

# ISSUE #25 (15 May 2018)



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

President Halimah Yacob delivered her [inaugural opening address](#) of Parliament on 7 May, mapping out the Government's priorities for the rest of its term. She outlined five key priorities in her speech:

1. Securing a place in the world for Singapore
2. Building a well-connected, world-class city for Singaporeans
3. Developing a vibrant economy with more opportunities for workers
4. Forging a cohesive, caring and inclusive society
5. Nurturing an identity we are proud of, with all Singaporeans

She spoke of a new generation of Singaporeans coming of age – you – with your dreams, hope and fears in times like this, and called for 4G leaders to respond to the challenges of your time. In response, the call is also for young Singaporeans to take on responsibilities, and participate in building and guiding Singapore. This update focuses on forging a caring society.

*"After 52 years, we are not done building our nation. The struggle for independence, the journey from third world to first, are generally fading from our lived memories, as a new generation comes to the fore... Together, the new generation will keep Singapore an exceptional nation." – President Halimah Yacob*

Read her full address [here](#).

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



## Articles and Updates

### Doing good to help feed needy families

Duo partner local social enterprise GobblerShop to raise funds to provide bags of groceries to needy families, in spirit of Ramadan. Read [more...](#)

### Yishun to become friendlier for lost dementia patients

Nee Soon South is set to become more dementia friendly. Eight more go-to points (in addition to the current 14), where the public can take people with dementia who are lost and wandering, has opened yesterday. Read [more...](#)

### 1700 SG Ambassadors trained and ready to serve

The Silver Generation (SG) Ambassadors, who are volunteers, have to undergo 12 hours of classroom training at the Silver Generation Office. It aims to educate volunteers about healthcare services and active ageing schemes available. Four in 10 SG Ambassadors are above the age of 60. Volunteers typically engage with the elderly in their own neighbourhood. Read [more...](#)

### Mums volunteer despite hardships

Sincere Hope, an initiative run by 13 "mummy volunteers" supports residents in the neighbourhood who are mostly struggling families with many children, single-parent families and the elderly. Some of these "mummy volunteers" faced personal hardships themselves but continue volunteering nonetheless. Read [more...](#)

### Integrating special needs kids into mainstream schools

An initiative has been launched with the aim of integrating special needs children into a mainstream school setting. Under this new initiative, special needs children in the Early Intervention Programme for Infants and Children (Epic) centres are taught by professionals trained in early intervention alongside their pre-school teachers. The Epic professionals also advise mainstream pre-school teachers, who may not have had training on how to handle such children. Read [more...](#)



### PROJECT R.I.C.E.+

Project R.I.C.E.+ is an annual collection and distribution drive directed by youth leaders from [Singapore Red Cross Youth Chapter](#). It aims to bring food and daily necessities to the needy, such as skipped generation families, single-parent and low income households.

Volunteers can choose to participate in any/all of the three phases – namely “Supermarket Phase”, “Beneficiary Engagement Day” and “Packing and Distribution”. Volunteers are also free to choose which day(s) to volunteer.

The [NTU Red Cross Youth Chapter](#) is seeking for 40 volunteers to help in this meaningful project.

- **When:** Various dates in June, July and August 2018
- **Where:** Various locations (*volunteers may select preferred districts*)

Click [here](#) for full details and register your interest. Email your queries directly to [Redcross-FR@e.ntu.edu.sg](mailto:Redcross-FR@e.ntu.edu.sg). The last day of registration is **18 May 2018**.



### BLOSSOM HOME REFRESH 2018

Back for the second year after its [successful inaugural run in 2017](#) with more than 200 youth volunteers, Blossom Home Refresh 2018 aims to spruce up more houses around the Ang Mo Kio estate.

Jointly organised by [Blossom World Society](#) and [Thye Hua Kwan Moral Charities](#), come and be part of the volunteer cleaning squad that strives to give the best to others and make a difference!

Volunteers are required to attend both sessions as detailed below:

#### Befriending with Seniors & Volunteer Briefing Session

- **When:** **26 May 2018, 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm**
- **Where:** Thye Hua Kwan Senior Activity Centre @ Ang Mo Kio (645 Ang Mo Kio Avenue 6, #01-4937, Singapore 560645)

#### Actual Event Session

- **When:** **2 June 2018, 9.00 am - 5.00 pm** (*lunch will be provided*)
- **Where:** Thye Hua Kwan Senior Activity Centre @ Ang Mo Kio (645 Ang Mo Kio Avenue 6, #01-4937, Singapore 560645)

Click [here](#) to register your interest. Email your queries directly to Hui Fen at [huifen@blossomworld.sg](mailto:huifen@blossomworld.sg). The last day of registration is **20 May 2018**.



### E-PAYMENT LEARNING JOURNEY: VOLUNTEER BEFRIENDERS

Passionate and keen to assist seniors in the journey towards mobile e-payment?

As a volunteer befriender, you will engage and assist a group of two to three seniors during the mobile e-payment session. This is followed by a trip with the seniors to make food purchases via QR code and cashless top-up of MRT card at the nearby station.

Volunteers are required to attend both sessions as detailed below:

#### Orientation and Training Session

- **When:** **25 May 2018, 7.00 pm - 9.45 pm**
- **Where:** The Red Box (113 Somerset Road, Singapore 238165)

#### Actual Event Session

- **When:** **30 May 2018, 8.00 am - 5.30 pm**
- **Where:** The Grassroots' Club (190 Ang Mo Kio Avenue 8, Singapore 568046)

Click [here](#) to register your interest. Email your queries directly to Yu Ping at [heng\\_yu\\_ping@nyc.gov.sg](mailto:heng_yu_ping@nyc.gov.sg). The last day of registration is **20 May 2018**.



