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LAW@CDC 2026 CELEBRATES SGLAW200 BY MAKING LEGAL SUPPORT MORE ACCESSIBLE TO RESIDENTS

Law Awareness Weeks @ CDC (LAW@CDC) 2026 was launched today, bringing together CDCs, partners and volunteers to deepen efforts to make legal knowledge and support more accessible to residents. Held in the year Singapore marks SGLaw200, this year's edition also reflects how access to justice can continue to evolve to remain accessible, inclusive and responsive to community needs.

2 Access to justice is central to a legal system that works for people. Beyond strong laws and institutions, it means helping people understand the law and the protections it provides, know their rights and responsibilities, and find the help they need when legal issues arise.

3 Over the years, Singapore has strengthened this through public legal education, legal aid and community legal support, dispute-resolution avenues, and targeted assistance for those who may face greater barriers navigating the legal system. LAW@CDC builds on these efforts by bringing practical legal knowledge and support closer to residents. Through legal talks, outreach activities and Community Legal Clinics, the CDCs work with the Government, legal profession and community partners to make legal information and support more accessible to residents.

Bringing legal knowledge and support into the community

4 Since its launch in 2015, LAW@CDC has reached more than **20,000 residents through over 400 legal awareness talks, workshops and outreach activities**. The Community Legal Clinics network also includes clinics at the five CDCs and 24 Community Clubs/Centres, providing community touchpoints where residents can access legal information and support.

5 From **5 October to 5 November 2026**, LAW@CDC 2026 will feature talks and activities on everyday issues spanning community and family life, work and money, digital risks and access to justice.

6 Mr Edwin Tong, Minister for Law and Second Minister for Home Affairs, and Deputy Chairman of the People's Association said: “SGLaw200 is an opportunity not only to reflect on how far our legal system has come, but to ask how we can make it work even better for the people it serves. Access to justice is about helping people understand the law and get the support they need. This year’s LAW@CDC builds on more than a decade of community legal outreach to bring us further on this journey, while bringing in fresh ideas and a new generation of contributors through the Access to Justice Community Co-Lab.”

Building on the ecosystem

7 In this SGLaw200 milestone year, LAW@CDC also reflects how efforts to improve access to justice have continued to grow – not only through programmes and support systems, but also through the people who step forward to contribute. Lawyers, volunteers, community partners and students all play a part in helping bring legal knowledge and support closer to residents.

8 This year, the Access to Justice (A2J) Community Co-Lab adds a new dimension to this effort by bringing in a new generation of contributors and ideas. More than 140 students across law, engineering and social sciences disciplines worked with 38 volunteer legal mentors and community partners to understand real needs on the ground and develop practical solutions. Nine solutions were showcased at the launch, with five selected to receive \$5,000 each. The solutions address issues including scams and money-mule recruitment among youths, vaping, Muslim estate succession and employment disputes faced by persons with visual impairments. The CDCs will work with the teams to explore how promising ideas can be further developed for residents.

9 These efforts build on longstanding partnerships supporting access to justice in the community. At the launch, partnerships for the Community Legal Clinics @ CDC and LAW@CDC were renewed for another three years. The Ministry of Law will also join the LAW@CDC partnership alongside PA/CDCs, Pro Bono SG, NUS, SMU, SUSS and the Singapore Corporate Counsel Association.

10 The launch at Our Tampines Hub also featured the SGLaw200 roving exhibition, *In Practice: The Rule of Law in Our Singapore Story*, which traces the beginnings of Singapore’s modern judicial and legal system and how the Rule of Law has shaped Singapore’s development and the everyday lives of Singaporeans.

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Annex A

Access to Justice Community Co-Lab - Winning Teams

The A2J Community Co-Lab brought together more than 140 students across law, engineering and social sciences disciplines, guided by 38 volunteer legal mentors. The five winning teams each received \$5,000. The CDCs will work with the teams to study the potential to further develop and make their solutions available to residents.

