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

Welcome back to school! As we begin a new year, it is a good time to think about how we would like to spend the second half of this academic year, and for some of you, your final semester in school!

In Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong's [2018 New Year Message](#), he affirmed that as a society, we are striving to become more resilient and cohesive. Increased support for the young and the elderly was also articulated as the Government continues to build more pre-schools, to give children a strong head-start in life, as well as healthcare facilities, as the population ages.

Just this past weekend, PM Lee also officially launched the SG Cares app. [SG Cares](#) aims to harness the goodwill of Singaporeans and to inspire them to step forward so they can help others in need. Our very own NTU Hall 4's [Touch of the Hearts](#), a long-time fundraising partner for [Rainbow Centre](#), was also present at the SG Cares Carnival as an event partner.

There is indeed much that we can look forward to in the New Year. Let us continue to build a better Singapore together.

*"Although no one can go back and make a brand new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending." – Carl Bard*

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



Articles and Updates

## **New SG Cares app to make volunteering easier**

It will be easier for Singaporeans to volunteer or donate, with the launch of an app to matchmake aspiring do-gooders and social causes. Read [more...](#)

## **Friendship sparks new zest for life**

As a befriender to seniors, Madam Tan Guek Kew has helped her peers gain a fresh perspective in their golden years. Read [more...](#)

## **Seniors give back with gusto**

There is a growing number of people aged 55 and above choosing to volunteer time for various causes. Read [more...](#)

## **Three women who overcame adversity in their lives**

Three women talk about how they overcame personal hardship and want to live the new year with renewed hope. Read [more...](#)



### ECOBANK

[EcoBank](#) is back in action for the third time! Join this meaningful social-environmental initiative by becoming a volunteer for EcoBank.

Your support will make a difference in creating awareness for responsible consumption and help promote a zero-waste nation while raising funds for [The Children's Charities Association of Singapore \(CCA\)](#).

Volunteers can help to sort and curate pre-loved items for sale as well as set-up and manage stalls at the EcoBank Charity Bazaar. Details are as follows.

#### Sorting and Curation of Sale Items

Duties include sorting out collected items, curating items for Charity Bazaar sale and general logistic support.

- **When: 12 January - 27 February 2018, 9.30 am - 5.30 pm (volunteering days and shift times varies)**
- **Where: City Industrial Building (71 Tannery Lane Singapore 347807)**

#### EcoBank Charity Bazaar

Duties include setting up of stalls, manage sale of items and general logistic support.

- **When: 1 - 4 March 2018, 9.30 am - 8.30 pm (volunteering days and shift times varies)**
- **Where: City Square Mall (180 Kitchener Rd, Singapore 208539)**

In appreciation, all volunteers (either or both events) will be given a token meal voucher from City Square Mall for every shift they participate in. Limited slots available. Click [here](#) to sign up.



### ENGINEERING FOR GOOD

Calling all **engineering students!**

Want to make a difference in helping the disadvantaged while applying the skills you've learnt? Here's the chance!

An initiative of [Engineering Good](#), the Technology Development (Tech Dev) Programme is a programme where skilled, experienced and passionate student volunteers work in partnership with social service organisations to solve problems with solutions that are appropriate and sustainable.

Student participants, in teams of 3-5, will be guided by an experienced engineering mentor and social service organisations, to ensure that participants would be able to develop a working prototype at the end of the program. Funding will also be provided.

The programme will start in January 2018 and run for 8 months. Click [here](#) for more details. Interested? Click [here](#) to sign up.



### ASEAN+3 YOUTH ENVIRONMENT FORUM 2018 – CALLING FOR YOUTH PLANNING TEAM

Calling for volunteers who are passionate about the environment (prior related volunteering experience is a plus).

The [National Environment Agency \(NEA\)](#) is looking to form a team of youth to plan and lead an educational and fun programme for participants of the Forum.

The ASEAN+3 Youth Environment Forum brings together youth from other ASEAN countries, China, Korea and Japan to exchange ideas and develop regional cooperation on environmental sustainability.

Volunteers will learn communication and facilitation skills, Behavioural Insights and how these can make your climate action messages more effective!

Click [here](#) to read more and apply. The last day for application is **18 January 2018**.



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

**D-PRIZE**

The world has already invented ways to end poverty, yet the best interventions are not being distributed at mass scale. There are proven ideas to alleviate poverty all across the globe. Can you distribute them to the people most in need?

The [D-Prize](#) funds new entrepreneurs who increase access to proven poverty interventions.

Submit a one page concept note to enter the competition. Win up to US \$10,000 to pilot your new venture.

Click [here](#) to read more. The last day for submission is **11 February 2018**.



## Upcoming Events

**COMMUNICATE****FOR****GOOD****COMMUNICATE FOR GOOD**

According to American psychologist Rollo May, the power of communication lies in its potential to create community - that is, to understanding, intimacy and mutual valuing.

We live in a communication era, with mass media and improved techniques for the exchange of ideas readily available. Communication can now play a decisive role in today's new climate of social change.