Do you have a passion for seniors and youths?

[Calvary Community Care](#) (C3) is a not-for-profit Voluntary Welfare Organisation that seeks to serve the needy in the community regardless of race, age, gender or religion. They are recruiting student volunteers for each of their programmes:

#### 1. Befriending (Seniors)

Volunteers will be paired and assigned a senior to befriend through weekly home visits, games and craft activities. Minimum commitment is 6 months or more.

#### 2. Youth Planner/Facilitator

Volunteers will plan programmes and activities for youths as part of a structured drop-in activity to encourage bonding, imparting of values or skills to youths. These will take place at [MACE](#), an after-school Youth Activity Centre in secondary schools.

#### 3. Fundraising

Join the fundraising team to brainstorm effective ways and ideas to raise donations online, leveraging on social media platforms. Students with background in mass communications, design, marketing or with an interest in this area are all welcome!

Interested in any of the opportunities above? Visit [here](#) or email Cheryl at [cherylleo@calvary.org.sg](mailto:cherylleo@calvary.org.sg) to register your interest. The last day of registration is **31 May 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



### **COLAB4GOOD FUND FOR SOCIAL ENTERPRISES 2018**

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 **1 June to 31 July 2018**.

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



### **PACIFLIGHT CREA8 SUSTAINABILITY COMPETITION**

Organised by [PacificLight](#), the Crea8 Sustainability Competition encourages young Singaporeans to address environmental challenges, share stories and innovative solutions to demonstrate their passion in tackling the global challenge of sustainability and to create a sustainable Singapore.

In support of Singapore's Climate Action Year 2018, the focus of this year's competition is our climate footprint. The competition aims to inspire students to come up with ideas on what needs to be done, how it could be achieved and the expected outcomes to reduce our society's environmental footprint.

Form a group of three or participate as an individual, and create a short video on ways to address climate change. The theme for the competition video will be *"Walking In The Right Direction"*.

Click [here](#) to find out more and register your interest. Email your queries directly to [crea8sustainability@pacificlight.com.sg](mailto:crea8sustainability@pacificlight.com.sg). Last day of submission is **6 August 2018**.



## Upcoming Events



### SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP 101

A social enterprise is, like any normal business structure, created to generate profits for the organisation. However, unlike a traditional company, it seeks to address certain social issues with extraordinary ideas and solutions.

Organised by [Make The Change](#), participants in this workshop will be introduced to the various types of social enterprises, case studies on innovative ways to solve social problems, measuring social impact, different ways to get funding and much more about being an entrepreneur of a social enterprise. This is a hands-on workshop that will build on your dreams and help you get things started.

- **When:** 18 May 2018, 3.00 pm - 6.00 pm
- **Where:** M.A.D. School (30 Merchant Road, Riverside Point, #03-22, Singapore 058282)
- **Cost:** \$8.50

Click [here](#) to register your interest. Last day of registration is **17 May 2018**.



### SOCIAL INNOVATION CHALLENGE: IDEATION FOR A PURPOSE WORKSHOP

Have you ever wonder how you could make an impact or simply give back to society? This workshop is aimed at working professionals and aspiring entrepreneurs who seek to engage with social problems and generate solutions in an interactive, impactful way.

In this full-day workshop, you will go through different social innovation tools to help you empathise (*understand the communities in need*), define (*articulate problem statements*), and ideate (*create solutions, implement, and set testing milestones*).

- **When:** 26 May 2018, 9.00 am - 5.00 pm
- **Where:** \*SCAPE (2 Orchard Link, Singapore 237978)
- **Cost:** \$35 per person (*for groups of 2 or more, it will be priced at \$30 per person*)

Click [here](#) to read more and register your interest. Last day of registration is **19 May 2018**.

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

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



### MADE IN SINGAPORE: DO GOOD: SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Whether it's through impact investing, social entrepreneurship or social ventures, many aspire to do well and do good. However, this is not as easy as it may seem. Finding meaning in business can be a complex endeavor and quite difficult to achieve in practice. How do innovation, entrepreneurship, sustainability, and social good fit together? Hear from a panel of stellar social good organisations, non-profits and startups who are innovating to solve some of society's most challenging problems.

- **When:** 26 May 2018, 3.00 pm - 5.00 pm
- **Where:** The HUB Singapore (128 Prinsep Street, #01-01, Singapore 188655)
- **Cost:** Free (*prior registration is necessary*)

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



### THEATRE PRODUCTION: SUPERVISION

Teck, a prickly retiree has just suffered a stroke that leaves one side of his body paralysed. When he insists on moving back home, his daughter Jenny, decides to hire a caregiver – Yanti, a young Indonesian domestic worker who has never been to Singapore.

At first, Yanti dutifully follows the detailed regime that Jenny has drawn up. But Teck has his own stubborn opinions on how he should be cared for.

As part of [Singapore Theatre Festival 2018](#), *Supervision* will explore pressing questions about privacy and dignity. What boundaries do we set up between us and those we consider strangers? And what happens when they are breached?

- **When:** 5 - 15 July 2018, various times
- **Where:** Flexible Performance Space, LASALLE College of the Arts (1 McNally Street, Singapore 187940)
- **Cost:** \$50 (*excludes \$4 SISTIC handling fee*)

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

*\*The 7.30pm performance on 7 July, will be simultaneously interpreted in [Singapore Sign Language \(SgSL\)](#) for the deaf and hard-of-hearing.*

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 and Academic Services Department at NTU. More information at <http://www.ntu.edu.sg/sasd/communityengagement>.

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