Team / IHL	Community need	CDC	Solution	What it does
Just Cause (NUS)	Youth / Scams	North West CDC	ScamBlox	Interactive website-game using simulated scenarios to help youths recognise scam red flags and understand the potential legal consequences of engaging with scammers, complemented by educational workshops in schools.
LawABC (SMU)	Youth / Vaping	North East CDC	ClearAir	Youth-centric app designed to support youths in quitting vaping through progress tracking, real-time craving support, trigger identification and anonymous peer support.
MajuLaw (SUSS)	Muslim individuals in the “sandwiched” income group / Estate succession and probate	South East CDC	MajuLaw	AI-powered online triaging system to help Muslim families navigate routine administrative guidance on estate succession, while identifying and redirecting more complex cases to legal clinics specialising in Syariah law.
Singapore Boleh (SMU)	Persons with visual impairments / Employment disputes	Central Singapore CDC	See-Kaki	AI-powered platform to help persons with visual impairments independently find and understand legal information and prepare employment-related claims through accessible search, plain-language explanations and claim-preparation assistance.
Team DONK (NUS)	Youth / Money-mule scam recruitment	South West CDC	Spot It First	Awareness microsite using simulated recruitment advertisements and interactive quizzes to help youths recognise money-mule recruitment scams and

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				understand their potential legal consequences.

Annex B

LAW@CDC 2026 – At a Glance

What is LAW@CDC?	A nationwide effort by the Community Development Councils and partners to promote awareness and understanding of the law in the community through legal talks and other outreach initiatives.
2026 programme period	5 October to 5 November 2026.
2026 theme	“200 Years of Law in Singapore: What It Means For You”.
What residents can expect	Talks and activities on everyday legal issues, grouped under Community & Daily Life; Family & Life; Work & Money; Digital Life & Risks; and Access to Justice.
Reach to date	More than 20,000 residents reached through over 400 legal awareness talks, workshops and outreach activities.
Community Legal Clinics	Five CDC Community Legal Clinics, with 24 Community Clubs/Centres currently in the network of clinics under the MOU between PA and Pro Bono SG.
Partnership renewal	Two MOUs were renewed for a further three years: Community Legal Clinic @ CDC and LAW@CDC. Both commence in October 2026.
New partner	The Ministry of Law joins the LAW@CDC partnership alongside PA/CDCs, Pro Bono SG, NUS, SMU, SUSS and SCCA.
A2J Community Co-Lab	More than 140 students and 38 volunteer legal mentors participated; nine solutions were showcased and five winning teams received \$5,000 each.

LAW@CDC 2026 topic areas

1. Community & Daily Life – neighbour disputes; consumer rights
2. Family & Life – marriage and divorce under civil and Syariah law; family violence; advance legal planning
3. Work & Money – workplace fairness; freelancers and platform workers; intellectual property; retrenchment and termination
4. Digital Life & Risks – scams; online harms and rights
5. Access to Justice – invisible disabilities and the justice system; navigating the justice system and where to seek help

ANNEX C

Background: SGLaw200 and Access to Justice

SGLaw200 marks 200 years since Singapore's modern judicial and legal system was established through the Second Charter of Justice in 1826. It reiterates Singapore's commitment to the Rule of Law, and commemorates the past, present and future of Singapore's legal system.

In this milestone year, LAW@CDC reflects an important aim of our legal system as we look ahead: ensuring that the legal system works for the people it serves. Access to justice is not only about having laws, courts and legal services in place. It also means helping people understand the law and their rights and responsibilities, reach the help they need, and navigate legal processes when problems arise.

LAW@CDC and the Community Legal Clinics @ CDC bring legal knowledge, guidance and support closer to residents through community touchpoints. The A2J Community Co-Lab adds a further dimension by bringing students, legal professionals and community partners together to understand residents' experiences and develop practical solutions around real needs.

SGLaw200 Roving Exhibition

Titled "In Practice: The Rule of Law in Our Singapore Story", the roving exhibition brings Singapore's story of the Rule of Law to public locations across Singapore. Visitors can trace the beginnings of Singapore's modern judicial and legal system and learn how the Rule of Law has underpinned the nation's progress, including economic growth and social cohesion, while benefiting the everyday lives of Singaporeans.

About the Community Development Councils

There are five Community Development Councils (CDCs): Central Singapore, North East, North West, South East and South West. The CDCs bridge communities by strengthening social infrastructure, building social resilience and social capital, and promoting a culture of giving back.

About Pro Bono SG

Pro Bono SG is a registered charity and Institution of a Public Character. It enables access to justice for the vulnerable and disadvantaged through legal awareness, guidance and representation, and supports volunteers and pro bono initiatives with community partners.