

UNITED VOICE ANNUAL REPORT 2009

1. Committee Members

President	: Johari bin Jamali
Vice President	: Teoh Hooi Ting
Secretary	: Foo Khee Choong (David)
Asst Secretary	: Alexander Tang Weng Cheong
Treasurer	: Moo Shook Leng (Esther)
Ordinary Com. Members	: Lim Kay Huat (Deerick)
	: Eric Leong Chee Leng
	: Felicia Fang Yann Yann
	: Cynthia Joann A/P Thomas Raju

Committee Meetings & Social Meetings held in 2009:

Committee Meetings were held:

January 17 & 18 – Staff-Committee Planning Meeting for 2008 & Overnight Stay
February 28 – Committee Meeting
March 28 – AGM
April 25 & 26 – Committee Meeting & Overnight Stay
May 23, June 27, July 26, August 22, Oct 24, Dec 5 – Committee Meetings

2. Members

1. Aaron Tong Teng Lee	65. Loh Ngit Sang
2. Aida Rahayu Binti Abu Bakar	66. Michael Lee Kwet Loong
3. Albert Jaya Kumar s/o Manoharan	67. Michele Low Chooi Ling
4. Albert Wong Kim Tat (2008)	68. Michelle Yap Wern Shin
5. Alexander Tang Wing Cheong	69. Mohamed Izzuddin Bin Nordin
6. Alvaro Massano Sta Maria (2008)	70. Mohd Aidil Bin Zulkafli
7. Alvin Tan Kang Lin	71. Mohd Faizael Bin Kamaruzaman
8. Alwin Tam	72. Mohd Farid Bin Zulkifly
9. Amin Onizukawaki	73. Mohd Irfan Bin Harith
10. Anthony Tan Chin Huat	74. Mohd Shahir Bin Zulkifli
11. Aslam Bin Sulaiman	75. Mohd Zarin B. Mohd Yusof
12. Basri Kamil Bin Wan Bukhari	76. Mohd. Zuhlilmi B Md. Shahid
13. Benjamin Matthew Daniels Peterson	77. Nazmi Bin Kamaruzaman
14. Breiv Benedict A/L Sinasamy	78. Nur Ashikin bte Abdul Ghani
15. Caryn Loke Kai Ying	79. Nurulakhmal Bt Ab Rahman
16. Chan AiLeen	80. Ong Ji Aun
17. Chan Pooi Loong (David) (2008)	81. Ong Theng Yee (2008)
18. Chan Yee Jen, Charmaine (2008)	82. Pavala Vaani PalaKrishnan
19. Chang Kok Woei	83. Simon Sin Chuan Heng
20. Chen Wei Lum (William)	84. Siti Farhah Azyan Bt Basiron (2008)
21. Chin Soon Kheong	85. Soo Zen Lee
22. Chow Kien Kit	86. Sua Yi Wen
23. Christina Yeow Chor Keen	87. Syed Abid Shah Bin Syed Gulzar Ali Shah
24. Clement Ooi Kit Meng	88. Tam Pik Tho
25. Cynthia Joann A/P Thomas Raju	89. Tan Seng Kit
26. Daisy Rohini Daniel	90. Teh Choon Heong
27. David Foo Khee Choong	

