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

Last week, the incredible work that local social enterprises have done in various sectors was recognised at the 2017 President's Challenge Social Enterprise Award. [19 social enterprises](#) gathered at the Istana for this Award, which was started in 2012, to encourage outstanding social enterprises that have contributed back to society through their businesses. The winner of this year's Social Enterprise of the Year award, [Betr Barista Coffee Academy](#), is a coffee academy and roastery which trains and employs marginalised women.

Young people are increasingly implementing socially impactful business ideas through social entrepreneurship, and they work across diverse industries to create positive change in education, retail, health, wellness and technology. The social enterprise sector has [grown by 32%](#) over the past year, with 401 registered social enterprises - up from 303 enterprises in 2016 and nearly four in 10 of the social enterprises are founded by those aged below 35, according to [raiSE](#).

Social entrepreneurship is taking the world by storm, and benefitting those who are in need. Christmas is in 10 days and it is the [Season of Giving](#) and the [Season of Eating!](#) Why not take a step towards the GOOD life and be [#PartOfTheGood!](#)

Be informed. Be inspired. Be the change.



Articles and Updates

Serving food with a dose of good

Enjoy your meal and support a good cause while you are at it. Read [more...](#)

Time-pressed? Let seniors iron out the wrinkles

The Social Iron is a subscription ironing service which aims to free people from household chores and create jobs for seniors. Read [more...](#)

Rebel starts social enterprise to help the needy

Termed once as a "no-hoper" in front of his classmates, Justine Lee co-started a successful social enterprise which peddles flip-flops and other products, to help children living under poverty or survivors of natural disasters. Read [more...](#)

Elder-preneur helps seniors with social enterprises

A 70-year-old became an entrepreneur for the first time when she was 62 and has since gone on to co-found cafes and two other social enterprises. One of her social enterprises helps to find re-employment for mature job-seekers. Read [more...](#)

Coffee aims for environmental sustainability

The daily brew is creating an environmental disaster, but social enterprises are coming up with new ideas for cups, pods and coffee grinds. Read [more...](#)

Volunteer Opportunities



WORDS ON WHEELS PROJECT

Calling for volunteers who have the passion to make a difference to the communities in Yogyakarta, Indonesia.

The Words on Wheels (WOW) programme is a mobile library project that aims to inculcate reading and self-learning habits among students to encourage life-long learning, improve their ability and confidence in communication and build enduring relationships between Singapore and the Indonesian communities.

Volunteers will be required to conduct educational workshops such as English language and basic IT skills to students to enhance their learning experience.

The available dates for this project:

- 16 - 19 January 2018
- 13 - 16 February 2018 or 20 - 23 February 2018

Click [here](#) to read more and register.



Do you have a passion for seniors and youths?

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. They are recruiting student volunteers for each of their programmes:

1. Befriending (Seniors)

Volunteers will be paired and assigned a senior to befriend through regular home visits (1-2 hours once in 1-2 weeks). Minimum commitment is 8 months or more.

2. OTAGO Exercise Programme (Seniors)

Volunteers will help in the facilitation of the OTAGO Exercise Programme of the seniors (From January 2018: Every Tuesday or/and Thursday, 9.00 am - 2.00 pm)
OTAGO aims to increase the reach of evidence based practice to older people, providing small group exercise options to prevent falls, injuries and improve cognition amongst older people.
Minimum commitment is 6 months or more.

3. Youth Mentoring

Volunteers will conduct activities for the youths (13-16 years old), befriend and provide academic coaching at its centres. Minimum commitment is one fixed day/week for 6 months or more.

For Programmes (1) and (2), email Abigail at abigailchua@calvary.org.sg to register your interest or to find out more.
For Programme (3), email Cheryl at cherylyeo@calvary.org.sg to register your interest or to find out more.



Embarking on your own volunteer activity or social advocacy project?
The CoLab4Good Fund seeks to support meaningful ground-up initiatives.
Find out more [here](#).

