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

The theme for [Singapore Budget 2018](#) is "Together, A Better Future". Laying the foundation for Singapore's development into the next decade, the Budget took in consideration three major shifts: a shift in global economic weight towards Asia; the emergence of new technologies; and Singapore's ageing population.

In this issue, we explore two strategies that help to address the three shifts.

1. [Building a Smart, Green and Liveable city](#): Starting from 2019 to 2023, a [carbon tax](#) of \$5 per tonne of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions will be introduced for all facilities producing 25,000 tonnes or more of GHG emissions in a year. Funds will also be set aside to enhance support for companies to improve energy efficiency.
2. [A Caring and Cohesive Society](#): The [Community Networks for Seniors](#), which encourages active ageing and helps lonely seniors find new friends, will go national by 2020. The [Community Silver Trust](#) (a fund which provides dollar-for-dollar matching for donations to volunteer organisations providing long-term care services) and the [Seniors' Mobility and Enabling Fund](#) will be topped up. Tax deductions for donations to [Institutions of a Public Character](#) will also be extended, in order to encourage a spirit of giving.

"At its heart, the Budget is a strategic and integrated financial plan to position Singapore for the future. It is a means for us to achieve the aspirations of our people, a roadmap for us to achieve our vision for Singapore." – Heng Swee Keat

Be informed. Be inspired. Be the change.



Articles and Updates

Power generation company looks for ways to be greener

PacificLight, a power generation company has embarked on efforts to reduce carbon footprint. This led to a 1.5% reduction in the plant's carbon emissions – equivalent to taking 15,000 cars off the road. Read [more...](#)

Carbon tax will affect mainly large polluters

Between 30 and 40 companies that are together responsible for 80% of Singapore's greenhouse gas emissions will have to pay carbon tax. They are mainly petroleum refining, chemical and semiconductor companies. Read [more...](#)

Affordable help so disabled wife can stay at home

Caring for his disabled wife took a toll on Mr Chandra Mogan, who thought he would have to admit her to a nursing home. Through the Community Networks for Seniors programme and various grants, Mr Mogan managed to engage homecare professionals at an affordable price. Read [more...](#)

Support network for seniors to be expanded

Seniors can soon look forward to having stronger support networks near where they live. The scheme, Community Networks for Seniors will go national by 2020 and involve voluntary welfare groups, volunteers and government bodies. Read [more...](#)

Extending schemes to spur giving spirit

250% tax deduction will continue for three more years for donors and corporate projects. Read [more...](#)



CARENIVAL 2018

NTU Welfare Services Club is looking for 50 volunteers to help in the collection of canned food items around Boon Lay and Frontier neighbourhood, which will be used for staple food packs. These food packs will be distributed to underprivileged families during Carenival on 25 March 2018 at Boon Lay Community Centre.

- **When:** 18 March 2018, 9.00 am - 6.00 pm (lunch will be provided)
- **Where:** Boon Lay and Frontier residential areas

Register your interest [here](#). The last day for registration is **4 March 2018**. For enquires, call Jewelle Koh at 98179570.



HERITAGE FUN RUN 2018

NTU Heritage Club is looking for 60 students passionate about heritage to 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 "Hunt with the Greats". 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 (lunch and event tshirt will be provided)
- **Where:** The URA Centre (45 Maxwell Road, Singapore 069118)

All volunteers are required to attend a briefing on 19 March 2018, 7.00 pm in NTU. Transport will be provided from NTU at 7.30 am on 24 March 2018.

Register your interest [here](#). The last day for registration is **12 March 2018**. For enquires, email hc-heoprojectmag@e.ntu.edu.sg or call 98134169.



EARTH HOUR 2018: "PROTECTING OUR EARTH: ONE STEP AT A TIME"

The annual Earth Hour is back!

Happening over two Saturdays at Yuhua Community Club, activities include game booths, exhibition booths from Hewlett-Packard (HP) and craft workshops such as origami and making your own terrarium. There will also be live performances, lucky draw, buffet, goodie bags and the much anticipated lights-out segment at 8.30 pm!

Earthlink NTU is looking for volunteers to help spread the message on environmental sustainability.

- **When:** 17 March 2018, 9.30 am - 5.00 pm and/or 24 March 2018, 5.30 pm - 10.00 pm (meals and event tshirt will be provided)
- **Where:** Yuhua Community Club (90 Boon Lay Way, Singapore 609958)

Two-way transport will be provided from NTU to Yuhua Community Club on both dates. Registration is necessary.

Click [here](#) to register your interest. The last day of registration is **15 March 2018**. For enquires, email earthlink-earthhour@e.ntu.edu.sg.



GETAI-XINYAO CHARITY CONCERT 2018

[Community Chest](#) is looking for 40 volunteers to help out as ushers, logistic and stage assistants at their Getai-Xinyao Charity Concert 2018.

The concert is organised to connect with the underserved groups such as heartlanders, foreign workers, new immigrants and the elderly.

- **When:** 17 March 2018, 3.00 pm - 10.00 pm
- **Where:** Multi-Purpose Court @ Khatib (opposite Khatib MRT station)

For enquires and registration, email Alice at Alice_ONG@ncss.gov.sg. The last day of registration is **7 March 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.



