

SINGAPORE YOUTH AWARD 2009
COMMUNITY AND YOUTH SERVICES (INDIVIDUAL)

MS LINA CHONG LIN LIN



“Community Service is the dawning realization of the greater understanding of our humanity. It is not about I making the difference, but WE helping to positively affect someone else's life.”

An advocate for youth leadership and community development, Ms Lina Chong has been an effective leader and active supporter of numerous community and youth development initiatives.

Lina found her niche in youth work in 2002, when she joined the Pasir Ris-Elias Community Club Youth Executive Committee, under the umbrella of the People’s Association Youth Movement (PAYM).

Since then, Lina has worked with schools to train students in community service and leadership development. Noticing an increasing trend in juvenile delinquency in Pasir Ris in 2004, Lina and her team, together with various government agencies, schools and voluntary welfare organisations, pioneered the Officers Mentoring Scheme to



mentor youth probationers. A heart for troubled youths also spurred her to be a youth mentor for the STEP-UP and SPOT programmes for the Pasir Ris Family Service Centre.



Lina has also represented Singapore at international platforms, such as the China-ASEAN Youth Camp 2006 and ASEAN Summit 2006, and was the Assistant Delegation Leader for the Singapore-Kagoshima Youth Exchange Programme 2007. She also chaired the ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Youths – Youth Caucus in 2007. For her outstanding work, Lina was elected the PAYM Central Youth Council Chairperson in 2008.

Lina has been a sought-after speaker at various platforms such as the National Youth Forum 2008 and Talk on Mindset Change. Lina currently co-chairs the Steering Committee for the SHINE festival, which celebrates youth talent and young role models.

For her dedication to the youth community, Ms Lina Chong Lin Lin is conferred the Singapore Youth Award 2009.