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

Over the past 100 years, global temperatures have been increasing faster than ever before. As the Earth gets warmer, rain patterns are changing, sea levels are rising, and year after year, snow and ice are melting sooner each spring. The [impact of climate change](#) on the environment is becoming increasingly apparent as climate conditions continue to change and intensify.

The month of March hosts a number of dates designated for creating awareness of environmental issues such as [World Water Day](#) (22 March) and [Earth Hour](#). The theme "Make Every Drop Count" for [Singapore World Water Day](#) (SSWD) 2018 underpins the active role each of us can play, so visit SSWD 2018 roadshows to pledge your commitment to save water! Or participate in the global movement and turn off your lights on 24 March from 8.30 pm - 9.30 pm to celebrate [Earth Hour 2018](#) with millions from all around the world.

Want to learn more about sustainability but don't want to venture into the urban city for the activities? We've got you covered! Here in NTU, take part in [Green For Good](#) (17 - 24 March) 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.

"The greatest threat to our planet is the belief that someone else will save it." – Robert Swan

Be informed. Be inspired. Be the change.



Articles and Updates

Replacing plastic and paper bags with 1 reusable bag

An estimate from a life-cycle assessment study show that the regular use of a reusable bag over a year could replace the use of 125 single-use plastic bags, or 52 single-use paper bags. Similarly, the regular use of one reusable container over five years could replace the use of 3,650 single-use plates. Read [more...](#)

Thousands pledge change in habits to save water

This year's World Water Day campaign puts focus on usage at home and ropes in more students. Read [more...](#)

Off to Antarctica in the name of climate change

Singaporeans Jessica Cheam, Inch Chua and Anthea Ong join global team on expedition to raise awareness of issue and its effects on South Pole. Read [more...](#)

Taiwan to ban disposable plastic items by 2030

Taiwan's new plan will force major chain restaurants to stop providing plastic straws for in-store use from 2019, a requirement that will expand to all dining outlets in 2020. Read [more...](#)

Climate change puts king penguins on path to extinction

Researchers warn that King Penguins may have to abandon breeding grounds as food sources disappear. Read [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](#).



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 INTERNSHIP 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 OCommE@ntu.edu.sg.



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 **25 March 2018**. The champion team wins \$10,000 cash.

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



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- **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.



LEARNING IN THE DARK

What is it really like to live with visual impairment?

In collaboration with [Etch Empathy](#) and organised by residents of NTU Crescent-Pioneer (CresPion) Halls, participants will experience the myriad of challenges that the visually impaired face on a daily basis - be it basic household chores, navigating through the neighbourhood or grocery shopping.

Learning In The Dark is part of [GiveBack@CresPion](#) programme, which aims to organise and host community involvement initiatives for residents.

- **When:** 21 March 2018, 5.30 pm - 10.00 pm
- **Where:** CresPion Function Hall, NTU
- **Cost:** \$5

*Payment must be made either on 13 or 15 March between 9.00 pm - 10.00 pm at GiveBack Room (Level 2, near learning spaces)

Click [here](#) to register. Last day of registration is 20 March 2018.

For enquires, contact Wei Hua at 9656 6906 or Janice at 9170 0673.



TRUE COLOURS FESTIVAL

A celebration of all the senses, the [True Colours Festival](#) brings together some of the world's foremost artistes and performing talents with disabilities in a multi-faceted celebration of talent. This inaugural Asia Pacific festival of music, dance and the arts will feature an international conference, an outdoor festival of inclusion, community outreach activities, and a unique, world-class indoor multimedia concert experience.

- **When:** 23 - 25 March 2018, 4.00 pm - 9.30 pm
- **Where:** [CONCERT]: Singapore Indoor Stadium (2 Stadium Walk, Singapore 397691) & [FESTIVAL VILLAGE]: OCBC Square (2 Stadium Walk, Singapore 397691)
- **Cost:** [CONCERT]: \$30 & [FESTIVAL VILLAGE]: Free

Click [here](#) to watch the Festival highlights, and [here](#) to purchase concert tickets.



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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