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SCWO collaborates with the National Heritage Board in the Singapore Heritage Fest 2014

30 June 2014 In collaboration with National Heritage Board, SCWO is initiating this tour for the first time during the Singapore Heritage Festival. **Walking In the Footsteps of our Foremothers** is a route designed to celebrate the pioneering contributions of some of the inductees of the **Singapore Women's Hall of Fame**, an ongoing initiative to recognize and salute the outstanding women of Singapore in all fields of endeavor.

The walk aims to help participants “re-live” the steps of these inspiring women who have left their historical footprint on the island of Singapore. These are women who, at a time when social norms set limits on what a woman could do, pushed back the barriers and led the way for others and are, today, the women who are shaping our society with their vision and passion, enterprise and leadership, their talent and creativity, their humanity.

Dates: Saturday, 19 July & Saturday 26 July 2014

Time: 9am – 10.30am

Venue: Start/End Point – SCWO Centre 96 Waterloo Street Singapore 187967

The Walk will cover eight significant landmarks, starting at Waterloo Street, with the **SCWO Centre, Sculpture Square** and the **Theatre Practice**. After which it will move towards the **National Library** and old **Convent of the Holy Infant Jesus** on Victoria Street. The walk will further approach the location of the **old Raffles Girls' School**, the **National Museum**, and **YMCA building**. The route will then circle back to Bencoolen Street, to the first location of the **St. Andrew's Mission Hospital**.

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About SCWO

The Singapore Council of Women's Organisations (SCWO) is the National Coordinating body of women's organisations in Singapore. Our 57 Member Organisations represent more than 500,000 women in Singapore.

Incorporated in March 1980, the SCWO having been founded by women, seeks to unite the various women's organisations, clubs, committees, groups and women leaders together, working in accordance with its various aims and objectives.

The Singapore Council of Women's Organisations seeks to co-ordinate these associations into a national movement and to act on their behalf in matters for which it is authorised by its members.

It seeks to promote the ideals of '**Equal Space, Equal Voice and Equal Worth**' for women in Singapore.

About Singapore Women's Hall of Fame (SWHF)

In 2005, the Singapore Council of Women's Organisations (SCWO) launched **The Wall of Fame** to honour Singapore's pioneering women activists, and by 2010, there were nine inductees.

On 14th March 2014, after two years of extensive research, The Singapore Women's Hall of Fame (SWHF) was launched with an inaugural list of 108 inductees. The aim is to recognise the achievements and contributions of Singapore's most outstanding women in all fields of endeavor.

SWHF is a celebration of the women who have made, or are making, an impact on our nation – the boundary breakers and record holders, the risk-takers and change makers, the role models and the standard setters. They were the women who, at a time when social norms set limits on what a woman could do, pushed back the barriers and led the way for others. They were the pioneers, the pathfinders. They dared to dream and they turned their dreams into a new reality for the women of their time and the generations to come. They are, today, the women who are shaping our society with their vision and passion, their enterprise and leadership, their talent and creativity, their humanity. They are the women who inspire us, and we want to recognise them and honour them.

The Mission:

- Celebrate the achievements and tell the stories, hitherto often untold, of Singapore's phenomenal women
- Document the myriad contributions of women to the shaping of Singapore
- Showcase the values that drive our outstanding women and that SCWO upholds
- Share the stories and values and inspire others, especially young Singaporeans, to dare to dream and to chart their own path.

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