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SCWO Celebrates International Women's Day 2011

"Creating the Future – Women in Society, Economy & Government"

The year 2011 is the Global Centenary of International Women's Day, and SCWO, as the national co-ordinating council of 51 women's organisations, has marked this historic event in several ways:

1. The Inaugural SCWO Debating Tournament that was held from 25-27 Feb 2011. The finals saw the exciting 'finals' between NUS and NTU, resulting in the crowning of NTU as the champion. The Best Speaker prize went to Mr Robin Teo of NUS.
2. The Launch of the Video – "We are 100" at the Celebration Dinner held on 9th March 2011

On Sat 19th March 2011, from 11 a.m., 100 women will be gathering at the SCWO Centre to paint a mural on the wall at the front of the Centre.

Social Creatives Ltd, a Social Enterprise whose vision is to be the leading non-governmental group nurturing community art through youth development, created the Mural.

The current mural done in 2002, is one of Singapore's earlier murals that still exist. However, the paint is peeling, and it is in dire need of a spruce up to make it art-worthy for the Arts and Heritage District of Waterloo Street and Bras Basah. To promote responsibility of Singapore Street Art History, a part of the wall with the original mural will remain untouched.

Prior to this event, social community groups and corporate groups such as IBM will be doing the base works.

Among the 100 Women and Girls who will be wielding paint brushes are:

- Members of the SCWO Board
- Members from SCWO Member Organisations
- The American Women's Association, will be sending in the troops (Girls from the U.S.A. Girl Scouts, and their mums)
- Female Members of Young PAP
- Fuchun Executive Committee Members
- Volunteers from SG Cares and Social Creatives

Att: - Artists' Statements
- About Social Creatives

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About SCWO

The Singapore Council of Women's Organisations is the National Coordinating body of women's organisations in Singapore. Incorporated in March 1980, the SCWO serves to unite the various women's organisations, clubs, committees, groups and women leaders together, working in accordance with its various aims and objectives. The SCWO also serves to coordinate these associations into a national movement and to act on their behalf in matters for which it is authorised by its members.

The SCWO is represented on various Government and inter-ministry committees where we contribute our views in the areas of family, women, and on children's issues. We are involved in government Feedback Sessions and other discussions on issues and policies

Our Services & Initiatives

Star Shelter—A crisis centre that provides temporary refuge for women and children who are victims of family violence.

New2U Thrift Shop—sells pre-loved clothing, bric-a-brac and furniture with proceeds going to Star Shelter.

Maintenance Support Central – A one-stop centre to assist claimants in the collection of maintenance payments from defaulters. (The centre will be ready by the middle of the year).

IT Hub—offers a non-threatening environment for women and their family members to become IT literate and for the re-training of retrenched workers.

Bonny Hicks Education & Training Centre—consists of six rooms for training courses and meetings, and are available for rent.

F.A. Chua Library— is an archival library of all women's organisations — local and international.

Women' Register— a platform for networking, education and mentorship for women between 18 to 35 years of age.

BoardAgender – assists and facilitates the appointment of women to leadership positions in the public, private and non-profit sector.

Wall of Fame – dedicated to the women who made a difference in Singapore.

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