

# E-LINK

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## July 2011

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3	4	5	6	7	8	9 2pm: BERSIH 2.0 Rally in Kuala Lumpur
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 2pm-6pm Tea Talk: Positive Parenting
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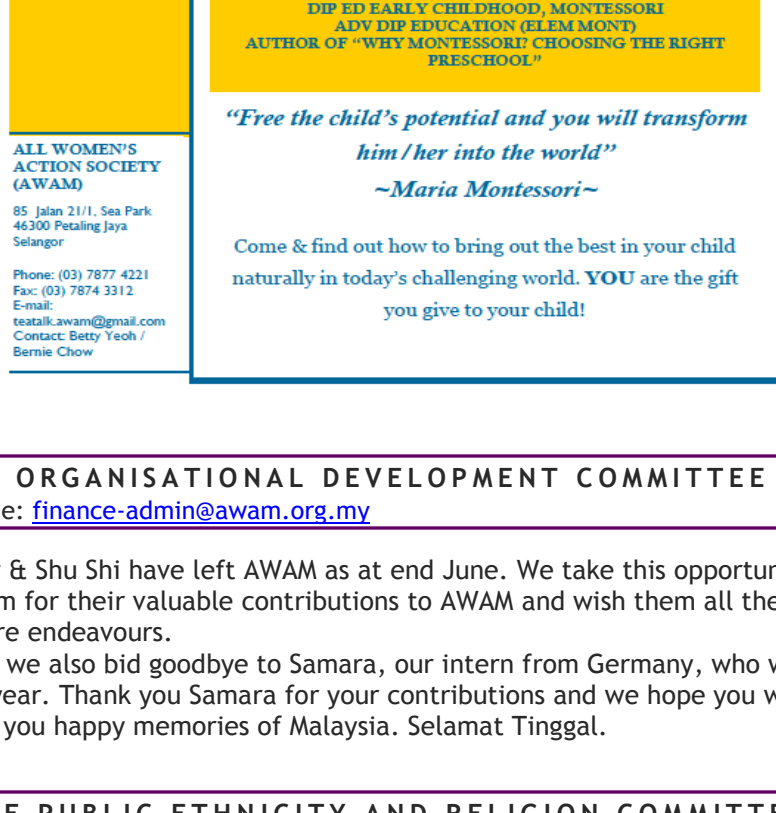
FROM THE AGAINST VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN-COMMITTEE (VAW)  
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### Past events:

- Tea Talk: Shaking-off stress:**  
8 members attended the talk presented by Rajinder Gill that covered how to manage stress and live with joy and vitality. Rajinder explained briefly "what is stress and how to manage stress, exercise and stress, diets and other lifestyle habits. To know more, you can buy her book on "Mind and Wellness" which have all the details and tips on managing stress. This book is on sale outside at RM29.90 but you can get it at a special price of RM25.00 only from Awam.
- Sexual Harrassment (SH) Training:**  
16 members and friends from other organizations attended this meeting. Brief background on Sexual Harassment (SH) campaign, Definitions, Myths & Facts, Types and Forms of SH, Causes and How to deal with SH was shared. There was also spontaneous sharing by participants of their own experiences.

### Upcoming events:

- Tea Talk: Positive Parenting**



**Date**  
16th July 2011  
(Saturday)  
~RSVP by 14th July~

**Time**  
2:00-5:00pm  
(Registration 1:30pm)

**Fee**  
RM10 per person  
FOR AWAM CLIENTS & MEMBERS ONLY

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**TeaTalk: Positive Parenting**

**GUEST SPEAKER:**  
**MS. AISHA Z. ABDULLAH**

PRESIDENT, MONTESSORI ASSOCIATION MALAYSIA  
FOUNDER & PRINCIPAL, CHILDREN'S PLAYHOUSE GROUP  
L.L.B (HONS) (EAST ANGLIA), BARRISTER (MIDDLE TEMPLE)  
DIP ED EARLY CHILDHOOD, MONTESSORI  
ADV DIP EDUCATION (CELEB MONY)  
AUTHOR OF "WHY MONTESSORI? CHOOSING THE RIGHT PRESCHOOL"

*"Free the child's potential and you will transform him / her into the world"*  
~Maria Montessori~

Come & find out how to bring out the best in your child naturally in today's challenging world. **YOU** are the gift you give to your child!

