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

Tomorrow is the start of Lunar New Year and for many Chinese families around the world, they will be having their reunion meals today. The concept of a reunion meal symbolises a good start to the new year, while also spending quality time with loved ones.

It is on this same note of togetherness that we share four heartwarming stories of community spirit, and making life just that little bit better for someone else.

Have a happy and *paw-sitively paw-sperous* Lunar New Year!

Be informed. Be inspired. Be the change.



Articles and Updates

Volunteers bring festive cheer to low-income residents

Chinese New Year is a time when everything at home gets refreshed – an auspicious start to the New Year. A community of angels decided to chip in and help the less fortunate. Read [more...](#)

NUH's little house of comfort

Volunteers who help maintain rest facility for loved ones of very sick children are also a source of support. Read [more...](#)

Caring for the less fortunate in Singapore

Three Singaporeans (a retired nurse, an office executive and a youth) from different walks of life give their time and effort to help strangers in need. Read [more...](#)

Help pours in for China's 'Snowflake Boy'

The story of a Chinese schoolboy who braved harsh winter conditions to get to school has triggered an avalanche of help for him and his school. Read [more...](#)

Volunteer Opportunities



ENGLISH CLASSES FOR MIGRANT WORKERS

Migrant workers form the backbone of the Singapore economy, working tirelessly behind the scenes so that our country runs smoothly.

[SDI Academy](#), a social enterprise, aims to empower migrant workers with English communication skills to promote an inclusive society and a safer workplace. Classes are conducted in an interactive manner where picture description, video analysis, discussion and debate will be used to promote English proficiency.

25 volunteers are required to run these Sunday classes. Volunteer roles include facilitation of English classes, curriculum design, marketing and videography. Long term volunteers are also welcome.

- **When:** Sundays, 28 January - 29 April 2018, 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm
- **Where:** LHS-TR+56 @ The Hive (Level 3)

Email Sazzad at sazzad@sdj.academy to find out more and register your interest. The last day for application is **24 February 2018**.



HERITAGE FUN RUN 2018

NTU Heritage Club is currently looking for students passionate about heritage to participate and volunteer as helpers (game masters and ushers) for their annual event, Heritage Fun Run.

The Run aims to provide youth a platform to expend their energy while getting to know more about Singapore's heritage and history. The theme for this run is "Heritage Run: Singapore in 200 years". During the run, participants in groups of five, will be completing tasks across many locations in Singapore.

- **When:** 24 March 2018, 9.00 am - 5.00 pm
- **Where:** The URA Centre (45 Maxwell Road Singapore 069118)

Email hc-president@e.ntu.edu.sg to find out more and register your interest. The last day for registration is **13 February 2018**.



FLY PROGRAMME BY STUDENTS CARE SERVICE (CLEMENTI CENTRE)

[Students Care Service](#) (Clementi Centre) is looking for volunteers to help out in their newest pilot programme called "FLY". The aim of this programme is to provide aftercare support for youths who had completed the centre-based programmes.

FLY will be tapping on the current National Youth Achievement Award (NYAA) programme, where it challenges participants to accomplish personal goals in areas of Service, Adventurous Journey, Skills Development and Physical Recreation. At the same time, participants may also be equipped with important life skills.

Roles and responsibilities of volunteers will include the planning and/or execution of activities (22 sessions) with the staff team, and will be held on Saturdays.

For enquiries, email Yan Ting at tay_yanting@students.org.sg or call 6778 6867.



DIGITAL ARTS FOR ALL

An initiative of social enterprise [Make The Change](#) and in collaboration with [Media Literacy Council](#), Digital Arts For All (DAFA) is an inclusive ecosystem that uses digital art to empower, give back and showcase. It embodies the belief that creativity can be the connecting key to educate, empower and strengthen inclusiveness in society today.

Make The Change is looking for volunteer facilitators to conduct these digital arts workshops. Training would be provided. In appreciation for the time committed to this project, volunteer facilitators will also be reimbursed with a small token.

Click [here](#) to find out more about DAFA and [here](#) to register as volunteer facilitators. For enquiries, email Abigail Teo at abigail@makethechange.sg or call 6337 5449.



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



4TH ASEAN YOUTH VIDEO CONTEST

Calling all aspiring videographers.

The [ASEAN Declaration on Culture of Prevention for a Peaceful, Inclusive, Resilient, Healthy and Harmonious Society](#) was adopted by the ASEAN Leaders at the ASEAN Summit in Manila on 13 November 2017. To support the Declaration's core mission of promoting a culture of peace and intercultural understanding, and ensuring youth of the region embrace the underlying tenets of diversity, young filmmakers in ASEAN is invited to participate in the contest by submitting a 60-second video on **how youth in ASEAN celebrate diversity in order to promote a culture of peace and tolerance**.

The top 10 entries will be selected to participate in an expert-led filmmaking workshop in Singapore and be eligible to win cash prizes. The top cash prize is \$1,000.

Submit your video [here](#). The last day of submission is **2 March 2018**.
For any enquiries, email aseanyouthvideo@dai.com



CDL-GCNS YOUNG SDG LEADERS AWARD 2018

Calling all young change makers and sustainability champions!

Jointly organised by [City Developments Limited](#) (CDL) and [Global Compact Network Singapore](#) (GCNS), this annual case competition aims to empower youth aged 17 to 25 to champion sustainable development.

Participants will learn first-hand how to integrate the [Sustainable Development Goals](#) (SDG) framework into business strategy and practices to create positive impact for the economy, environment and society-at-large.

10 finalist teams will also have the opportunity to work with established companies and take action to advance sustainable development.

