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Date & Time

22nd Aug 2026
(8:30am-4:15pm)

Venue

**Segi University
Kota Damansara**

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Unlock the building blocks of high-quality early childhood experiences and education. Specially curated by AWWA's early interventionists and its team at Kindle Garden - Singapore's first inclusive preschool, this full-day blended immersive workshop will equip participants with practical and real-world strategies. Move beyond theory with case studies, simulations, and the right tools to maximise the potential of every young learner.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

01

Understand Singapore's evolving early-childhood inclusion landscape.

02

Recognise developmental needs and referral considerations.

03

Apply evidence-informed strategies that reduce learning barriers.

04

Connect everyday inclusive practice with systems and policy.

Happening in



Kuala Lumpur



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Who should attend

Early Childhood Educators

Parents

Special needs educators

School Leaders & Principals

Led By

AWWA Leaders

Inclusive Preschool Educators

Early Intervention Specialists

Speech & Occupational Therapists

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PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS

1

The Evolution of Singapore's Early Childhood Landscape

Keynote on systemic shifts, inclusive principles and strong support ecosystems.

2

Navigating the Early Years

Developmental milestones, referral considerations and neuro-affirming strategies.

3

The Building Blocks of Inclusion

Practical ways to reduce barriers, differentiate instruction and increase participation.

4

Driving Inclusion Forward

Experiential activities linking inclusive classroom practice with broader policy.

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AGENDA AT A GLANCE

8:30am-9am	Breakfast and networking
9am-9:15am	Welcome and Opening Remarks
9:15am-10:00am	The Evolution of Singapore's Early Childhood Landscape
10:00am-10:30am	Break
10:30am-12:00pm	Navigating the Early Years
12:00pm-1:15pm	Lunch
1:15pm-1:30pm	Re-energiser & Afternoon Welcome
1:30pm-2:30pm	The Building Blocks of Inclusion
2:30pm-2:45pm	Break
2:45pm-4:00pm	Driving Inclusion Forward
4:00pm-4:15pm	Reflections, Key Takeaways & Closing



Don't stop at one day – continue your learning journey

Participants get exclusive access to an online certification pathway with comprehensive modules, practical tools & resources, and an ongoing support community. Details shared at the workshop.

Meet Our Speakers



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Mr. J.R. Karthikeyan (Karthik)

Chief Executive Officer, AWWA

Karthik is an experienced nonprofit leader and clinician with over 20 years of regional experience. As CEO of AWWA, he leads 28 programmes across Singapore, including Kindle Garden, Singapore's first inclusive preschool. He is recognised for his leadership in strengthening inclusive education, healthcare, and social services.



Ms Jocelyn Choo

Lead Educational Therapist

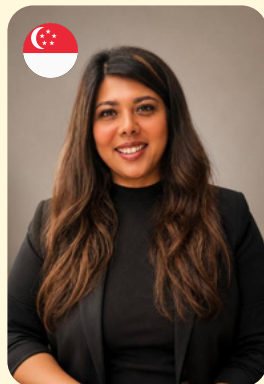
Jocelyn has over 15 years of experience in early intervention and special education. She equips educators to create inclusive learning environments and translates evidence-informed approaches, differentiated instruction and Universal Design for Learning into practical classroom strategies. She received the Outstanding Early Intervention Professional Award at the ECDA Awards 2024.



Ms Jewelyn Siew

Senior Teacher

Jewelyn is a Senior Teacher and curriculum team lead at Kindle Garden. She co-shapes evidence-based inclusive practice using differentiated instruction, Universal Design for Learning and the Building Blocks framework. Her team's values-based board game, Inclusion Starts With I, was shared at the PECERA 2026 Conference.



Ms Syazana Samion

Assistant Manager

Syazana brings more than 15 years of experience in education and leads one of AWWA's early intervention centres. With a background in special needs and inclusive education, counselling psychology and adult learning, she advocates practical, people-centred leadership that strengthens collaboration and inclusive workplace culture.



Ms Krystal Chng

Senior Speech and Language Therapist

Krystal has over seven years of experience supporting children with autism, complex communication and medically complex needs through evidence-based, family-centred intervention. She is an experienced clinical educator and mentor, and received the Outstanding Clinical Educator Award alongside the AWWA Employee Excellence Award for Personal Excellence.



Ms Sharmaine Chan

Senior Occupational Therapist

Sharmaine supports children with mild developmental needs in mainstream preschool settings through AWWA's Developmental Support and Learning Support Programme. She works closely with educators and parents to create practical, strengths-based strategies that improve children's participation, learning, and independence in everyday environments.

Synopsis

The Evolution of Singapore's Early Childhood Landscape

From a nation that prioritised a knowledge-based economy to one that is now innovation-driven, Singapore's education space has remained dynamic. As the Early Childhood sector continues to evolve, there is a growing recognition of the importance of creating inclusive learning environments where every learner thrives. This session sets the stage for Singapore's inclusion journey since its early years, highlighting the progress made in supporting children of diverse abilities within mainstream preschool settings.

Drawing on a decade of ground-experience with Kindle Garden, Singapore's first inclusive preschool that was set up in 2016 by AWWA, participants will gain:

- An understanding of the systemic shifts in Singapore's early childhood landscape
- Actionable insights into the principles of inclusive early education
- Insights on how to build strong networks and ecosystems of support that comprise learners, parents, educators, allied health professionals, and community partners

Navigating the Early Years

The preschool years are critical in nurturing children so that they hone good communication skills, experience social-emotional growth, and gain independence. This session provides an overview of core developmental milestones for children during their formative years. Participants will learn how to identify potential developmental needs that warrant closer observation, and how to seamlessly navigate the early intervention referral process. Grounded in a neurodiversity-affirming perspective, the session explores how children experience and engage with the world differently, encouraging educators and caregivers to move beyond labels while recognising individual strengths and supporting diverse learning needs through everyday inclusive practices.

Participants will gain:

- An understanding of key developmental benchmarks and milestones for early childhood communication and social growth
- Insights on how to better identify when a child's unique behaviours might warrant a professional assessment
- An understanding of what guides clinical decision-making for early intervention
- Neuro-affirming strategies for the classroom and home

The Building Blocks of Inclusion

An inclusive classroom begins with ensuring that every child has meaningful opportunities to participate, learn, and feel a sense of belonging. This session focuses on the Building Blocks Framework for Inclusion, highlighting curated evidence-informed strategies to support children with diverse abilities and learning needs. Supplemented with real-life classroom examples, videos and interactive activities, participants will learn how to practically and easily reduce barriers to participation and enhance engagement.

Participants will gain:

- Insights on a structured, evidence-informed approach to inclusive early childhood education
- Strategies on environmental adjustments to make small, intentional changes to reduce learning barriers
- Actionable techniques to differentiate instruction for diverse learning styles
- Tips to successfully embed supportive strategies directly into everyday classroom and home routines

Driving Inclusion Forward

This segment will be an experiential one. Aside from watching snippets of Inclusion in Action, we will engage in specially curated participation-driven activities to see inclusion unfold in real-time ourselves. We will move from a micro to a macro lens and wrap the segment up with a reflection on how policies and practices kindled the first spark of inclusive education, and how Kindle Garden preschool has gone on to transform Singapore's early childhood space forever.

Participants will gain:

- Perspective-shifting activities to experience inclusive design firsthand
- An opportunity to analyse successful inclusive practices unfolding in real-time
- An understanding of the link between everyday classroom practices and broad, national policy frameworks

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