

RENCANA

Dua siswazah Maktab Seni Lasalle ini prihatin akan keperluan masyarakat. Lantaran itu, dalam membereskan projek tahun kepujian mereka, matlamat membantu kelompok masyarakat tertentu menjadi keutamaan. Yang seorang memikirkan amanah membawa pesalah dadah kembali ke pangkuhan masyarakat. Yang seorang pula ingin sektor seni, budaya dan muzium bangkit semula dalam tempoh pandemik Covid-19. BERITA HARIAN melaporkan.

## Ilmu seni penggerak masyarakat



**TEROKI FUNGSI MASYARAKAT REAKAN DALAMAN:** Setelah menyaksikan sendiri kesulitan keluarga bekas banduan mengembalikan mereka ke pangkuhan masyarakat, Cik Nur Amyra Mawani mengendalikan projek tahun kepujian 'In Plain Sight' untuk melihat fungsi ruang dalam menyediakan kembali pesalah dadah ke pangkuhan masyarakat. - Foto BH oleh NOR DIYANA TAH



**DEKAT DENGAN SENI:** Bermula sebagai remaja yang meminati kegiatan drama, Cik Ernie Martha Shuhada Razali berlajah pada bidang pengurusan seni di mana beliau hasilkan tesis kepujian mengenai kebingkasan seni dan kepelbagaiannya akses muzium secara fizikal dan digital. - Foto BH oleh KHALID BABA

### Masa depan rumah peralihan jadi keprihatinan siswa rekaan dalaman

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JERIH payah keluarga yang perlu membantu orang tetangga yang terserpi dengan kansus dadah atau jenayah lain kembali ke pangkuhan masyarakat pernah disaksikan sendiri oleh siswa Maktab Seni Lasalle, Cik Nur Amyra Mawani.

Yakinlah campuran ruginya di rumah peralihan yang membantu pemuliharaan penagih dan sebaliknya dapat menciptakan proses pemuliharaan semula, perlu untuk mengenalpasti ia sebelum peningkatan kadar residivisme di Singapura atau kembalinya seseorang melakukan jenayah semula setelah ia berfiku buat beberapa kali.

"Lantaran itu, ciri-ciri seperti terbeza fungsi pada penjara dan rumah peralihan memahamilah sifat keduduan ini," katanya.

Sebagaimana katanya, yang lulus dengan kepujian Kelas Pertama, dalam satu wawancara bersama Berita Harian:

"Walaupun kita mempunyai masa depensi bertumbuhan pada proses pemuliharaan dan penyempurnaan semula, perlu untuk mengenalpasti ia sebelum peningkatan kadar residivisme di Singapura atau kembalinya seseorang melakukan jenayah semula setelah ia berfiku buat beberapa kali."

"Ciri jauh beza kemudahan jaga-jagaan lanjut meyujudkan junjung dalam peralihan kedua-dua kemudahan, menjadikan sukar buat bekas pesalah menyepakuan diri semula setelah ia berfiku buat beberapa kali.

"Lantaran itu, *In Plain Sight* menunjukkan definisi semula rumah peralihan akan datang dengan indeks yang berbeza semula topologi, memahamsah diri daripada sifat keduduan rumah dan sekutaran mewarnai.

Beliau juga percaya bekas banduan wajar diberi peluang kedua di samping mempunyai sekutaran yang ada ruang serta dapat mengalak mereka untuk berasa menyepakuan diri semula dengan dunia sebenar.

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Beliau akur cabaran terbesar dalam menghasilkan projek ini adalah mengerjakan masa di mana 24 jam sehari tidak mencukupi.

Menjelaskan mengapa kursus re-

kaan dalaman ini menjadi pilihan saya, Cik Nur Amyra berkata bahawa hasil menerusi dirinya penting untuk memikat kesesuaian memiliki ruang

sempurna.

"Setiap rumah yang itu sendiri berbeza, maka saya mendapat kesempatan untuk menghasilkan rumah sebagai situasi daripada objek serta memproses rekaan yang yang secara tidak diduga terhasil."

"Ia lantas memberi ruang bagi pengguna menyesuaikan diri dan mencipta pengalaman berpatutan," tambahnya.