FROM THE ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (OD)  
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- Both Abby & Shu Shi have left AWAM as at end June. We take this opportunity to thank them for their valuable contributions to AWAM and wish them all the best in their future endeavours.
- This week we also bid goodbye to Samara, our intern from Germany, who was with us almost a year. Thank you Samara for your contributions and we hope you will bring back with you happy memories of Malaysia. Selamat Tinggal.

FROM THE PUBLIC ETHNICITY AND RELIGION COMMITTEE (E&R)  
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### Past events:

- Christianity and Gender workshop**

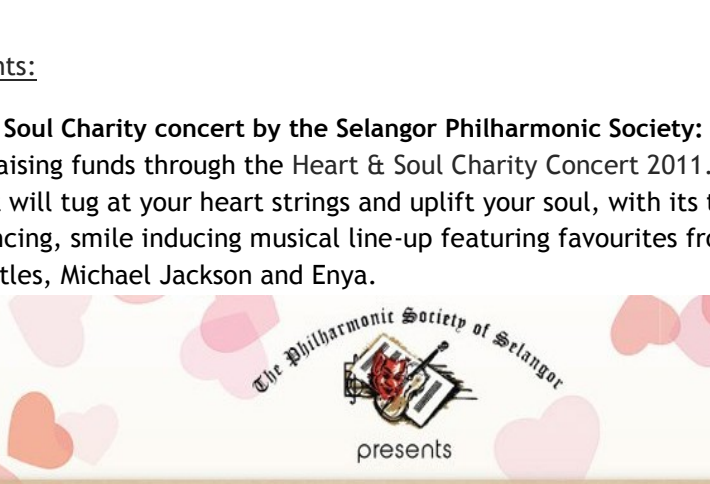
About 20 people attended the workshop. Yong Ting Jin took the participants through the new testament recording of the post-Christ era where women played leading and prominent roles in the communities. Judith Koh then asked participants to share their experiences of the church that they experience today, which revealed the contrast of the different roles that were played by women in the different eras. What stood out was the diminished role that women are accorded in the hierarchial and patriarchal church that evolved to present day. The session concluded with Bernie Chow outlining the need to read the bible from a feminist perspective and how that would make a difference in our lives as Christian women.

FROM THE FUNDRAISING-COMMITTEE  
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### Past events:

- Run it for charity 2011:**

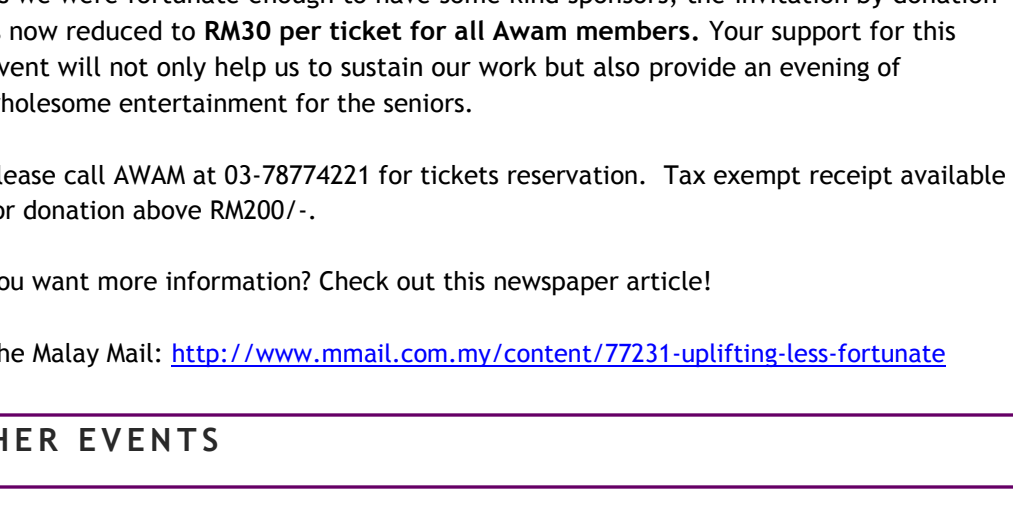
At 10.52am Sunday morning, June 26, Jeff and Dave crossed the finishing line after running 100 km! This was a qualifying time of 16 hours and 50 minutes. Congratulations Jeff!



Jeffery raised RM44,320 in pledges for AWAM. Thank you very much!

### Upcoming events:

- Heart and Soul Charity concert by the Selangor Philharmonic Society:**  
AWAM is raising funds through the Heart & Soul Charity Concert 2011. It features songs that will tug at your heart strings and uplift your soul, with its toe-tapping, head bouncing, smile inducing musical line-up featuring favourites from the Bee Gees, Beatles, Michael Jackson and Enya.



