

# ISSUE #2 (31 May 2017)



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

Explore social entrepreneurship in this issue. According to the Singapore Centre For Social Enterprise (raiSE), a social enterprise is defined as "a business entity that is set up with clear social goals; and where resources are allocated to fulfill its social objectives".

Not cut out for business? Enjoy socially conscious food and shopping instead!

Read on to find out more, and who knows, you might be the next successful social entrepreneur!

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



## Articles and Updates

### A tale of Two Hands

'Two Hands' tells the story of how Enoch, co-founder of Garcons, helped his apprentice, Kevan, went from a repeat offender to a chef who works hard to make an honest living. Both 'Two Hands' and 'Garcons' are social enterprises that train and employ ex-offenders at their restaurants, helping them get a second chance at life. Read [more...](#)

### Dyslexic but they thrived in business

Both Mr Chua Weng Foo and Mr Gary Seow are dyslexics but are now successful entrepreneurs. Dyslexia is characterised as a reading disorder in which the brain has trouble properly processing language, making it difficult to spell, read quickly and write. Read [more...](#)

### Painting the town red, and more

Similar projects in Indonesia had inspired Mr Slamet Widodo, 54, to create a project where homes in the slums of Central Java were painted with bright colours. When it was completed, the area became a social media hit, and residents have reported of better livelihoods as they give tours and sell souvenirs. Read [more...](#)

## Volunteer Opportunities



Interested in Singapore's urban landscape and looking to do something meaningful?

#### Volunteer as a guide for the upcoming Jurong Lake District (JLD) exhibition!

JLD is envisioned to be Singapore's second Central Business District and the [Urban Redevelopment Authority \(URA\)](#) has invited [NTU Heritage Club](#) to be a part of this exciting journey.

Be one of the first to learn about the JLD master plans and help members of the public have a better understanding of this District of the Future! You will also facilitate the collection of public feedback to ensure that plans are inclusive and relevant to the needs of the community.

Training sessions for volunteer guides will be organised in July.

Click [here](#) to indicate your interest by **3 June 2017**, and NTU Heritage Club will contact you with more details.

Volunteer now and contribute to shaping a liveable and distinctive Singapore!

Do you like to **interact with children, help out at roadshows, or paint wall murals**?

Through curated programmes and initiatives, the [South West Community Development Council \(CDC\)](#) promotes social cohesion and encourages community ownership among residents, community and corporate partners. They are looking for volunteers in three of their programmes:



1. **Reading Together** – To conduct monthly reading sessions with children, focusing on bilingual literacy. Training will be provided.
2. **Power Savers-for-Charity** – To help out at monthly roadshows by encouraging the community to pledge their green habits, while doing good at the same time. Savings of energy reduction will be matched dollar-for-dollar and donated to needy residents in the district.
3. **Let's Paint** – To join corporate/community partners in the painting of wall murals. Two to three days commitment is required, depending on the scale of the murals.

Click [here](#) to see details and register your interest with South West CDC directly.



**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



Do you have a keen business sense? Or have you always dreamt of becoming a social entrepreneur? Here is your chance! The CoLab4Good Fund for Social Enterprises seeks to support and encourage NTU students who are interested in entrepreneurship to explore a social enterprise business model.

Seed funding of up to S\$10,000 will be provided for new and sustainable business ideas that create positive social impact.

Applications for this year will open from tomorrow, **1 June to 31 July 2017**.

Click [here](#) to find out more and apply today!



Semakau Landfill, located approximately 8 km south of Singapore, is the world's first-of-its-kind offshore landfill and the only landfill in Singapore for waste disposal.

About 180,000 tonnes of non-recyclable waste go directly to Pulau Semakau each year. However, the landfill is expected to be filled in 2045 despite efforts made to extend its lifespan.

A #V360E initiative, [Earthlink NTU](#) will be organising a Waste Trail Journey on **13 June 2017, 12.15 pm – 6.00 pm** to understand Singapore's waste management process. Transportation will be provided from NTU.

Register [here](#) (limited to **70 participants**).



Flea markets are all in the rage these days.

You've got *Instagram-worthy* food, games, fashion accessories, table displays, etc. What's not to love? You name it, you have it!

Here is another one for the road! Head on down to the DBS Marina Regatta from **1 to 4 June 2017**, where you can dine, shop and play for a good cause!

You get to savour delicious food from Two Hands and Garcons which are both social enterprises that train and employ ex-offenders at their restaurants; shop for artisanal wares such as art, jewellery, healthy snacks and natural skincare from seven social enterprises; and get free play of larger-than-life versions of classic childhood games like Jenga, Pick Up Sticks, Flag Erasers, and Connect 4. These games are organised by Society Staples, a social enterprise that raises awareness of Persons With Disabilities (PWDs) through sports themed workshops and community events.

Sounds like a fun event to participate? Then click [here](#) to find out all the details. You would not want to miss out on this one.

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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