28. Eleanore D'Orville	91. Teoh Hooi Ting
29. Elijah Sunderaj Stephen	92. Teoh Soon Huat
30. Eric Leong Chee Leng	93. Tey Pei Wen
31. Esther Moo Shook Leng	94. Theresa Yeo Ser Chia
32. Eugene Lau Boon Leng	95. Thomas Yeoh Yee Hung
33. Felicia Fang Yann Yann	96. Thong Kong Weng
34. Gan Yih Nian	97. Wendy Yeong Sau Kuen
35. Haniff Bin Jantan (2008)	98. Wong Khai Lun (Kenneth)
36. Harry Ng Tean Jui	99. Wong Leong Kit (Anthony)
37. Intan Dzulkah Bt Yazid	100. Wong Wei Leong(Moses)
38. Irwan Shah Bin Faizul	101. Yang Hui Mei(Fiona)
39. Izzati Bt Mohamad Nor	102. Yeong Gua Foeng
40. James Lim	103. Yudhesh Subramaniam
41. James See Fu Shang (2008)	104. Yuwaneshvar D/O Sivalingam
42. Jason Kam Tze King	105. Keith Tan Mun Ern (2008)
43. Jennifer Ooi	106. Loo Hooi Peng (2008)
44. Johari Bin Jamali	107. Adeline Chong Li Lian (2008)
45. Johnathan Lim Tee Leong	108. Terrence Leow Boon Heng (2008)
46. Jonathan Lee Thien Shui	109. Nadiah Bt Abdul Jalil (2008)
47. Justin Goh Shee Yuen	110. Wee Boon Yee (2008)
48. Kee Wai Han	111. Foo Yong Cheng (2008)
49. Keith Tan Mun Ern (2008)	112. Lum Tuck Seng (2009)
50. Kevin Ong Toon Yew	113. Chin Jian Seung (2009)
51. Khoo Lay Ling (2008)	114. Law Chang Hoong (2009)
52. Koh Sher Li	115. Dennis Liew Kai Mun (2009)
53. Koon Pak Hong	116. Elaine Choo (2009)
54. Kuhanesan A/L Thinagaran	117. Prem Kumar a/l Sockalingam (2009)
55. Lam Ai-Shia	118. Lim Yu Heng (2009)
56. Lee Chun Jin	119. Wong Hong Sing (2009)
57. Lee Chun Siong	120. Chow Weng Hoe (2009)
58. Lee Pei San(Peggy)	121. Chan Fung Lan (2009)
59. Lee Sheng Wang	122. Norsanizan Bte Mohd Nor (2009)
60. Lee Sheng Yang	123. Yong Choy Wah (2009)
61. Lee Zhi Hui(Eunice)	124. Chan Choon Kit (2009)
62. Lim Kay Huat (Deerick)	125. Kanji Kamachi (2009)
63. Lim Ming Wei	126. Kanitha Vasuthevan (2009)
64. Lo Lit Whei	127. Navaanitha A/p Santhramogan (2009)
	128. Chia Kai Chung (2009)

Total Membership: **128 Members**
17 New Members

Social/Self-Advocacy Meetings held in 2009:

February 28, March 28, April 25, May 23, June 27, August 22

July 26 – Attended Aidil's Brother's Wedding

There were no meetings from September to December due to major renovation at United Voice's premise.

3. Staff

1.	Lead Coordinator	Yeo Swee Lan (M.Ed)
2.	Public Relations and IT Coordinator	Yeong Moh Foong (B.A.)
3.	Office Assistant	Lo Lit Whei (UV Member)
4.	Accounts Administrator (part-time)	Judy Tan Bee Toh
5.	EP Production Coordinator	Fadzillah bte Buang
6.	Marketing Coordinator	Chu Shi Wei (B.A.)
7.	EP Production Supervisor	Wendy Yeong Sau Kuen (UV Member)
8.	EP Production Supervisor	Nareah bte Ahmad
9.	Trainee	Siti Farhah Azyan bt Basiron (UV Member)

4. Advocacy Activities

Date	Event/Activity	PIC
14 Apr	Meeting at JKMM to form a “ Taskforce ” on Employment for OKUs in the government sector. The Taskforce will look into various issues faced by OKU looking for employment.	Moh Foong & Nazmi
31 March & 30 June	Disability Act National Council Meetings – issues raised includes education and sheltered employment for people with learning disabilities.	James & Swee Lan
13 April	Job Coach Resource Team meet up with the HRDF (Human Resource Development Fund) to discuss about payment for Job Coaches. HRDF has verbally approved that companies who are contributors of HRDF can use the HRDF funds to pay for job coaches who are supporting OKU at work places.	Swee Lan
19 May	Sesi Taklimat Kemudahan OKU di Stesen KTM Komuter at KL Sentral. KTM MD briefed the media and BEAT (Barrier Free Environment & Accessible Transport) team members on upgrades they did to a few stations like installing ramps, lifts and disabled toilets.	Moh Foong, Intan & Lit Whei
4 July	AGM of MCD (Malaysia Confederation of the Disabled.) United Voice has been accepted by MCD as a member. Alex was elected as one of the committee members of MCD during the AGM.	Hooi Ting & Alex Tang
4 July	BEAT team had discussion with Rapid KL to finalise plans to purchase OKU friendly accessible buses in the Klang Valley.	Hooi Ting & Alex Tang
11 July	BEAT team had discussion with MAS & MOT (Ministry of Transport) on accessibility at Airport Terminal 3 Subang Jaya	Hooi Ting & Alex Tang

