

In the works

EMPLOYMENT



The Enabling Village located in Lengkok Bahru.

Capabilities

- Vocational education curriculum in special education schools to be revised, emphasise soft skills.
- School-to-Work Transition Programme extended from one year to up to two years, from January this year.
- SG Enable and partners to identify digital competencies, curate courses for persons with disabilities (PWDs).

Work opportunities

- More support for PWDs to set up microbusinesses.
- Ministry of Social and Family Development (MSF) to explore creating regional Enabling Business Hubs to offer training and job opportunities; first hub to be ready in 2023.

Incentives

- Enabling Mark launched last October to recognise inclusive employers.
- Ministry of Manpower introduced Enabling Employment Credit from January this year, offering up to 30 per cent wage offsets for hiring PWDs.



Mr Aloysius Chan, 27, who has autism spectrum disorder, showing a soft skills reminder card used at work to Minister for Social and Family Development Masagos Zulkifli (right) at the Enabling Village yesterday. With them are (from left) Third Enabling Masterplan work group co-chairs Denise Phua and Chia Yong Yong, SG Enable CEO Ku Geok Boon and Parliamentary Secretary for Social and Family Development Eric Chua.

INDEPENDENT LIVING

Barrier-free access

- Two community partnership groups to be set up to look at accessibility gaps in the Central Business District and one HDB town.
- OneMap to be enhanced from 2022, to include barrier-free navigation starting with Ang Mo Kio, Bukit Merah, Punggol, River Valley, Singapore River and Tanglin.
- Public Transport Council to conduct a survey this year on persons with special needs or disabilities and their caregivers.



Access to information, services, tech

- Expand the range of courses available to persons with disabilities to pick up digital skills.
- HDB's My Nice Home Gallery showcases a range of smart items available.
- MSF to review existing Assistive Technology Fund, enhance affordability of devices.

Raising awareness, inclusion

- Guides on inclusive engagement and public communications to be shared with all public agencies this year.
- Front-line officers to be trained to address needs of PWDs sensitively.

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