The Philharmonic Society of Selangor presents

**heart & soul**  
charity concert 2011

Ride the waves of a musical voyage with the Choir of the Philharmonic Society of Selangor in Heart & Soul, a series of charity concerts that will tug at your heart strings and uplift your soul, with its toe-tapping, head bouncing, smile inducing musical line-up featuring favourites from the Bee Gees, Beatles, Michael Jackson and Enya.

Choir Director: Cheryl Teh

Date 21/07/2011 (Thu)  
Time 8:30pm - 10:30pm  
Location : Pentas 1, KL Pac, Sentul Park

As we were fortunate enough to have some kind sponsors, the invitation by donation is now reduced to **RM30 per ticket for all Awam members**. Your support for this event will not only help us to sustain our work but also provide an evening of wholesome entertainment for the seniors.

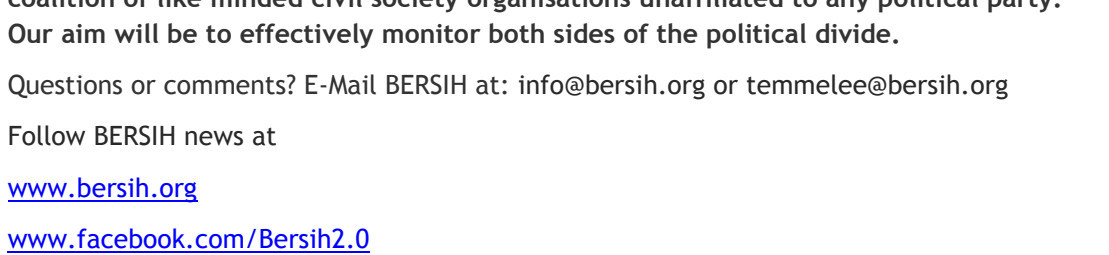
Please call AWAM at 03-78774221 for tickets reservation. Tax exempt receipt available for donation above RM200/-.

You want more information? Check out this newspaper article!

The Malay Mail: <http://www.mmail.com.my/content/77231-uplifting-less-fortunate>

## OTHER EVENTS

**"Only when elections are clean and fair, can citizens be real masters of their own destiny and expect holders of public office to act accountably and effectively."**



**PERHIMPUNAN bersih 2.0**  
bersih dan adil

**Tarikh** 9 JULAI 2011 2.00 petang  
**Tempat** Masjid Kg Bharu Sogo DBKL (dataran merdeka)

**Bersama berhimpun untuk pilihanraya bersih dan adil**

Bersih's calls are summarised in the following 8 points:

- Clean the electoral roll
- Reform postal ballot
- Use of indelible ink
- Minimum 21 days campaign period
- Free and fair access to media
- Strengthen public institutions
- Stop corruption
- Stop dirty politics

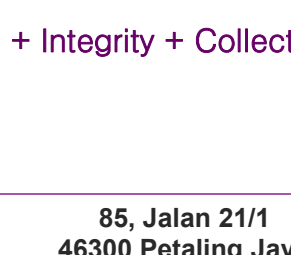
The time has now come for BERSIH to continue its crusade for clean and fair elections independent of any political party. BERSIH is thus being re-launched as BERSIH 2.0, a coalition of like minded civil society organisations unaffiliated to any political party. Our aim will be to effectively monitor both sides of the political divide.

Questions or comments? E-Mail BERSIH at: [info@bersih.org](mailto:info@bersih.org) or [temmelee@bersih.org](mailto:temmelee@bersih.org)

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## AWAM IN THE MEDIA

- The Star/Asia News Network, 28th June 2011: "It's a milestone for women"  
<http://www.asiaone.com/News/AsiaOne%2BNews/Malaysia/Story/A1Story20110628-286319.html>
- The Star, 6th July 2011: "Keeping tabs on child sex offenders"  
<http://thestar.com.my/columnists/story.asp?col=thestarsays&file=/2011/7/6/columnists/thestarsays/9038675&sec=The%20Star%20Says>
- The Malay Mail, 7th July 2011: "Uplifting the less fortunate"  
<http://www.mmail.com.my/content/77231-uplifting-less-fortunate>



AWAM's Constitution – preamble

"... promote mutual understanding, friendship, co-operation and happiness amongst all women."

AWAM's Core Values

" Equality + Justice + Respect

+ Compassion + Integrity + Collectivism + Courage"

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