24 th Aug	Meeting at Prasarana Sdn Bhd, Bangsar. BEAT team and officials from a few departments were invited to audit the newly renovated Bangsar LRT and the modified OKU bus. 2 experts, Dr Kit Mitchell and Ms Judy Wee were also invited to share their expertise on accessible design.	Moh Foong
8 Oct	Presentation on the topic “ Job Opportunities for Persons with Learning Disabilities ” at Suhakam Roundtable Discussion on the Right of Mentally Challenged Persons to Care with Dignity. There were about 30 people from NGOs and government ministries who attended this roundtable discussion to address the issues raised from the case of Taman Sinar Harapan Kuala Kubu Baru. United Voice proposed to SUHAKAM to have vocational training in secondary school, and various strategies to improve the employment opportunities for persons with disabilities.	Wendy & Shi Wei
12 th , 15 th , 16 th & 18 th Oct	JICA Barrier Free Audit JICA invited the BEAT team to participate in an audit together with 3 experts from Japan on the accessibility of our buildings and transport system in Malaysia.	Wendy & Moh Foong
11 Nov	Meeting with staff from APCD APCD would like to produce a video on issues of PWDs and the focus is on how various disability groups work together to voice out and will use Air Asia and the DET as an example. Production and filming will be from 22nd – 26 th Feb 2010.	Moh Foong
17 Nov	Meeting at MBPJ One of the councilor, Anthony T. met with representatives from various disability groups to get opinion on accessibility in Petaling Jaya area.	Wendy & Moh Foong
19 Nov	UV invited to be in the Committee for Media production to promote OKU – meeting was organised and held at Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development. We suggested that there should be more media to educate students through school programmes.	Nazmi & Swee Lan

5. United Voice Employment Project

Currently, we have 22 UV members working in this project. The workers of this project are paid a monthly allowance, SOCSO, EPF and an annual bonus. They are also entitled to the benefit of RM300 per month for employees with disabilities from the Welfare Department.

This project runs a card & craft studio, bakery, gift shop and an art gallery. The sales of products for 2009 was RM189,000.

Year	Sales of Products	No. of Workers
2003	RM20,000	8
2004	RM40,000	8
2005	RM52,000	15
2006	RM61,000	15
2007	RM74,000	18
2008	RM122,000	21
2009	RM189,000	22

Sals for 2009 include:

Festival Card Sales: RM 31, 825 (clients include 20 corporate companies)

Cookie sales: RM30,152 (clients include 2 corporate companies)

Name Card sales: RM16,123 (clients include 3 corporate companies & 2 NGOs)

Painting sales: RM9,700 (bought by BURSA KL)

Bazaar Sales: RM18, 286 (21 bazaars, including 9 corporate companies' bazaars)

Employees of United Voice Employment Project:

1. Anthony Wong Leong Kit	12. Wong Wei Leong
2. Alvin Tan Kang Lin	13. Nur Arshikin bte Abdul Ghani
3. Basri Kamil Bin Wan Bukhari	14. Intan Dzulikah Bt Yazid
4. Breiv Benedict A/L Sinasamy	15. Mohamed Izzuddin Bin Nordin
5. Eleanore D'Orville	16. Teh Choon Heong
6. Jennifer Ooi Phaik Hoon	17. Pavala Vaani PalaKrishnan
7. Jonathan Lee Thien Shui	18. Albert Jaya Kumar s/oManoharan
8. Kee Wai Han	19. Chan Pooi Loong (David)
9. Koh Sher Li	20. Khoo Lay Ling
10. Mohd Aidil Bin Zulkafli	21. Harry Ng Tien Jui
11. Syed Abid Shah Bin Syed Gulzar Ali Shah	22. Lum Tuck Seng