Find out how communication is the currency for sustainable community building to take place.

- **When:** 23 January - 2 February 2018
- **Where:** Various locations
- **Cost:** Free (*prior registration is necessary*)

Click [here](#) for event details.

**SOCIAL IMPACT WEEK 2018**

The annual Social Impact Week is back to bring you EXCITING activities, AMAZING performances and ATTRACTIVE prizes!

Social Impact Week is a signature project by [NTU Welfare Services Club Growth & Opportunities](#) (WSC GO). Pop by to soak in the good vibes and show some love and care!

Visit any of the 28 booths set up around the event area for some exciting mini-games to win cool prizes! Collect all four stamps to complete your Bingo card and receive ice-cream treats from Ben & Jerry's and F&N (while stocks last!)

Receive helium balloons and temporary tattoos when you fold origami hearts at the event. There will also be talks and events, where you can learn more about different causes.

- **When:** 23 - 24 January 2018, 10.00 am - 5.30 pm
- **Where:** Canopy K @ North Spine Plaza Level 1, NTU
- **Cost:** Free

**SOCIAL IMPACT WEEK 2018: ENACTUS NTU FIRESIDE CHAT WITH SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURS**

Wonder how you can make sustainable impact through business? Join us at a Fireside Chat to meet local entrepreneurs and learn from their experiences! Panelists include representatives from [Singapore Centre For Social Enterprise](#) (raiSE) and [Dignity Kitchen](#).

The discussion will revolve around how youth can contribute to society through social entrepreneurship and how to create long term sustainability by balancing both profit and social impact.

- **When:** 24 January 2018, 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm (*dinner will be provided*)
- **Where:** Theatre @ The Nest, NTU Innovation Centre
- **Cost:** Free (*prior registration is necessary*)

Click [here](#) to register. The last day for registration is **23 January 2018**.



#### #V360E x SSO: Behind-The-Scenes Tour

Have you ever wonder how is it like to work in a Social Service Organisation (SSO) and what are the challenges involved in the job? What are the joys and pains of a social worker? Get your questions answered and more in this exclusive behind-the-scenes tour, involving two SSOs – [Reach Youth Powerhouse](#) and [Singapore Sports Disability Council](#).

Two-way transport and light refreshments will be provided.

- **When:** 25 January 2018, 3.30 pm - 7.30 pm
- **Where:** CoLab4Good Room @ The Hive (Level B5) (meeting point)
- **Cost:** Free (prior registration is necessary)

Click [here](#) to register. The last day for registration is on **24 January 2018**. Limited slots available.



#### RETHINKING TRASH

Did you know that out of the 8 million tonnes of plastic that end up in the oceans, 82% of it comes from Asia? It is time to re-think our impact on the planet and our ways of living, consuming and producing. Our carbon footprint starts from birth, and has been increasing ever since. The question now is how do we reduce it? Today's linear 'take, make, dispose' model that relies on large quantities of cheap, easily accessible materials and energy, is reaching its physical limits. This is not just a business loss, but one of the biggest environmental challenges of our time.

This exclusive session features [Arthur Huang](#) – architect, engineer and National Geographic Emerging Explorer. He will share some of his achievements in finding innovative technical solutions to turn any type of waste into high performance materials.

Find out what is our actual carbon footprint and how can we reduce our impact on the environment

- **When:** 19 January 2018, 6.30 pm - 8.00 pm
- **Where:** NTU Nanyang Auditorium
- **Cost:** Free (prior registration is necessary)

Click [here](#) to register.

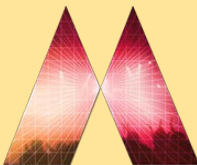


#### SINGAPORE ART WEEK 2018: IS ANYONE HOME?

*"Is Anyone Home?"* is an exhibition held in conjunction with Singapore Art Week 2018 by inclusive arts movement [Superhero Me](#).

The exhibition involves six children – some with special needs like autism and cerebral palsy – who share what childhood means to them. The work involves sensory stimulation, so the audience can access and understand it not just with their eyes. There are also opportunities to co-create work with the artists and children, and to sign up for workshops.

- **When:** 17 - 31 January 2018, 10.00 am - 7.00 pm
- **Where:** Stamford Gallery @ National Museum of Singapore (93 Stamford Road, Singapore 178897)
- **Cost:** Free



#### MUSIC FOR A CAUSE 2018

[Music for a Cause 2018](#) features eight local bands supporting eight social causes. The Music Festival provides a platform to generate awareness and fundraise for social causes in Singapore. It is also an all-local Music Festival, featuring local artiste/bands performing in support of social causes, as well as local entrepreneurs coming together to sell product/services and F&B cuisines to all concert goers.

Music for a Cause 2018 is organised by [Love Action Project](#), a social enterprise that works with companies and non-profit organisations to create sustainable social-giving programmes and events in Singapore.

- **When:** 20 January 2018, 10.00 am - 10.30 pm
- **Where:** Basement Concourse @ Singapore Management University (81 Victoria Street, Singapore 188065)
- **Cost:** Free

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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