Apa yang belum pelajar daripada kursus ijazah kepujian di Lasalle adalah lebih banyak pembelajaran teori dan peluang membangun konsep yang dapat membantuanya menjalani kerja lagi unik.

Di samping penerokaan kreatifit, beliau juga mendapat pelajaran tentang pemikiran minda kerana tujuan dan yang datang tanpa henti perlu selaras dengan profesional berada dalam industri rekaan dalaman.

Buat masa ini, anak bongsu dalam keluarga ini berjaya di menjalankan kerja besar bagi membangun portofolio terlebih dahulu.

"Bagi saya, kerja sebenar dalaman memang buat senarai besar mentasi semula kerja saya serta apa yang saya capai sejauh ini."

Saya juga meneroka definisi semula rumah peralihan dalam sebuah maklumat yang berlaku di dalamnya. Saya juga mewujudkan masa dengan yang cerah kerana pastinya ada permintaan dalam skop kerja ini."

"Dengan kemahiran yang saya miliki, saya berharap tidak hanya menyumbang pada sektor rekaan dalaman tetapi berperang bersama-sama dengan pelbagai sektor lain dalam mencipta interaksi antara domen digital dan fizikal."

"Ia hanya konsep yang sedangnya kemudahan dan teroka dalam sekutaran saya sebagai pelabur pengurusan perasaraan diri saya sendiri, mereka dan memahami arah tuju saya, bentuk seni yang ingin dicuebi dan industri yang ingin saya teroka sebagai kerjaya."

"Saya berusaha memahami jenis pelancongan yang ingin saya paparkan kepada pengguna," katanya.

Menurut Cik Ernie terlibat bidang seni terestris ketika di sekolah menengah. Beliau adalah pengurusan Kelab Drama pada masa itu.

"Saya tak ingin mendak pada masa awal datang. Lantas, jika ada kesempatan, saya ingin belajar lebih lagi tentang fungsi rekaan bagi kegunaan masyarakat," jelasnya.

"Apabila mengendorong saya agar kekal dalam bidang seni

### Siswa kaji daya bingkas seni, akses muzium dalam pandemik

PELUANG bekerja suntik belajar di Galeri Nasional mencerit inspirasi buat Cik Ernie Martha Shuhada Razali menghasilkan tesis mengenai usaha memahami kebingkasan seni dalam masyarakat serta membayangkan seni akses muzium sejak pandemik Covid-19.

Selain seseorang yang mengharungi sendiri tumparan hebat koronavirus dalam sektor kebutayaan, Cik Ernie, 24 tahun, mengubah pengalaman peribadi sebagai pelajar yang berpindah perpustakaan dan teknologi ini.

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dan pada masa yang sama menyediakan pengalaman transformatif.

"Persemaian pertama yang saya jaya sebagai pelakon berlepas dari sekutur traumatis zaman kanak-kanak."

"Walaupun ia tidak memujuk kepada penonton apa yang dapat dilakukan, ia menghubungkan mereka dengan diria, tubuh dan minda."

"Di sini setakat memahami permasalahan mengelak pergeseran emosi dan jerih payah yang dialihai kanak-kanak yang didera, pemerintasan seperti ini membuatkan mereka rasaikan segalanya secara fizikal dan emosi."

"Pada akhirnya, ia merupakan kuasa untuk mengolah pemikiran, usaha mendekati orang ramai mahupun mengerakkan situasi tindakan. Saya percaya kesedaran adalah langkah pertama menuju masyarakat berbadan yang dibangun."

Selain Galeri Nasional, Cik Ernie juga pernah bekerja suntik belajar di Pengguna Pembangunan Semula Bandar (URB) dan NHB.

"Saya mengambil peranan bersama URB dan NHB yang memberi bersama pengalaman keredupan sebaiknya yang membuka mata saya dan berwawasan."

"Ia juga membolehkan saya memperluas kaitan saya dengan orang ramai dan individu itu, satu kepentingan utama yang saya perlu penting khususnya dalam cabang seni di mana kita semua bekerjasama setiap masa," tambahnya.

