

## AGENTS OF CHANGE



### Alfie Othman

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**Date:** Friday, 17 April 2009

**Time:** 12.15 p.m. - 1.30 p.m.

This is a brown bag seminar and you are most welcome to bring your own packed lunch

**Venue:** Seminar Room 3-1, Level 3  
Manasseh Meyer  
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# Social Entrepreneurship in the Lion City

## ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Alfie Othman is a home grown Agent of Change, abandoning a successful banking career to work with disadvantaged people in Singapore. Mr. Othman joined Pertapis, a voluntary welfare organisation providing social, educational and welfare services to the community, where he actively dealt with social issues from all walks of life. He held the post of Treasurer at Pertapis and is now the Chairman of the Homes Committee.

During his tenure at Pertapis, Mr. Othman successfully created Ikhlās, a social enterprise that employs marginalised people in a successful catering business. Ikhlās is based upon financial and social sustainability, and Mr. Othman is now replicating the Ikhlās model in other sectors and countries.

Mr. Othman is active in promoting social enterprises in Singapore and is a member of the Evaluation Team for Comcare Fund. He is also the Founding Director of Social Enterprise Association.

## SYNOPSIS

Mr. Othman will detail the Pertapis journey – a journey that he has been centrally involved in over the last five years. While there were undoubtedly bumps along the road, the end result was the birth of a new culture within social enterprise development and preventative education. Mr. Othman will also share his take on how the local Singaporean community embraces and understands the concept of social enterprise and, most importantly, what is required to move a social enterprise forward.