6. United Voice Promotion & Awareness

Date	Event/Activity
24 Mar	Launch of Charity Kiosk at 1-Utama. Initiated by OpenSys as part of their CSR program.
2 Apr	Launch of CIMB Cares online donation portal at Bukit Damansara Community Center. CIMB online customer can make a donation to any of the 23 NGOs on the website.
10 Apr	PDK Daerah Hulu Selangor - 40 people came to learn about Self-advocacy and United Voice Employment Project.
14 Apr	PDK Daerah Hulu Langat – 25 people came to visit (same programme as the visit from PRK Ulu Selangor)
22 Apr	PDK Sabak Bernam -30 people came to visit (same programme as the visit from PRK Ulu Selangor)
29 May	Sri Dasmesh School . 20 students from this school visited United Voice for an

	awareness programme about people with learning disabilities.
11 June	The One Academy. 8 students visited and spent an afternoon with EP members. They are given a project to design 8 sets of festival cards.
12 June	University College Sedaya. 15 students visited UV and were given a talk about learning disabilities and UV.
17-9 & 22-24 June	SWEEP – a social work exposure by Fellowship of Evangelical Students. 9 students from a few Universities were sent in two batches to volunteer at United Voice.
31 July	Awareness programme at Sri Damesh School in Bangsar.
4 Aug	44 people from PDK Kg Chepa visited United Voice. We promoted on the importance of self-advocacy and employment project.
20 Aug	Majlis Pelancaran Program Promosi Penggalakan Penggajian OKU by Jabatan Tenaga Kerja at Setapak. We displayed our products to showcase products made by people with learning disabilities. The Deputy Minister of Human Resource bought some products from UV
16 Oct	Wong & Partners at the Gardens MidValley invites UV to promotion.
29 Oct	Awareness about employment for students graduating from SMK Batu Unjur

7. Training Conducted & Job Coach Development

Date	Event/Activity
	UV has been involved in training AirAsia Crew on understanding persons with learning disabilities. We conducted a total of 34 sessions from January to December
13 Jan	FASID (Foundation for Advanced Studies on International Development) invited Swee Lan and James to give a talk at a conference organized for the ASEAN Cooperation Project – Capacity Development in Disability and Development for CLMV Government Officers. About 40 people from Vietnam, Cambodia, Myanmar, Thailand, Laos and Japan were present.
4 Feb	ISM (Institute Sosial Malaysia) – Swee Lan conducted a talk on Challenges faced by PWD at work. About 40 officers from JKM & JTK attended
5 Feb	ISM – 40 officers who attends the introductory course on Job Coach visit United Voice. They were impressed with presentation on United Voice and our employment project. As a result many of the officers are planning to invite UV to give talks to PDK and bring PDK teachers to UV.
2 Mar	Madras Christian College, India - 25 students and 2 lecturers from the medical and psychology faculty came to learn more about Self-Advocacy. They were challenged to introduce self-advocacy in Madras.

25 Mar	1st Job Coach Training by Job Coach Resource Team (Swee Lan is one of the trainers). This Training will award a certificate accredited by ISM. 33 government officers from JKM & JTK attended this training
24-27 May	ASEAN Project on Capacity Development in Disability by FASID (<i>Foundation for Advance Studies on International Development</i>) held in Yangon, Myanmar . Johari & Swee Lan conducted talks on Learning Disabilities and Self-Advocacy for parents, NGOs and government officers. A total of 60 people attended the talks.
28 May	DET Training for KTM officers . About 35 people attended the training.
12-14 June	Planning Curriculum for CBRs . Swee Lan was invited by JKMM to be in the resource to plan a new curriculum for 320 CBRs in Malaysia.
9 July	DET Training for KTM officers . About 40 officers and a few Korean Volunteers from Majudiri attended the training.
11-14 July	ASEAN Project on Capacity Development in Disability by FASID held in Phnom Phen, Cambodia . Swee Lan and Hooi Ting were invited to conduct talks on Learning Disabilities and United Voice/Self-advocacy. A total of 70 people attended the talks.
15-17 July	ISM Job Coach Training 2nd Batch 35 JTK & JKM officers attended the training. They also visited UV.
12 Aug	DET Training for KTM officers . About 40 officers from all over Malaysia
3 August	ISM Job Coach Training 3rd Batch
10 Oct	Employment for PWD – Organised by JKM Kelantan for PDK Kelantan
15 Oct	Special Education Conference at Institut Pendidikan Ilmu Khas, Cheras
22 Oct	Communication Technology Support towards Economic Empowerment of Persons with Learning Disabilities workshop organized by BAKTI invited Shi Wei to present on the UV Employment Project Handicraft production and what are the communication tools or strategies which are used to train the UV EP employees.
14 Nov	Best Buddies UCSI invited Moh Foong to give DET training to the volunteers. It is a half day program for volunteers to learn about people with learning disabilities and also for them to get to know some of the best buddies.
12 Nov	The staff of UV Met with Management of 7-Eleven Sdn Bhd to discuss about employment opportunities for people with learning disabilities in Shah Alam & Klang. We worked with JPK Selangor & JKMM to promote this opportunity. Only 6 people turned up for the interview on the 21 Nov