Cik Ernie kini bersyukur lebih banyak program senti ditawarkan secara online, laju dalam talian dan secara fizikal.

"Secara beransur-ansur, hadirin menyusulkan diri dengan pengalaman barangan dan melihat sejarah dan kepentingan seni. Barangan lebih banyak kerja digital yang dapat memikat hati pengguna," jelasnya.

Mengenai acara seni berkesan yang pernah dianjurkan oleh Cik Ernie berkongsi bahawa dia, bersama-sama dengan pelajar pelajar dalam program sambutan Deepavali bersama Pusat Warisan India bagi program Jejak Beca Deepavali.

"Barangan massa program warisan sebagai simbolik kerana ia mewujudkan masyarakat utama dan pelbagai latar belakang tanpa mengira kaum. Sebuah pesetai disebutkan kemeriahannya dan sambutan Deepavali," ujar Cik Ernie.

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*These two graduates of the LASALLE College of the Arts are concerned about the needs of the community. Therefore, in finishing their final year projects, the aim of helping certain community groups became a priority for them. One embraces the trust of bringing drug offenders back into the bosom of society. The other desires that the arts, culture and museum sectors will rise again during the COVID-19 pandemic. BERITA HARIAN reports.*

### **The arts serving to drive the community**

**EXPLORING THE FUNCTIONS OF THE INTERIOR DESIGN COMMUNITY:** After witnessing the ordeal faced by the families of ex-prisoners in returning them to the community, Ms Nur Amyra Mawan conducted her *In Plain Sight* final year project to see how space can reintegrate offenders back into the community. –BH Photo by NUR DIYANA TAHA

### **The future of transitional [halfway] homes is a concern for the interior design graduate HARYANI ISMAIL**

Ms Nur Amyra Mawan, a student of LASALLE College of the Arts, has witnessed the pain of families who had to help their loved ones in the grip of drugs or other crimes to return to the community.

Confident that space interventions in transitional [halfway] homes which help rehabilitate addicts and offenders can launch this reintegration process, she undertook a final year project titled *In Plain Sight* for the BA(Hons) Interior Design programme.

The project is a display of Ms Nur Amyra's definition, 25, on the future of the transition [halfway] home.

As the First Class honours graduate said, in an interview with *Berita Harian*:

"Given that the future of prisons is focused on the process of rehabilitation and reintegration, it is necessary to analyse the issues behind the rising rate of recidivism in Singapore or the return of someone to re-offending after it has been happening for some time."

"Therefore, the similar yet different functional features of the prisons and transitional [halfway] houses display the dual nature of this space."

"The vastly different features of further care facilities create a gap in the transition between the two facilities, making it difficult for ex-offenders to reintegrate themselves with the community. Therefore, *In Plain Sight* showcases a redefinition of future transitional [halfway] homes with a move to repositioning the typology, freeing oneself from the dual nature of space and environment through monitoring."

She also believes that ex-prisoners should be given a second chance as well as have an environment with space which can encourage them to try to reintegrate themselves with the real world.

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"Hidden and intangible elements, such as space layout or air circulation, create an indirect but large impact on the environment that we sometimes overlook," added Ms Nur Amyra, who also holds a Diploma in Retail Design and Hospitality from Temasek Polytechnic (TP).

She admits the biggest challenge in producing this project was having to chase time as 24 hours a day were not enough.

Explaining why this interior design course was her choice, Ms Nur Amyra said that even as a teenager, she understood how important it was to enjoy the comfort of having her own space.

"I am always interested in how space design can improve the individual experience as well as the function of the space itself.

"After taking a design course, I realised that I like spatial design and how to use objects to 'create' space as well as work on designs that are unexpectedly produced as a result."

"It then provides a space for consumers to adapt and immerse themselves in an affordable experience," she added.

What she learned from the honours degree course at LASALLE was more theoretical learning and the opportunity to develop concepts that could help her generate original and unique designs.

Behind her exploration of creativity, she admits this course is challenging mentally because the assignments came non-stop as if she was already professionally in the interior design industry.

For now, the youngest child in the family of three siblings is doing freelance work to develop her portfolio first.

