

# ISSUE #1 (8 May 2017)



Welcome to the Office of Student Community Engagement's fortnightly update.

Here you'll find news and developments related to social responsibility and the community, in Singapore and beyond. There is even a section on volunteer opportunities and events, should you want to do something different this holiday break!

Sent directly to your inbox, we aim to keep you informed of some of these happenings. To start the ball rolling, this is our very first issue.

*Be informed. Be inspired. Be the change.*



## Articles and Updates

### What Singapore is doing about jobs, jobs, jobs

Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong addressed the pressing issue of jobs in his May Day Rally 2017. The unemployment rate is currently at 2.3% and likely to rise further, but workers will get help to find replacement jobs and upgrade their skills. Read [more...](#)

### Teabag tech turns contaminated water germ-free

Students bag awards for purification method using filter bag filled with treated coffee grounds. Read [more...](#)

### New schemes for careers in corporate sustainability

Two schemes have recently been launched by the [Global Compact Network Singapore](#) (GCNS) for those who are keen on a career in companies that aim to be sustainable in their business practices. For students, the Sustainability Internship Programme will be carried out in two runs per year, for 12 weeks. The Sustainability Professional Programme will cater for those with at least two years of work experience and want to upgrade their skills or switch careers. Both efforts will start in the second half of this year. Companies such as Singtel and Sembcorp Industries have agreed to offer internship places and GCNS is in talks with other companies. Find out more [here](#).

## Volunteer Opportunities



Calling all **sports lovers!**



[SportCares](#), the philanthropic arm of Sport Singapore, aims to use sports as an empowering tool to improve the lives of at-risk youths, low income families, seniors and persons with disabilities. They are looking for volunteers to mentor their youth participants in two of their programmes:

1. Their **Saturday Night Lights football** programme – Minimum commitment of 3 months and on Saturday evenings (6pm – 9pm)
2. Their new **swimming** programme – Minimum commitment of 12 sessions and on weekday evenings (5pm – 6pm)

Interested? [Email](#) us today.



Do you have a passion for **working with seniors?**

Calvary Community Care (C3) is a not-for-profit Voluntary Welfare Organisation that seeks to serve the needy in the community regardless of race, age, gender or religion. C3 wants you, if you have a desire to make a difference and are able to interact with seniors in Mandarin, dialects, Malay or Tamil.

More information can be found [here!](#)



Embarking on your own volunteer activity or social advocacy project?

The CoLab4Good Fund seeks to support meaningful ground-up initiatives.

Find out more [here](#).



## Upcoming Events

This year's [Kindness Day SG](#) will be on 19 May 2017. It was inaugurated in 2013 as a day for Singaporeans to celebrate kindness and graciousness in our society and at the same time, inspire one another to do good.

An act of kindness may be as small as helping an elderly person to cross the streets. Share and hashtag [#OneKindDay](#) your act of kindness on social media! Click [here](#) to find out more.



Be inspired by the story of Pushpa Basnet who rescues children living in Nepal's prisons.

She feeds, clothes, care and provides them with an education at The [Butterfly Home](#) in Kathmandu.

Student Community Engagement aims to empower students to make a difference through positive social actions. We provide students access to opportunities such as grants for their ground-up initiatives and social entrepreneurship efforts, internships at non-profit organisations, and training programmes to develop community leadership skills.

We believe that young people have a critical role to play in building a better world for themselves and the community.

Established in 2015, we are part of the Student Academic Services Department at NTU. More information at <http://www.ntu.edu.sg/sasd/communityengagement>.

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