Form a team of 3 to 5 members and register before **19 March 2018**. The champion team wins \$10,000 cash.

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



Upcoming Events



SILENT SCREAMS

Organised by [NTU WSC Growth & Opportunities](#), *Silent Screams* is a mental health awareness campaign that focuses on stress management and self-help.

Visit carnival-style booths by participating organisations such as [CHAT Singapore](#), [Clarity Sg](#) and [NTU Psychology Society](#) and learn more about mental wellness through mini games. Meet volunteers from [IMH Matchsticks](#) and find out more about how they hope to ignite the passion to serve the mental health community in others, in order to spark a difference and move towards being a more inclusive society.

- **When:** 21 - 22 February 2018, 10.00 am - 5.00 pm
- **Where:** Linkway (Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf outlet) at Administration Building, NTU
- **Cost:** Free



#V360E SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP LEARNING JOURNEY

Did you miss the recent Enactus Fireside Chat with Social Entrepreneurs? You now have a chance to visit two social enterprises and learn more about their [BusinessForGood](#).

Start off the morning at an experiential workshop at [Glow in the Dark](#), a social enterprise that provides enrichment workshops fully and independently conducted by persons with disabilities from [Visually Handicapped of Singapore](#). Thereafter, meet the founder of [New Rasa Singapura](#) and dine for a cause at this restaurant that provides training and employment opportunities to persons with disability, individuals recovering from mental illness and the elderly.

- **When:** 24 February 2018, 9.30 am - 2.00 pm (lunch is provided)
- **Where:** Passenger Service Counter @ One-North MRT station (meeting point)
- **Cost:** \$5 per participant

Click [here](#) to register. For any enquiries, contact Tan Yi Juan @ 9613 9033. The last day of registration is **23 February 2018**. Limited slots available.

Volunteer 360 Experience (#v360E) is an initiative by [Student Community Engagement](#) to bring you one step closer to hidden communities in Singapore and this edition is organised by [Enactus NTU](#).



TALK: THE CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES IN CULTIVATING SINGAPORE'S HEARTWARE

The CoHASS Graduate Public Lecture Series is a platform aimed at providing a public-based discussion platform between graduate students and members of the public.

This year's [Graduate Public Lecture](#) is titled "*The Challenges and Opportunities in Cultivating Singapore's Heartware*" by Guest-of-Honour and public keynote speaker, **Mr Tan Chuan-Jin**, Speaker of Parliament in Singapore.

The theme of this public lecture highlight on the various key pillars of social and community focuses which Singapore is poised towards in the future. The lecture seeks to elaborate how the Singapore Government plans to address these issues, and the significance of Singaporeans in play an integral part of this cultivation process. The lecture will also touch on the topics of interest shared by young Singaporeans such as heritage preservation, Singapore's labour markets of the future and its opportunities for Singaporeans, as well as Singapore's political future in an era of leadership transition.

- **When:** 2 March 2018, 6.00 pm - 7.30 pm (dinner is provided)
- **Where:** HSS Auditorium, NTU
- **Cost:** Free (prior registration is required)

Click [here](#) to register. For any enquiries, email cohassgc@gmail.com.



RELAY FOR LIFE BY SINGAPORE CANCER SOCIETY

Relay for Life is an inspiring overnight community event organised by [Singapore Cancer Society](#) (SCS) that offers everyone an opportunity to join in the fight against cancer. People from all walks of life will walk or run around a track of path at their own pace during the event. Each team is required to have at least a member on the track at all times to signify that the fight against cancer never sleeps.

SCS Relay for Life gives everyone a chance to celebrate cancer survivors and carers; remember loved ones lost to cancer; and fight back by raising awareness and funds to support the work of the Singapore Cancer Society. Relay For Life is for people of all ages and fitness levels – anyone can take part!

Teams are also encouraged to step up and make a statement against cancer by taking up the 100km Team Challenge. Walk or run as a team, and conquer 100km overnight to be proudly deemed as the Relay Champion!

- **When:** 10 - 11 March 2018, 6.00 pm - 9.00 am (*this is an overnight event*)
- **Where:** National Stadium, Singapore Sports Hub (1 Stadium Drive Singapore 397629)
- **Cost:** \$25 per team

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

The last day for registration is **5 March 2018** or when slots are fully subscribed, whichever is earlier.



GLOBAL COMPACT NETWORK SINGAPORE (GCNS) YOUTH FORUM 2018

[GCNS Youth Forum](#) is back this year with the theme “SDGs in ASEAN: The Youth Impact”. Youths from ASEAN, China, Korea and Japan, and thought leaders from all sectors, will come together to collaborate on the [Sustainable Development Goals](#) (SDGs).

Immerse in a series of sharing sessions and workshops with business and non-governmental leaders, and experience sustainability initiatives first-hand with guided visits to NTUC Fairprice Hub, Resorts World Sentosa, Marina Bay Sands and more.

Come learn about the SDGs, and lend your voice to a fun, impactful conversation on how various sectors can collaborate to achieve them!

[GCNS](#) has also partnered with [Young NTUC](#) to host a Youth Career Network Networking Session at the Youth Forum on 17 March 2018. At this networking session, Sustainability Professionals will be invited to share about their works in their respective organisations and participants will get a chance to ask questions and to know more about specific industries!

- **When:** 17 - 18 March 2018, 9.00 am - 5.30 pm
- **Where:** NTUC Centre (1 Marina Boulevard, Singapore 018989)
- **Cost:** Free (*prior registration is necessary*)

For enquires, email Soma at soma.biswas@unglobalcompact.sg.

Click [here](#) to register. The last day of registration is **16 March 2018**. Limited slots available.

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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