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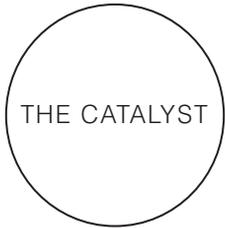


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WHO WE ARE



An increasingly complex and uncertain world needs innovative solutions. At the Lien Centre for Social Innovation (LCSI), we catalyse innovative responses to social needs through applied research, partnerships, and capacity-building programmes.

Our story began in 2006 as a partnership between the Lien Foundation and Singapore Management University to address social needs and facilitate positive social change by collaborating with the public, private and social sectors. These days, we also promote social entrepreneurship and innovation with a view towards making collective impact in communities.

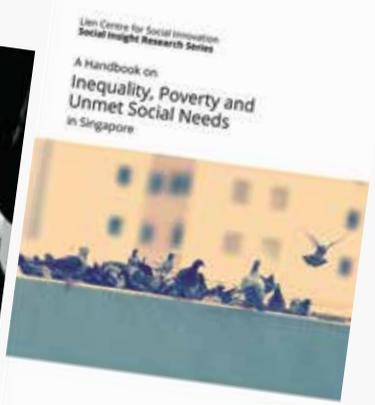
We welcome organisations and individuals from all sectors to approach us with programme and research needs. While we specialise in Singapore and Southeast Asia, we have also done work in greater Asia. Together, let's co-create a smart society that's more equitable, inclusive, and vibrant.



RESEARCH



LIEN CENTRE FOR SOCIAL INNOVATION
Social Impact Research Series
**ELDERLY POPULATION
IN SINGAPORE**
UNDERSTANDING SOCIAL, PHYSICAL
AND FINANCIAL NEEDS



LIEN CENTRE FOR SOCIAL INNOVATION
Social Impact Research Series
A Handbook on
**Inequality, Poverty and
Unmet Social Needs**
in Singapore

“AWWA has found LCSi to be a very strategic partner in supporting AWWA’s work in the community. The partnership for the co-creation of evidence-based studies has proven to be invaluable and insightful.”

Tim Oei

Chief Executive Officer,
AWWA

Research is at the heart of our work as we seek to provide insights that can catalyse positive social change. We undertake three types of research: applied research, landscape studies and consultancy.

From exploring unmet social needs of vulnerable groups in Singapore – including migrant workers, single parents, the low-income elderly, and persons with disabilities – to documenting the landscapes of social finance and corporate philanthropy in Southeast Asia, our research is detailed and diverse. We also help organisations become more innovative and inclusive, and provide services to evaluate the impact of CSR programmes.

In addition, since its debut in 2008, our bi-annual flagship publication, *Social Space*, has provided a platform for local and international practitioners and thought leaders to share their perspectives on social innovation and entrepreneurship.



We are uniquely positioned to catalyse and support networks between the public, private and social sectors through our practice-based programming.

Former Danish Ambassador to Singapore, Berit Basse, at the Happiness Seminar organised by LCSI and the Royal Danish Embassy



“LCSI’s vision to drive social change and nurture young minds is in line with CDL’s commitment to cultivate CSR champions of tomorrow.”

Esther An

Chief Sustainability Officer,
City Developments Limited

We conduct custom short courses, organise forums, facilitate a social enterprise incubator/accelerator, and provide internships. Two examples of our diverse programming are the ACE Capstone Leadership Programme and the Social Innovation Lab.

ACE Capstone Leadership Programme

Through a unique multi-sector collaboration, this experiential programme builds competency among current and potential C-suite executives in the non-profit sector through expert-facilitated learning labs, action learning projects, and executive coaching.

Social Innovation Lab

This social entrepreneurship incubator/accelerator offers SMU community members a complete support system of hand-picked mentors, structured curriculum, peer learning opportunities, powerful networks and services, and space to build innovative solutions to the most pressing social challenges in Singapore and across the region.



The SMU Change Team celebrating SMU's Ashoka Changemaker Campus recognition. From left to right: Bervyn Lee (Associate Dean of Students), Devi (Head, Centre for Social Responsibility), Jonathan Chang (Executive Director, LCSi), Adeline Bek (Assistant Director, Office of Alumni Relations), Tan Gan Hup (Associate Director, SMU-X).

“Working with LCSi has been nothing but a positive experience. Our students are not only exposed to a new culture but also to a different work environment, which helps them become more well-rounded, global citizens.”

Kevin Haines

Program Manager,

Penn Abroad

(University of Pennsylvania)

Partnerships through a shared vision accelerate the changemaking process and we are ready to work together with you to create positive social impact. From student engagement and applied research to social business incubation and beyond, we seek to draw on collective strengths for mutual success.

Ashoka Changemaker Campus

SMU is Asia's first Ashoka Changemaker Campus in a network of higher education institutions such as Brown, Cornell, and Duke. LCSi works with the larger SMU community and beyond to provide innovative and impactful research, as well as learning and entrepreneurial opportunities for students and faculty, to lead the way in social innovation.

Create4Good

A social initiative by the late philanthropist Mr Kwek Leng Joo, this tech business competition with a social care angle encourages students across SMU and the Singapore University of Technology and Design to collaboratively apply their strengths in entrepreneurship and technology towards creating smart and sustainable solutions to social needs.

"In 2015, SMU became the first institution in Asia to join the Changemaker Campus Network, for its commitment and leadership in social innovation in higher education. Ashoka U was particularly impressed with LCSi's ground-breaking research in social innovation across Asia."

Marina Kim

Director,
Ashoka U

"By coming together for the ACE Programme both organisations have demonstrated that collectively, we can achieve more. I hope we further this collaboration to develop well-rounded and skilful non-profit leaders and effective social service organisations, which is a key mandate of NCSS."

Fermin Diez

Deputy CEO,
*National Council
for Social Service*

"We chose LCSi for their technical ability and commitment to analyse environmental actions in Singapore. We worked with a flexible team, aligned with business concerns, open to feedback and new activities. Our partnership boosted ideas for innovative environmental projects locally."

Chloé Cibulka

Environment Manager
for Sites and Stores,
LVMH



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