

Last Saturday, was privileged to be able to help launch "Shades", a poetry book by Stephanie Esther Fam. So happy to also see Lee Lee, GM of Collective Perspectives who hosted the event. Lee Lee recalled we first met some 10 years ago.

Two inspiring ladies - Stephanie whose labour of love took 18 years for this collection of 51 poems and which sheds light on the struggles Stephanie faces as a person with cerebral palsy and her own emotions

And Lee Lee who though visually impaired leads a full life - her speech was impeccable and smooth as she reads her braille better than me reading my script!

Thanks to British Council, Chua Foundation, Collective Perspectives, Esplanade and all for your strong support .

As I said to all present at the launch (including those who tuned in virtually), we are all at the launch because Stephanie's words resonate with us. Together, we can embrace persons with disabilities and empower them to participate fully as integral and contributing members of society. Let us all join hands to nurture and build lives together.

Congratulations again, Stephanie. And great to see u Lee Lee shades #poems #poetry #personswithdisabilities #booklaunch #inspiration #rolemodels #saturday @collective.perspectives Stephanie Esther Fam

