



## Building Momentum: Our Journey Since September



In September 2024, the Singapore Prison Service hosted the International Corrections & Prisons Association (ICPA) Annual Conference, themed “Enabling Desistance: Beyond Recidivism”.

The conference covered a variety of topics, bringing professionals together to share best practices, learn from each other, and improve standards in corrections.

### ***Singapore's Yellow Ribbon Project***

The opening day of the week-long ICPA conference marked the 20th Anniversary of the Yellow Ribbon Project, highlighted by its annual flagship event—a 5K Run. Over 100 international conference participants joined the run, demonstrating their commitment to supporting second chances for inmates and ex-offenders.



The Many Participants



SAW Project CEO Julie Truschel, with Board Member Michelle Carpentier



At the Heart of the Yellow Ribbon Project



The Yellow Ribbon Project (YRP) has been an instrumental force in helping ex-offenders transform their lives since its inception in 2004. YRP promotes awareness, fosters community empathy, and encourages support for individuals as they navigate their reintegration journey. Through programs that include skills training, employment opportunities, and family-strengthening initiatives, YRP empowers ex-offenders to rebuild their lives, ultimately creating a more compassionate and inclusive society.

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## ***Collaboration in Africa: Rwanda, Uganda, Kenya and the SAW Project***

Julie Truschel had the honor of speaking at the first session of this prestigious event with colleagues from Rwanda and Uganda regarding the SAW Project's on-going collaboration in Africa. Their presentation was held in the Grand Ballroom and was live-streamed to registrants from more than 80 countries!



Julie Truschel presenting at ICPA  
Singapore



Taking Questions from the Floor with  
Nuruh Mbalyowere of Uganda and Alex  
Mugisha of Rwanda, with SAW Project's  
Julie Truschel

## New Advisory Board Member - Simon Bonk



We are thrilled to announce that Simon Bonk, the former Chief Information Officer for the Correctional Service of Canada, has joined the SAW Project Advisory Board! With nearly 30 years of experience in the Canadian Public Service and extensive expertise in corrections technology, Simon brings invaluable insights to our work.

Currently serving in leadership roles with the Corrections Technology Association, the International Corrections and Prison Association, and the American Probation and Parole Association, he is deeply committed to advancing innovation in corrections and community supervision. Simon's support will be instrumental in strengthening our programs, fostering partnerships, and enhancing our impact globally.

## Partnership with the International Community Justice Association



We are excited to announce a new partnership between the International Community Justice Association (ICJA) and the SAW Project to advance community supervision and restorative justice globally. Together, we aim to strengthen international collaboration, share innovative practices, and highlight impactful programs that support individuals and families within the justice system. This partnership reflects our shared

commitment to fostering meaningful change and building a more restorative future for communities worldwide.

## ***Let's Keep the Momentum Going and Reach New Heights in 2025!***

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Internationally, we share a common interest in learning from each other and are better with collaboration. We need your support to continually encourage efforts that improve global outcomes. Donate to the SAW Project to help spread best practices in community supervision worldwide.

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