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



IDEASINC 2018

Started in 2009, ideasinc evolved from a business plan competition for NTU students, to a start-up accelerator program which is open to youth in Singapore. A 9-month long start-up accelerator programme, ideasinc helps pre-seed stage ideas get off the ground.

ideasinc is a platform for aspiring entrepreneurs to validate their business ideas, obtain quality entrepreneurship education, develop their business model, benefit from mentorship by experts with good domain knowledge and rich industrial experience, and last but not least, the chance to pitch for cash awards, business grants and equity investments, provided by ideasinc partners.

Submit your pitch deck [here](#). The last day of submission is **31 March 2018**.

Only the top 40 teams will be selected.



SOCIAL IMPACT INTERSHIP STIPEND

Intern at a social service organisation or social enterprise and apply for the [Social Impact Internship Stipend \(SIIS\)](#)!

The SIIS provides opportunities for full-time NTU undergraduate students to create shared value while banking real-world experiences, deepening your classroom experience, and broadening your perspective and network.

Applications must be received at least six weeks before the commencement of internship.

The last day of application is **30 April 2018**.

For questions about eligibility and application process or to request for an application form, email QCommE@ntu.edu.sg.



GREEN FOR GOOD

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When it comes to sustainability, everyone has a role to play. Join us at Green For Good and learn how you can go from simply thinking that you are eco-conscious, to living your life as an environmental steward committed to sustaining natural resources and safeguarding our environment for future generations.

- **When:** 17 - 24 March 2018
- **Where:** Various locations

Click [here](#) for the full Green For Good programme.

GREEN FOR GOOD EXHIBITION

Featuring [Earthlink NTU](#) and [EcoCampus](#), come and learn more about how you can take action to safeguard our environment for future generations.

- **When:** 19 - 22 March 2018
- **Where:** Marketplace @ North Spine

GREENFEST 2018: ECO-PROMISE

An annual Earthlink NTU flagship event, Greenfest 2018 promises two fun-filled days of festivities where it will showcase environmental sustainability in Singapore.

Visit at least six booths at the event to win yourself a beautiful cactus plant and stand a chance to win fantastic prizes in the lucky draw!

- **When:** 19 - 20 March 2018, 9.30 am - 5.00 pm
- **Where:** Canopy Stage @ North Spine
- **Cost:** Free

MOVIE SCREENING: NAUSICAA OF THE VALLEY OF THE WIND

Love epic Sci-Fi movies? Always getting enchanted by Hayao Miyazaki's Studio Ghibli Films and Joe Hisaishi's beautiful compositions? You're in for a good time!

Nausicaä of the Valley of the Wind takes you on a journey back in time to 1984 where the two masteros first worked together to produce the magic they have delivered in the past decades. It tells the story of Nausicaä, a princess of a small kingdom on a post-apocalyptic Earth with a bioengineered ecological system, who becomes involved in a war between kingdoms while an environmental disaster threatens humankind.

- **When:** 22 March 2018, 7.15 pm - 9.15 pm
- **Where:** LT2A (next to Prime Supermarket)

Watch the movie trailer [here](#).

**Organised by HAS Commercial Leasing in conjunction with Green for Good.*

REPAIR HACKS WORKSHOP

In collaboration with [Sustainable Living Lab](#), this workshop aims to promote the Do-It-Yourself (DIY) culture of repairing daily items, and to combat the buy-and-throw mentality in our community.

Participate in this workshop and learn how to fix minor damages that affect the functionality of our daily items. You will also receive hands-on experience in using tools to breathe new life to the damaged items!

- **When:** 23 March 2018, 3.00 pm - 6.00 pm
- **Where:** Community Lab @ UWCSEA (1 Tampines Street 73, #B1-D119, Singapore 528704)
- **Cost:** \$5 for NTU Students (Normal Suggested Price: \$35)

Click [here](#) to sign up.



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.



THEATRE PRODUCTION: A GOOD DEATH

A Good Death follows Dr Leong, a palliative care doctor, as she journeys with her patients through their final days. As they open up to her about their hopes and fears, her own family begins to argue over what is best for their ageing parents.

Faced with an increasingly blurred line between her professional and personal life, Dr Leong finds herself asking: *What truly makes life worth living? What is a good and dignified death? And on whose terms?*

Poignant and insightful, A Good Death is a tender meditation on what it means to lean on one another, even on those you least expect.

- **When:** 29 March - 1 April 2018*, various showtimes
- **Where:** Esplanade Theatre Studio (1 Esplanade Drive, Singapore 038981)
- **Cost:** \$35

Student tickets at \$17 are available. Click [here](#) to purchase tickets.

*The performance on 30 March, 8.00 pm includes a post-show talk.



Others



15 SHORTS

[15 Shorts](#) is a landmark film project by local film company Blue3Asia, the [National Volunteer & Philanthropy Centre](#) (NVPC) and 15 Singaporean filmmakers to support the [SG Cares](#) movement. Notable filmmakers include Eric Khoo, Kelvin Tong, Boo Junfeng and Daniel Yam.

The 15 Shorts film project showcases lesser-told stories of everyday Singaporean heroes in the 1970s to 1990s with the aim to inspire acts of giving. The films aim to raise awareness on critical and emergent social issues such as social isolation faced by the elderly, support of learning disabilities and autism, as well as fair treatment of migrant workers.

The first five films have been released on a dedicated microsite, www.15shorts.com. The films are also available on various broadcast platforms such as Mediacorp's free-to-air channel, *Channel 5*, and online interactive service, [Toggle](#) from February to March. The remaining films are targeted for release in phases till end 2019.

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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