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

Autism Awareness Month will be celebrated worldwide in April 2018.

Autism is a lifelong developmental disability that affects a person's ability to make sense of the world and relate with others. Revealed in the Government's [third Enabling Masterplan](#), one in 150 children in Singapore has autism – a higher rate than the [World Health Organisation's global figure](#) of one in 160 children. No two persons with autism are the same and the [Autism Network Singapore](#) (ANS) was formed in 2015 to serve the community in areas like early intervention, lifelong education and job placement.

On 2 April, landmarks, buildings, homes and communities around the world will [#LightItUpBlue](#) to support the cause. Come to school in blue or check out ANS' [Facebook page](#) to find out more about other activities.

*"There is no greater disability in society than the inability to see a person as more." – Robert M. Hansel*

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



## Articles and Updates

### More support for Allied Educators

There are currently close to 500 Allied Educators with roles in learning and behavioural support. The Education Ministry says this figure is set to rise as more special educational needs (SEN) students join mainstream schools. Read [more...](#)

### Learn to empathise with peers who have special needs

Ground-up inclusive arts movement Superhero Me, organised a three day arts camp for children with and without disabilities. Its objective is to teach children about empathy and get a better understanding of people with disabilities; this was done through specially designed games and activities. Read [more...](#)

### Autism, intellectual disability: Aid for caregivers

Caregivers of people with autism or intellectual disability will get more support, including help to defray the cost of hiring a foreign domestic worker. Read [more...](#)

## Volunteer Opportunities



### AVPN CONFERENCE 2018

[Asian Venture Philanthropy Network Limited](#) (AVPN) is looking for volunteers to help out in their annual AVPN Conference.

Volunteers will be required to commit 3 to 4 days to different roles that range from:

- Welcoming members, speakers and delegates attending the Conference;
  - Supporting the registration process; and
  - Providing hospitality assistance during networking breaks to ensure the smooth running of breakout sessions by assisting the speakers and panelists involved with each session.
- **When:** 4 - 7 June 2018  
• **Where:** Suntec Convention Centre (1 Raffles Boulevard, Suntec City, Singapore 039593)

Email Diana at [diana@avpn.asia](mailto:diana@avpn.asia) to register your interest. The last day of registration is **5 April 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](#).

## Competitions and Grants



### **SOCIAL IMPACT INTERNSHIP STIPEND**

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

The SIS 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](mailto:OCommE@ntu.edu.sg).



## Upcoming Events



### **COLAB4GOOD PROJECTS SHOWCASE**

*What would you do for good?*

Visit a showcase that celebrates the achievements of past projects by fellow students.

The [CoLab4Good Fund](#) seeks to support meaningful ground-up initiatives. It is an opportunity for NTU students who are passionate about helping others to take action and create change.

- **When:** 26 March - 4 April 2018
- **Where:** Marketplace @ North Spine
- **Cost:** Free



### **THE RED PROJECT PROGRAMME**

What are the hidden realities around you?

Jump into the unseen and untold as we uncover the hidden realities of ourselves, our communities, and the world. Discover through conversations with fellow youths what it means to be future-ready, and what is needed of us to stand up for what represents us and our beliefs as one community.

- **When:** 7 April 2018, 9.00 am - 6.00 pm
- **Where:** Raffles City Convention Centre (80 Bras Basah Road, Raffles City Shopping Centre, Singapore 189560)
- **Cost:** Free

Click [here](#) to register your interest. Limited slots available.



### **15<sup>TH</sup> ASEAN LEADERSHIP FORUM**

The ASEAN Leadership Forum is widely recognised as a high-powered Forum that brings together Government, Business, Civil Society and Thought Leaders for a critical discussion of the strategic issues facing ASEAN and to share valuable knowledge and information on the future of ASEAN.

Held in Singapore this year, the [15<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Leadership Forum](#) theme is "Strengthening Resilience, Promoting Innovation". The Forum brings together Government, Business, Civil Society and Thought Leaders for a critical discussion of the strategic issues facing ASEAN and to share valuable knowledge and information on the future of ASEAN.

- **When:** 28 April 2018, 7.00 am - 6.00 pm
- **Where:** Marina Mandarin Hotel Singapore (6 Raffles Boulevard, Singapore 039594)
- **Cost:** \$260 for NTU students\* (Normal rates charged by Social Innovation Park: \$650)

Apply for the Social Impact Training Grant from Student Community Engagement to qualify for discounted tickets and further grant subsidy. Email [OCommE@ntu.edu.sg](mailto:OCommE@ntu.edu.sg) for details.

*\*Only full-time NTU students are eligible for this discounted rate. Terms & conditions apply.*



#### **SOCIAL ICON 2018**

Organised by the [Lien Centre for Social Innovation](#), the *Social iCon* (innovation conference) places its spotlight on women and innovations in education, employment, environment and economic inclusion. Facing challenges in these key areas is critical for creating an equitable and sustainable future for all.

The conference aims to bring together a diversity of practitioners, policy-makers, researchers and trailblazers from around Southeast Asia to catalyse impactful solutions to social issues.

- **When:** 18 May 2018, 8.00 am - 4.00 pm
- **Where:** SMU School of Law (55 Armenian Street, Singapore 179943)
- **Cost:** Free

Click [here](#) to read more and [here](#) to register your interest. Last day of registration is **18 May 2018**.

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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