ICT innovations.

Singtel is a founding member of the Singapore Business Network on DisAbility – advancing equitable employment opportunities for people with disability through awareness, shared expertise, network and resources.

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