"This is a very important time for me because it gives me opportunity to really re-evaluate my work and what I have achieved so far."

"I want to explore my inner self encompassing my interests in the field of interior design before I take on a full-time job."

"For me, the interior design course offers a bright future because there is definitely a demand for this scope of work."

"With the skills I have, I hope to not only contribute to interior design but to also have the opportunity to experiment further as well as break any boundaries of space design by learning other aspects of design such as products and graphics."

"I do not want to stagnate in the future. So, if there is an opportunity, I want to learn more about the function of design for public use," she explained.

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**CLOSE TO ART:** She began as a teenager who was interested in drama activities, and now Ms Ernie Martha Shuhada Razali has turned to the field of arts management, where she wrote an honours thesis on the resilience of art and the diversity of ways to access museums through physical and digital means. –BH Photo by KHALID BABA

### **Student examines the resilience of art and access to museums in the midst of a pandemic**

The opportunity to work while studying at the National Gallery inspired Ms Ernie Martha Shuhada Razali to write a thesis on understanding the resilience of art in society as well as re-imagining access to museums during the COVID-19 pandemic.

As someone who personally endured the great blow of the coronavirus on the cultural sector, Ms Ernie, 24, turned her personal experience into an opportunity in her favour in this sharing.

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"I want to emphasise the importance of art for the community in such a time and how the museum can adapt to the various lessons learned in moving forward towards new norms and approach the public differently, especially with the increase in digital fatigue," said the First Class honours graduate from LASALLE College of Arts.

While the debate over whether digital elements should support or replace physical elements of museum exhibits is still raging on, Ms Ernie stressed that the balance of online and physical elements is at its best in the art movement at this point in time.

"My thesis also made me explore the possibility of introducing a new format such as an 'expanded exhibition' in museums with interactions between the digital and physical domains."

"It's just a concept I'm navigating and exploring in my job as assistant marketing manager at one of the heritage institutions under the National Heritage Board (NHB)."

"I try to understand the kind of experience I want to present to visitors," she said.

Ms Ernie's interest in the arts was sparked when she was in high school. She was chairman of the Drama Club at the time.

“What motivated me to stay in the arts was after I won the Best Actress Award in a local youth theatre competition. With the same passion, I deepened my knowledge in theatre and got a Diploma in Arts and Theatre Management from a local polytechnic. Year after year, while studying at university, I learned about self-discovery, exploring and determining my own direction, the art form I want to venture into and the industry I want to explore as a career.”

“Because of that, I took a degree course in arts management with LASALLE to guide and enlighten me on the career path I wanted,” she added.

The youngest of four siblings sees art as an important tool, platform and transportation mechanism to empower and enable dialogue in society on topics that many previously feared or had been ashamed to share.

Art, she explains, fosters awareness and at the same time provides a transformative experience.

“The first performance I did as an actress revolved around childhood trauma and abuse. While it didn’t show the audience what could be done, it connected them to their senses, body and mind. Beyond making the audience understand the emotional struggles and hardships that abused children go through, a performance like this makes them feel everything physically and emotionally.”

“Emotions have the power to encourage thoughts, efforts to reach out to the public or even launch an action. I believe awareness is the first step in developing a cultured society,” she explained.

In addition to the National Gallery, Ms. Ernie also worked at the Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA) and NHB while studying.

“I am carrying out a project with URA and NHB which gives me real life experience that opens my eyes and gives me a vision of the future. It also allows me to expand my connections with others in the industry, a solid skill that I believe is important especially in the area of the arts where we all work together all the time,” she added.

Ms Ernie is now thankful more arts programs are being offered in a hybrid way, both online and physically.

“Gradually, the audience have adjusted to the new experience. The museum, in turn, sees the need and the importance of developing more digital works that can captivate visitors,” she explained.

Regarding the impactful arts events she has organised, Ms Ernie said that recently, she was involved in the Deepavali celebration program with the Indian Heritage Centre for the Deepavali Trishaw Trail program.

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"I think such a heritage program is interesting because it unites people from various backgrounds regardless of race. All the participants were enveloped in the excitement of the Deepavali celebration," said Ms Ernie.

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