

Tuning in to the Leaders

In the Profession

Mr Samuel Ng

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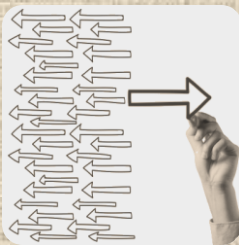
The effects of Mr Samuel Ng's passion for those in need have been felt in the social work sector for over the past two decades. This started with the founding of Marine Parade FSC, followed by @27 FSC, Me-to-You cyber-counselling, GoodLife! and YAH! (Young at Heart) for seniors. Aside from his full-time work at Montfort Care, Mr Ng continues to advocate for both the profession and the underprivileged through his strong presence in the media.

He was awarded the Outstanding Social Worker Award in 2001.

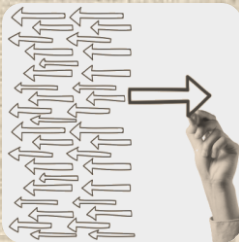


SOCIAL WORK IS ABOUT CHANGE

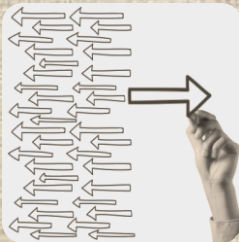
With the changing times and environments...




As social workers, we must not only ask ourselves how we can effect change but how we can change ourselves.



With the move towards more structure (eg. service models, KPIs), we need to be careful of the danger of corporatizing social work which may delay the help that the client requires.



The acid test is not about whether we as social workers feel good about ourselves but it is about the people that we serve.

A monarch butterfly with orange and black wings is perched on a bright yellow flower. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green and blue. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

*Are the qualities of the lives
of our clients transformed
and improved as a result of
social work
professionalization?*

As social workers, we must not think of ourselves as subcontractors but we must have a spirit of ownership of what we are doing.



The real change happens within and not without.

We need to ask ourselves if we need to change ourselves and start to take ownership of changes or will we let the wave sweep us through?

If social workers want to maintain the most authentic social work spirit, it must come from us and not the government.

SOCIAL WORK IS ABOUT CREATIVITY



The change in the socio-economic climate has impacted individuals and families in very different ways.

Requires Creativity and Innovation in designing programmes and interventions

The core of social work must not change but the deliverer must change in order to connect with the clients.

Creativity and change in the area of youth work...

Past



ORPHANAGES



OUTREACH WORK AND YOUTH BEFRIENDING



SCHOOL COUNSELING



CYBER-COUNSELING

Present

SOCIAL WORK REQUIRES CONTEMPLATION

Social work is about being a change agent. A lot of times, social workers need to first reflect upon ourselves. When we get ourselves in place, we can then be effective change agents.



**Awareness
not at a cognitive level but at a heart level.**

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**We must not have a saviour mentality.
We must be careful not to become transactional
with the clients but to be willing to meet them at
their level.**



**Social workers can often be as vulnerable and
weak as the clients too.**

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