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We demand equality in law and practice



Mid July 2026- Mid August 2026 Highlights

Community Engagement with Migrant Women Workers

*Community Engagement with Migrant Women Workers | 6 July 2026 |
Banting, Selangor, Malaysia*

- PSWS conducted an outreach and engagement session with three Cambodian migrant women workers in Banting to better understand their migration journeys, employment experiences, working conditions and current challenges. The women shared concerns including irregular payment arrangements, lack of regular rest days, expired documentation and fear of immigration enforcement.



*Community Engagement with Cambodian Migrant Women Workers
17 July 2026 | Sungai Buloh, Selangor, Malaysia*

- PSWS engaged with Cambodian women workers in Sungai Buloh, Selangor, to better understand their migration journeys, livelihoods, family responsibilities and work experiences in Malaysia.
- The conversations highlighted the different pathways Cambodian women have taken to build their lives in Malaysia. Fatimah, who has lived in Malaysia since 2000, shared her experiences working as a domestic worker and later in a plastic factory before becoming self-employed as a fruit seller. As a single mother, she continues to work to support her children while facing challenges related to immigration documentation and the fear of enforcement.
- Mariam, who has lived in Malaysia for around 20 years, has worked in several factories and is currently employed at a small grocery shop. She described a positive relationship with her employer and emphasised the importance of ensuring her children's education and future opportunities.
- Despite their different circumstances, both women expressed an interest in gardening and community-based activities.

Engagement with an Indonesian Migrant Woman Worker | 29 July 2026 | Sungai Long, Kajang, Selangor, Malaysia



- PSWS engaged with an Indonesian migrant woman worker in Sungai Long, Kajang, to learn about her migration and employment experiences. Having worked in Malaysia since 2007, she has experience in domestic work and currently undertaking several types of part-time work including cleaning and babysitting to support her children and family in Indonesia.



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Outreach with Cambodian Migrant Women Workers | 31 July 2026 | Sungai Buloh, Selangor, Malaysia

- PSWS continued its engagement with Cambodian migrant women in Sungai Buloh, Selangor. The engagement highlighted the diverse experiences of Cambodian women workers. Several participants had worked as domestic workers after migrating to Malaysia, while others had moved into factory work, food services, small-scale trading and other forms of informal employment. For some women, the lack of valid immigration or travel documents remains a significant concern, particularly due to fears of police and immigration officer.



Outreach with Cambodian Migrant Women Workers | 14 August 2026 | Sungai Buloh, Selangor, Malaysia



- The engagement with migrant women workers in Sungai Buloh highlighted key concerns around documentation, financial difficulties, children's education, employment conditions, and access to workers' rights information.
- Three Cambodian migrant women work community members have attended our capacity building session on labour rights at Kajang. Despite documentation issues and fear of immigration enforcement have affected participation in activities. Community-based programmes were identified as more accessible for women facing mobility and documentation barriers.

Community Outreach with Migrant and Refugee Communities | 4 August 2026 | Klang, Selangor, Malaysia

- PSWS initiated an outreach to a community contact from Glad Tidings Assembly, who shared insights into the Pakistani women refugees and their centre in the area through a faith-based focal point, Ms Rina Avila Robinson
- The discussion focused on identifying those who may be working as domestic workers. As a next step, PSWS's focal point, Ms Rina Avila Robinson, will accompany us on a visit to the Pakistani women's refugee centre in Meru, Klang.



PSWS Member's Solidarity Gathering

PSWS Kajang Members' Solidarity Gathering | 2 August 2026 | Jaya D Curry House, Kajang, Selangor, Malaysia



- PSWS held its first Kajang members' solidarity gathering with 23 PSWS members to strengthen relationships, encourage member participation and build local organising in Kajang.



- The meeting marked an important step in establishing PSWS members' groups in Kajang and Semenyih, with Vasantha Samidurai as Kajang Leader, Vijaya Siralam as Kajang Assistant Leader, and Valliammal Vadivelo as Semenyih Leader.

PSWS Semenyih Members' Solidarity Gathering | 16 August 2026 | Thivessharaa Banana Leaf, Semenyih, Selangor, Malaysia

- The gathering brought together 7 PSWS members, 3 new participants, 1 staff member and 2 EXCO members for an afternoon of sharing and discussion.
- Apart from Valliyammal, who was appointed as the Leader of the PSWS Semenyih group during an earlier solidarity gathering in Kajang, Kalikanaha Mariappan has now been appointed as the Assistant Leader of the group.
- Members also collectively chose "SINGA PEN" as the name of their group, strengthening their sense of identity and ownership.
- Members were invited to attend the two capacity-building sessions on labour rights scheduled for August and September 2026. They were also shown how to access PSWS's website and social media platforms to stay updated on activities and programmes.
- Two EXCO members launched a fundraising initiative to support EXCO's activities.



COALITION BUILDING:

Malaysian CSOs: How Resilient Are We? Assembly | 6 August 2026 | Hotel Armada, Petaling Jaya, Selangor, Malaysia

- PSWS joined civil society organisations from across Malaysia at the "Malaysian CSOs: How Resilient Are We?" Assembly, organised by BERSIH The Assembly focused on three key pillars of CSO sustainability: Finance, People and Mission. It also featured the launch of the CSO Sustainability Playbook, sharing of key findings and discussions on the future of Malaysia's civil society movement.



Let's Learn: BERSIH The Assembly's Building Sustainable CSOs in Malaysia



- Strengthening Financial Sustainability
- Investing in People and Leadership
- Nurturing the Next Generation
- Building Partnerships and Networks
- Planning for Leadership Succession
- Creating a Healthy Organisational Culture
- Keeping the Mission Relevant

