

**SINGAPORE YOUTH AWARDS 2005
COMMUNITY AND YOUTH SERVICES (INDIVIDUAL)**

MR GLENN LIM KERN NIEN

“Our experiences in life, no matter how painful and unexplainable, are essential for character-building and helping others who are going through the same struggles.”



Inspirational role model. Gifted public speaker. These are just some of the powerful descriptions of Mr Glenn Lim Kern Nien; a man who has turned away from drugs, and made good.

As a young rock musician, Glenn came close to a life sentence and 24 strokes of the cane for importing drugs. Glenn made a turnaround when his charge was reduced. Thankful for his second chance, Glenn joined Teen Challenge as a counsellor to other drug addicts.



In 1998, he founded Awakening Productions, a non-profit events and talent management organisation, which organises gigs for youth to express themselves and realize their potential through performance and music. In 2003, Glenn, through Awakening Productions, was among the pioneers in recognising the talent of Operation Art-Core, a group of teens who were looking to express themselves through graffiti. He created opportunities for them to display their works in a positive, and professional environment.

His selflessness extends to volunteering at voluntary welfare organisations such as Lakeside Family Centre, where he shares his knowledge of music and speaks at their Streetwise Programme, appealing to the youth in gangs, and sharing his dramatic, life-changing

