



OnePeople.sg was established in 1997 to promote racial harmony and spearhead programmes and initiatives to bring the different ethnic communities together. Formerly known as the Central Singapore Joint Social Service Centre, the organisation was renamed OnePeople.sg and launched by Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong as the leading co-ordinating body for racial harmony in Singapore on 27 May 2007.

Mr Zainudin Bin Nordin, Mayor of Central Singapore District, is the Chairman of the OnePeople.sg Executive Committee. The Exco comprises the heads of the Self-Help Groups (namely, Chinese Assistance Development Council, Yayasan Mendaki, Singapore Indian Development Association, The Eurasian Association, Singapore, and Association of Muslim Professionals), and representatives from the Community Development Councils, government agencies, academic institutions and various community organisations.

OnePeople.sg aims to be the leading voice and resource centre on multi-racialism in Singapore. The initiatives under OnePeople.sg aim to create an environment that facilitates deeper interaction and better understanding between individuals and communities, fostering a stronger sense of identity and building a more resilient social fabric.

Adopting a many-helping-hands approach, OnePeople.sg takes on a leadership role in the ground up movement to bring Singaporeans together as one people regardless of race, language or religion.

INTRODUCTION

Living in the multi-racial and multi-religious society of Singapore has entered a new dimension, in the light of flash points in race and religious relations in the global arena, such as the September 11 attack on the World Trade Centre and the July bombing in London. As an open society, we cannot insulate ourselves from external influences and geopolitical developments. Efforts to ensure that Singaporeans remain united and cohesive are thus an ongoing priority.

In his speech at the launch of OnePeople.sg on 27 May 2007, Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong had highlighted how individuals, going about their daily lives, can help strengthen racial ties. “Small things like being sensitive to each other’s needs, bringing one another into our conversations, extending a hand, or having a meal together, will make a difference and leave a lasting impression,” he said. It is the “quiet instinctive sensitivity” from individuals in their daily lives that will ensure Singapore’s social fabric remains strong in this turbulent world.

The HarmonyWorks! Workshop Series - 1 Rojak is specially developed for secondary school students as part of our efforts to engage young people, with focus on developing youth leadership, initiative and commitment in promoting racial harmony and social cohesion.

AIM

1. This 3-hour workshop aims to enhance the cultural competence of participants, and cultivate multi-racial and multi-cultural mindsets that would encourage deeper interaction and better understanding amongst the various ethnic communities in Singapore.
2. It also aims to enable participants to appreciate and embrace diversity, as well as grasp the realities and complexities of living in a multi-racial and multi-religious society like Singapore.
3. And **1 Rojak** underscores the importance of inter-racial understanding and co-operation especially in a culturally diverse society like Singapore.

OBJECTIVES

At the end of the programme, participants would be able to:

Know

1. Identify key characteristics of the various cultures in Singapore;

Understand

2. Describe the roots and significance of multicultural Singapore;

Appreciate

3. Explain the importance of multiculturalism in the lives of Singaporeans now and in the future;
4. List the advantages of being multicultural;

Tolerate

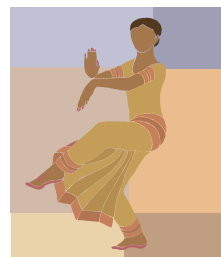
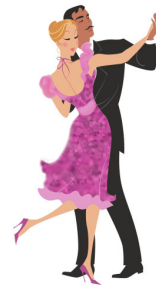
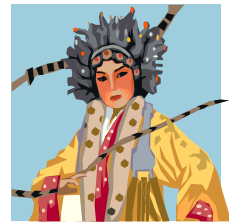
5. Define the meaning of tolerance within the context of multicultural Singapore;
6. Identify aspects of multicultural living that entail tolerance;

Accept

7. List the common spaces in the Singapore **1 Rojak**;
8. List factors that can destroy the Singapore multicultural mosaic;

Embrace

9. Identify ways to preserve and defend the social fabric of Singapore well into the future;
10. Paint a vision of One People, regardless of race, language or religion.



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Objectives	Activity Reference	Key Learning Points	Pg No	Remarks
1. Identify key characteristics of the various cultures in Singapore	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Know: What are we? ▪ 1 Rojak Bingo 	(a) Know what are the various festivals, celebrations, customs, food and language of the various races in Singapore	3	The first value that we must have is to at least know one another: Without knowing, how can we even begin to appreciate each other?
		(b) Come to the conclusion that at the end of the day we are all Singaporeans	4	
2. Describe the roots and significance of multicultural Singapore	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Understand: Just how much do we know of one another? 	(c) There are various perceptions and misperceptions of the races in Singapore (d) Such perceptions are normally biased because we do not attempt to get to really know the other races in Singapore	5	How much do we really understand each other? Have we really tried to understand one another or are we still continuing to see through our biased glasses?
3. Explain the importance of multiculturalism in the lives of Singaporeans now and in the future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Understand and Appreciate: Roots of Multicultural Singapore ▪ Kampung Days Video 	(e) Understand the importance of the proclamation of independence for Singapore	6	Everything that we have worked for so far has been built on this tiny island. Could we have come this far without multiculturalism and other strong values?
		(f) Know the values that modern Singapore was founded on	7	
		(g) Understand the importance of the pledge and national anthem of Singapore	8	
		(h) Know how life was back in the 'Kampung Days'	9	
		(i) Know what it may take to dispel the challenges to appreciating other races	10	
4. List the advantages of being multicultural	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Appreciate: Advantages of Being Multicultural Singapore 	(j) List down the advantages of being multicultural Singapore (k) Know why being multicultural gives Singapore an advantage over other countries	11	India and China are the fastest growing economies. Is it little wonder that we have companies that are already venturing in these countries?
5. Define the meaning of tolerance within the context of multicultural Singapore	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Twister Game 	(l) Experience tolerance of others in a constrained environment (m) Introduced to the concept of 'common space'	12	Tolerance doesn't mean just putting up with something. To tolerate is by choice and to do so means to have made

		(n) Know the meaning of tolerance in multicultural Singapore		a sacrifice, usually for a greater good.
6. Identify aspects of multicultural living that entail tolerance	▪ Tolerate: What it really means...	(o) List out the items that Singaporeans have tolerated thus far using the five senses of see, smell, hear, taste and touch (p) List out reasons why Singaporeans have tolerated these things thus far	12 13	Our five senses only tells us the things that have happened and we react accordingly. But what about our common sense?
7. List the common spaces in the Singapore 1 Rojak	▪ Accept: What is "Common Space"?	(q) List out the common spaces that Singaporeans have (r) Identify other potential common spaces that Singaporeans take for granted (s) Show that there are many common spaces that can be used to increase interaction amongst Singaporeans	14	People can be more accepting of others if they want to as long as they don't feel threatened. That's what common spaces are for.
8. List the factors that can destroy the Singapore multicultural mosaic	▪ Accept and Embrace: Our Treasure	(t) Identify attitudes that can destroy multicultural Singapore	15	Distrust, Dishonesty and Bias. That's why Singaporeans choose Meritocracy and Democracy instead.
9. Identify ways to preserve and defend the social fabric of Singapore well into the future	▪ Accept and Embrace: Our Treasure	(u) Elicit answers to the question: What must we do to preserve and defend the social fabric of Singapore	15	At the end of the day, the least we can do is to respect one another.
10. Paint a vision of the Singapore 1 Rojak	▪ Embrace: Our Singapore, Our Destiny	(v) Elicit answers to the questions: What is my vision of Singapore and What can I do to make it a reality?	16	Work hard, respect one another and stop racism from taking root.