8. Visitors & Volunteers

A total of 147 students from various colleges, universities (including 20 from overseas), nursing college and schools and 194 visitors from corporate companies, various NGOs, parents and individuals visited UV office (including 90 government officers). Some of these are short term volunteers.

We have a team of 15 regular volunteers who help us in our Employment Project and supporting our employees at bazaars and assisting in production during peak seasons. We also had three teams of volunteers who helped us in our various fundraising projects for from 2007-2009.

9. Students and Research

Date	Institution
26 Feb, 4 & 11 March	5 Students from University of Malaya conduct research in UV
3 March	Mrs Tan Ah Eng , who is doing a course on counseling came to learn more about learning disabilities and interview some members and parents for her assignment
4 March	6 Students from University Tun Abdul Razak came to do a study about people with learning disabilities
16 March	4 students from University Putra Malaysia came to conduct interview
February & March	5 students from University of Malaya – Special Education Course conducted a research about persons with learning disabilities at EP
21 Apr	A student from KDU came to do research about the Employment Situation for OKUs in Malaysia particularly in the Hospitality & Tourism industry.
25-27 May	Kolej Sains Kesihatan , Sg Buloh. 10 trainee nurses participated in this short term attachment programme

10. Inter-Self-Advocacy Group

Date	Visitors
21 Jan	Cheque presentation by KDK to Mutiara Voice Club for the 3 rd National Self-Advocacy Conference. KDK donated RM10,000 to the conference and another 100 KDK fans to be distributed to all self-advocacy groups who participate in the conference. Other SA groups in Klang Valley were invited too.
16 – 19 Feb	3rd National Self-Advocacy Conference organized by Mutiara Voice Club. 8 members and 2 staff attended the conference held in Penang. A total of 120 participants (80 self-advocates & 40 supporting friends & observers) came for the conference.

26 th Sept	Inter Self-Advocacy Leadership Training organised by Adventure Club. The team from Leaderonomics conducted the workshop. 11 UV members & 2 supporting staff participated. About 80 self-advocates and supporting friends attended the training.
14 th Nov	Inter Self-Advocacy Trip to Malacca Dragon Club (PKIK) organised a trip to Malacca for leaders of Self-Advocacy Groups in Klang Valley. 8 UV members and 2 supporting friends went for the trip. A TV crew hired by Prudential filmed part of the programme for Oasis Astro channel – aired on the 29 Nov, 6pm. This programme is to promote United Voice.

11. Staff/Committee Training

Date	Event
15 April to 3 May	Swee Lan is invited to participate in a research sponsored by British Council. This research project is co-organised by Manchester Metropolitan University and UNIMAS. Her research was on Self-Advocacy in School Curriculum in UK. Interviews were conducted in Sheffield, Manchester and Darbyshire. Her report shows that the UK government gives a lot of support for self-advocacy movement to develop. There are currently more than 1,200 groups in UK. But, self-advocacy is not included in the curriculum in school. Her research strongly recommended that self-advocacy should be taught in school.
16 June-1 Aug	Moh Foong was selected to attend a course sponsored by JICA titled “Employment Promotion and Realization of Decent Work of Persons with Disabilities”. The program was held in JICA Tokyo International Centre, Japan.
24 June	Students from the SWEEP programme conducted a training session for Employment Project employees on Grooming and Communication Skills. The employees learned a lot through the simulation sessions
20-22 July	Shi Wei attended a Regional Conference on Education for Students with Special Needs at University Malaya. Shi Wei presented a paper on Innovative Employment for people with learning disabilities.
19-25 Oct	World Conference on Inclusive Education . Return to Salamanca: Confronting the Gap: Rhetoric, Rights and Reality? Swee Lan and Johari were fully sponsored by Canadian Association for Community Living (CACL).
14-15 Oct	Fadzillah bt. Buang attended a seminar on Special Education at Institut Pendidikan Ilmu Khas.
Dec	Shi Wei is completing her Dissertation in partial fulfillment of Masters in Education (Special Education).