Competitions and Grants



URA-REDAS SPARK CHALLENGE

Do you have an idea on how we can boost people's health and wellness for a higher quality of life within the built environment? For instance, do you have an original and innovative design that could:

- * encourage people to be more active indoors and/or outdoors (physical wellness), or
- * improve the sensorial experience of a shopping centre to lift people's moods (emotional wellness), or
- * provide a restorative environment for people to recharge (psychological wellness), or
- * foster interaction among people to build connections with one another (social wellness)?

The theme for the inaugural URA-REDAS SPARK Challenge is "enhancing the health and wellness of people within the built environment".

Submit your prototype proposal and stand a chance to receive S\$5,000 to build and test your prototype. One winner will also be awarded S\$10,000 at the end of the competition.

To find out more, click [here](#). Registration is required and the last day for proposal submission is **7 February 2018**.



Upcoming Events



The OCEANIC

The problematic issues surrounding climate change and the ocean take center stage at this exhibition presented by the NTU Centre for Contemporary Art Singapore (NTU CCA). Explore the rich history of the Pacific and its islands, and the sobering effects of human disturbances on our ecospheres, through the works of 12 artists, filmmakers, composers and researchers.

- **When:** 9 December 2017 – 4 March 2018
- **Where:** NTU Centre for Contemporary Art (43 Malan Rd, Singapore 109443)
- **Cost:** Free

The Oceanic marks the start of NTU CCA's new overarching research topic CLIMATES. HABITATS. ENVIRONMENTS., which will inform and connect the Centre's various activities—ranging from research to residencies and exhibitions—for the next three years. This is the third exhibition by the Centre, following Allan Sekula's Fish Story, to be continued (2015) and Charles Lim Yi Yong's SEA STATE (2016), to feature long-term, critical enquiries by artists about the radical changes for communities whose livelihoods are inseparable from the sea, the precarious labour at sea, and the irreversible impact of technologically driven human interventions on one of the Earth's most precious resources, the oceans. Click [here](#) for more information.



CHRISTMAS WITH IMPACT! – A MAKE GOOD MARKET

Christmas with Impact, is a marketplace that lets you do good, while you shop for your last-minute knacks and bargains. Celebrate the holiday season with good vibes and karma as part of the sales will go towards supporting social enterprises and raising funds for the Bangladesh Refugee Crisis Relief. Share your buys with those who can appreciate them and raise funds for the.

- **When:** 22 December 2017, 4.00 pm – 10.00 pm
- **Where:** Impact Hub (128 Prinsep Street, Singapore 188655)
- **Cost:** Free (But BYOB – Your own Bag to encourage low-waste & advocate recycling!)

Click [here](#) for more information.



EARTH FEST 2018

Into its third consecutive year, [Earth Fest](#) is designed to be sustainable, fun, and inspirational for all ages! It will feature a food fair of delicious international and new age planet-friendly foods, a Farmer's Market of local businesses with sustainable products, an eco-carnival of engaging low carbon games, as well as other various opportunities such as talks, screenings, etc. There will be something for everyone and all interests.

Sustainability is key at this Fest! The food fair will use 100% compostable material, feature only reusable bags and food preparation without the use of palm oil!

- **When:** 14 January 2018, 11.00 am - 4.30 pm
- **Where:** Marina Barrage (8 Marina Gardens Drive, Singapore 018951)
- **Cost:** Free (prior registration is necessary)

Limited tickets available. Click [here](#) to register.



Others



IMPACT START-UP PROGRAM

Calling all aspiring and current social entrepreneurs!

UNFRAMED is the leading Training Academy and Accelerator Program, with the largest network of mentors, coaches and social entrepreneurs in Singapore, who aim to tackle a social or environmental challenge. Designed exclusively for NTU students, this IMPACT START-UP PROGRAM offers hands-on workshops, personalised coaching sessions and access to UNFRAMED's network of impact entrepreneurs. To find out more, click [here](#).

Apply for the Social Impact Training Grant from the Office of Student Community Engagement to get discounted tickets. Subsidies are available only for full-time NTU students. Terms and conditions apply. Email OCommE@ntu.edu.sg for details.

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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