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

The United Nations has designated 5 June annually as [World Environment Day](#). The celebration of this day provides us with an opportunity to be kept aware and take action for the protection of our environment.

Each World Environment Day is themed around a particularly pressing environmental concern. The theme for 2018 is "[Beating Plastic Pollution](#)" – it invites us to consider how we can make changes in our everyday lives to reduce the heavy burden of plastic pollution on our natural places, our wildlife and our own health. While plastic has many valuable uses, we have become over-reliant on single-use or disposable plastic – with severe environmental consequences.

Let us [#BeatPlasticPollution](#) together – if you can't reuse it, refuse it.

Be informed. Be inspired. Be the change.



Articles and Updates

That's the last straw for this teen

Student on mission to reduce use of plastic straws – this is part of an increased rise in young eco-warriors here. Read [more...](#)

Ground-up efforts count in push to be zero-waste

Individuals and firms are pitching in, from refusing plastic bags to straw-free policies. Read [more...](#)

Charging phones with food waste

Researchers from National University of Singapore develop system to convert leftover food into electricity. Read [more...](#)

He talks trash with Jackie Chan

Upcycling company Miniwiz founder Arthur Huang worked with Hong Kong action star to create a mobile trash recycling and manufacturing plant. Read [more...](#)

Volunteer Opportunities



MOVING GENERATIONS

[Cycling Without Age](#) is a movement started in 2012 by Ole Kassow. Ole wanted to help the elderly get back on their bicycles, but he had to find a solution to their limited mobility. The answer was a trishaw and he started offering free bike rides to the local nursing home residents.

If you would like to ferry elderly around, sign up as a youth volunteer! There are also other volunteer roles too, such as marketing and fundraising for more trishaws, etc.

- **When:** On-going, 9.00 am - 6.00 pm (Mondays to Fridays). Hours will vary on Saturdays.
- **Where:** Various locations (*Bukit Merah View, Bedok, Tampines, Mountbatten and Kallang*)

Email your queries directly to Kristine Schaan at kristine@cyclingswithoutage.sg.

The last day of registration is **16 June 2018**.



AMAZING HEARTLAND RACE

Who says that amazing races are a thing for the young? Challenge that notion and change the society's mindset – seniors too are able to have fun and take part in a variant of amazing races!

In collaboration with [Montfort Care](#), join the team in engaging and interacting with the elderly at Telok Blangah Drive to bring joy and meaning to the event. Get ready to be blown away by what you will learn about seniors through working together with them as you work through the creative games in the Amazing Heartland Race.

Volunteer are required to attend **both** sessions as detailed below:

Orientation and Training Session

- **When:** 7 July 2018, 10.00 am - 1.00 pm
- **Where:** Blk 50, 51 and 51A, Telok Blangah Drive Singapore 100050 (*report to Blk 51A*)

Actual Event

- **When:** 21 July 2018, 7.30 am - 2.30 pm
- **Where:** Blk 50, 51 and 51A, Telok Blangah Drive Singapore 100050 (*report to Blk 51A*)

Click [here](#) to register your interest. Email your queries directly to Rachel Kwan at rachel_kwan@nyc.gov.sg. The last day of registration is **30 June 2018**.



INCLUSIVE SPORTS FESTIVAL

Back for the second year, the Inclusive Sports Festival will be back in August 2018. Watch the 2017 Festival highlights [here](#).

Volunteer for a worthy cause!

- **When:** 3 - 5 August 2018
- **Where:** SportCares (*Sports Singapore, 3 Stadium Drive, Singapore 397630*)

Email your interest directly to sportcares@sport.gov.sg.



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.

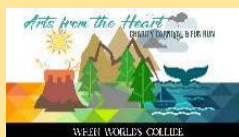
Seed funding of up to S\$10,000 will be provided for new and sustainable business ideas that create positive social impact.

Applications will open tomorrow, **1 June and close 31 July 2018**.

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



Upcoming Events



ARTS FROM THE HEART CHARITY CARNIVAL & FUN RUN

Want to do good and have fun at the same time?

Organised by [NTU Cultural Activities Club](#) (CAC), come and enjoy a fun-filled day with exciting activities and performances by talented NTU students. All proceeds from the Carnival and Fun Run will be donated to [Singapore Cancer Society](#), the event's adopted charity.

For every kilometre clocked in the Fun Run, the event's official main sponsor, [Young Scientist](#) will donate \$1.50 to Singapore Cancer Society. Participants are allowed to run as many rounds as they wish, within the stipulated timing of 2.5 hours. In addition, the Carnival will feature family-friendly and interactive games, snack booths and performances.

