

# **Commonly-asked questions**

## 1) What do grassroots leaders do?

Grassroots leaders play many roles. They bring people together through various community programmes, facilitate assistance for needy families, gather feedback and connect residents with the Government.

## 2) How can I join the PA grassroots organisations?

The People's Association (PA) promotes community bonding by bringing people together. If you enjoy meeting and serving your residents, the PA welcomes you to join us. Sign up by filling the online registration form or approach our staff at any community club.

## 3) I'm 15 years old. Can I join?

Whether you are 15 or older, we welcome you to be our volunteers. If you wish to join us as executive members, you need to be at least 15 years old for Youth Executive Committee and 18 years old for Residents' Committee (RC) and Neighbourhood Committee (NC) or other grassroots organisation (GROs).

#### 4) Do I require any special training to become a grassroots leader?

Grassroots leaders are driven by their desire to serve their community. To help our grassroots leaders along, the PA offers leadership developmental opportunities mainly through its National Community Leadership Institute (NACLI). Through training opportunities, grassroots leaders learn interpersonal skills, event management and specific skills such as general account keeping.

#### 5) What are the areas that I can volunteer in?

You may offer your services depending on your interest and time. You can help organise a wide variety of programmes for residents together with your fellow volunteers.

These can range from educational and enrichment courses, parties, outings and tours, arts performances to community sports and adventure programmes. The ultimate aim is to bring residents of all races, ages, and social background together to promote harmony and bonding.

## 6) How much time will I have to put in as a grassroots leader?

There is no minimum number of hours a grassroots leader must contribute. However, he must be prepared to commit to taking part in or taking charge of regular programmes. A grassroots leader who is available to give his time and service will be greatly valued by the community.