12. Special Olympics

A total of 38 UV members are athletes of Special Olympics Selangor.

Date	Activity/Event
29 Mar	SOS AGM. About 20 people come for the AGM held at UV office.
17 May	SOS Input Council Meeting at UV office.
7 Aug	Committee Meeting. We are organizing a few State Games to choose athletes for the upcoming National games next year.
29 Sept	SOS committee meeting
2 Oct	Bocce State Games- UV did not participate
12 & 13 Oct	Centralised Training for soccer to choose a team for next year's National Games. James Lim participated
16 Nov	SOS Bowling Tournament at 1-Utama A total of 48 athletes from 2 PDKs & 5 centers participated in this tournament. 10 UV members took part in this tournament.
17 Nov	SOS Committee Dinner & Meeting

13. UV Building Fund Project

Date	Events	Funds Raised (Nett) RM
14 March	Fundraising Food & Fun Fair <i>(Bandar Utama Community Centre)</i> Estimated about 2,000 people attended	125,300
17 March	Fundraising Dinner 2009 <i>(Sheraton Hotel Subang. Phua Chu Kang – guest performer)</i> 1,000 people attended the dinner	221,400
	Donations	
2009	Individuals	2,600
2009 Aug	Implementation Coordinating Unit, Prime Minister Department	150,000
2009 Sept	HESS Oil & Gas Sdn Bhd	20,000
2009 Sept	BLSH Management Resources Sdn Bhd	6,250
2009 Sept	Kiwanis Club of Kuala Lumpur	8,000
2009 Sept	Hong Leong Foundation	98,426
2009 Sept	Ode to Art	39,000
	Total raised in 2009	670,976

14. **Financial Report**
(Please refer to audited financial report)

15. **Computer Classes**

May - July

Wednesdays 2pm-4pm: 1. Wee Boon Yee 2. Chin Jian Seung 3. Elaine Choo 4. Eric Leong	Fridays 2pm-4pm: 1. Izzuddin 2. Jennifer 3. Intan 4. Pavala 5. Jason Kam
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15. **Awards for United Voice**

13 Aug	United Voice was given an award of RM5,000 for our contribution in GCH Employment of OKU. A total of 110 OKU has been employed since 2007. The cheque was presented by the Deputy Minister of Human Resource at Giant Putra Heights in conjunction with the Graduation of OKU employed in 2007 & 2008. Members of United Voice who were amongst the OKU employees are Alwin Tam, Aslam Sulaiman and Mohd Zulhimi Shahid
5 Dec	Johari Jamali was given the best OKU award (learning disability category) by the Minister of Women, Family and Community Development.

16. **Media Coverage**

Date	Media	Story
10 Feb	STAR Metro	Enjoy Phua Chu Kang's antics while giving to charity
25 Feb	China Press	Helping the disabled
16 Feb	Astro 312, 7.00 pm	Story of UV member working in Giant
27 Feb	STAR Metro	Fun Fair to raise funds for United Voice
3 March	Nanyang Siang Pau	Employment Project of United Voice
9 March	NST Streets	The disabled help the disabled
25 April	Northern Daily News	Story of Teoh Hooi Ting (VP of UV)
7 May	Malay Mail	Sweets by Sweethearts
29 Nov	Oasis Astro, 6.00 pm	United Voice, A Self-advocacy Movement
4 Dec	NST Life & Times	Embracing the Disabled
6 Dec	Bernama Online News	Now You Can Count On Johari Jamali