- **When:** 24 June 2018, 12.00 pm - 8.00 pm (Carnival) & 4.30 pm - 7.00 pm (Fun Run)
- **Where:** Gardens By The Bay, East Bridge (11 Rhu Cross, Singapore 437440)
- **Cost:** \$30 per runner / \$88 per group of four runners (Fun Run) & Free (Carnival)

Click [here](#) to read more about the event, and [here](#) to register for the Fun Run.

Last day of registration is **17 June 2018**.



CLIMATE ACTION CARNIVAL

Be part of the Climate Action Carnival and celebrate the opening of the newly revamped Sustainable Singapore Gallery. The gallery is a showcase of Singapore's sustainability journey and roadmap for the future. Visitors can look forward to a multi-sensory experience as they explore different zones covering environmental and sustainability topics such as climate, water, energy and waste.

Besides complimentary all-day guided tours at the gallery, visitors can take part in interactive climate-action themed games and workshops, learn more about climate action initiatives, enjoy music and dance performances, have a picnic under the stars and much more!

- **When:** 2 - 3 June 2018, various times
- **Where:** Marina Barrage (8 Marina Gardens Drive, Singapore 018951)
- **Cost:** Free (prior registration is required for workshops)

Click [here](#) to read more and register for workshops.



HUMAN LIBRARY

Human Library aims to build a positive framework to challenge stereotypes and prejudices through conversation. Readers engage in conversations with Human 'Books' from all walks of life. Through this process, there is sharing of unheard stories that exist within everyone, and cultivate a more empathetic and understanding society.

In collaboration with [Etch Empathy](#), the Human Library sessions are open to all youths who are seeking to discover more about various personal stories that may include struggles, hopes, happiness, and achievements. Look forward to exploring different stories, ranging from topics relating to children, youth, mental health, special needs and much more.

There will be two sessions organised on the same day.

- **When:** 10 June 2018, 1.00 pm - 2.45 pm (Session 1) & 4.15 pm - 6.00 pm (Session 2)
- **Where:** The Red Box (113 Somerset Road, Learning Hub, Level 2, Singapore 238165)
- **Cost:** Free

Click [here](#) to read more and register. Each participant can only choose one session due to limited space.

Email your queries directly to Edmond Kwek at Edmond_kwek@nyc.gov.sg. The last day of registration is **9 June 2018**.



SO, ARE YOU A SOCIAL ENTERPRISE?

Join in for a conversation on "So, are you a Social Enterprise?" If you're not a social enterprise yet, perhaps, now may be the time!

With a greater global push and expectations for businesses to achieve more than just financial returns, the notion of Social Enterprise has gained greater momentum and traction now than ever before.

Social Enterprises (SEs) have the potential to create social value and solve social challenges in innovative and sustainable ways while creating viable business models. SEs have also fulfill the aspirations of a new generation of millennial whom are passionate to do good through means other than charities. In addition to start-ups integrating the concept of social models into their business practices, there is also increasing interest by existing business to fundamentally rethink, re-align and incorporate social impacts into their business models to achieve bigger impact.

Organised by [Singapore Centre for Social Enterprise](#) (raiSE), come and find out more about the local Social Enterprise ecosystem and how might you embark on the Social Enterprise journey to leverage on resources, funding, capability, advisory and promotional support to increase your success as a social enterprise and multiply impact.

- **When:** 21 June 2018, 4.00 pm - 5.00 pm
- **Where:** JUSTCO (120 Robinson Road, Level 15, Singapore 068913)
- **Cost:** Free (prior registration is necessary)

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



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.*



Others



Interested in social enterprise and sustainable development?

Be part of this three-week immersion programme that has participants as guests of a rural community - to become villagers, to participate in everyday life and to see, feel and impact their real needs. [Drishtee Immersion](#) employs a bottom-up approach that allows empathy-level understanding of real people on the ground, so that participants and villagers can collaborate hand-in-hand to co-create new, innovative empowered approaches to everyday needs.

Drishtee Immersion seeks to connect youth from around the world with rural communities to affect positive change in both. Watch the programme video [here](#).

- **When:** 29 June - 19 July 2018
- **Where:** Nashik region, Maharashtra & Mumbai (India)
- **Cost:** SGD \$2,300 (This only includes programme costs and not travel costs i.e. flights, visa)

Limited spaces available. Click [here](#) to apply.

Applicants selected by Drishtee Immersion will be eligible for the Social Impact Training Grant (SITG). Email OCommE@ntu.edu.sg for more details.

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

Student Community Engagement aims to empower students to make a difference through positive social actions. We believe that young people have a critical role to play in building a better world for themselves and the community.

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. More information at <http://www.ntu.edu.sg/sasd/communityengagement>.

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