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

[Impact Journalism Day](#) is the world's largest international movement that aims to raise awareness of innovative solutions which inspire hope and positive action among readers. Come 16 June, more than 50 media (including [The Straits Times](#)) from around the world will simultaneously publish stories on concrete solutions, reaching 120 million readers worldwide.

In this issue, we feature three impactful stories from last year. Click [here](#) to read the full list of stories from previous years.

Keep a lookout this Saturday for this year's chosen stories of local solutions to global problems.

Be informed. Be inspired. Be the change.



Articles and Updates

Education can transform lives

Educate2Envision is an educational programme in Honduras that aims to train entrepreneurial leaders. Since 2010, it has changed the lives of around 100 students from the rural communities of two villages. Read [more...](#)

Cooking their way to independence

Social enterprise Oyori Asia supports self-reliance of underprivileged women in Asia through the food business. Read [more...](#)

Art from pollution

Bengaluru-based start-up Graviky Labs has come up with an innovative method to trap soot from vehicles and transform it into ink. It has garnered successful Kickstarter funding and cleaned 1.6 trillion litres of outdoor air so far. Read [more...](#)

Volunteer Opportunities



BIG BROTHER BIG SISTER PROGRAMME SHARING SESSION

The Big Brother Big Sister (BBBS) programme is a **regular series of Saturdays (Saturday + Playdates)** where BBBS get to interact and befriend children and teenagers with Autism Spectrum Disorder through fun-filled activities. These activities can range from art & craft, simple games, movie screening, sandwich making and many more! Other than buddying the children and teenagers, BBBS can get a chance to plan the activities for the sessions too.

If you are interested to be part of BBBS, join in the sharing sessions to learn more about Autism Spectrum Disorder, hear about the BBBS programme and meet like-minded youths.

- **When:** 29 June 2018, 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm
- **Where:** The Red Box (113 Somerset Road, Singapore 238165)

Click [here](#) to register your interest. Email your queries directly to Ong Shu Min at Ong_Shu_Min@NYC.gov.sg. The last day of registration is **25 June 2018**.

There will be a compulsory training for BBBS on **7 July 2018. More information will be given during the sharing session on 29 June 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.

Volunteer are required to attend both sessions as detailed below:

Orientation and Training Session

- **When:** 2 July 2018, 7.00 pm - 9.45 pm
- **Where:** The Red Box (113 Somerset Road, Singapore 238165)

Actual Event

- **When:** 7 July 2018, 8.00 am - 4.30 pm
- **Where:** Our Tampines Hub (505 Tampines Avenue 5, Singapore 529649)

Click [here](#) to register your interest. Email your queries directly to Yu Ping at heng_yu_ping@nyc.gov.sg.

The last day of registration is **25 June 2018**.



MOVING GENERATIONS

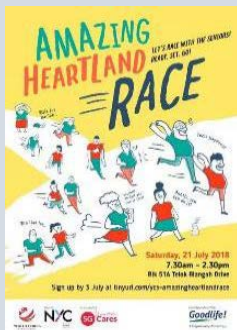
[Cycling Without Age](#) is a movement started in 2012 by Ole Kassow. Ole wanted to help the elderly get back on their bicycles, but he had to find a solution to their limited mobility. The answer was a trishaw and he started offering free bike rides to the local nursing home residents.

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@cyclingwithoutage.sg.

The last day of registration is **30 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 have opened.

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

The last day of application is **31 July 2018**.



THE COLAB4GOOD AWARD FOR SERVICE TO SOCIETY

The CoLab4Good Award for Service to Society is an award that recognises student initiatives which have made significant contributions to either the community, or the environment in 2017.

Award recipients will receive a cash award of \$2,000, a certificate and grant of \$3,000 to be used for future initiatives related to the areas in which they have been awarded.

Nominations for this year will open from **19 June to 20 August 2018**.

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



Upcoming Events



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.



READ! FEST 2018: IN PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS

Into its fifth edition, Read! Fest continues to be a celebration of the joy of reading. The theme for this year is *The Pursuit of Happiness*, and it has over 150 programmes for all ages and reading tastes to find their unique happiness.

- **When:** 22 June - 28 July 2018, various times
- **Where:** Various locations
- **Cost:** Free (certain events require prior registration)

Click [here](#) to read more.

Highlights of the festival include:

Human Library: Wanderlust

Travellers from diverse backgrounds share what makes travel so important to them – their best memories and experiences, how it has influenced their work, and the impact it's had on their lives. Meet the human books – Author [Yu-Mei Balasingamchow](#), Oil Painter [Alvin Mark Tan](#), Pop-up Campers [Dan and Sue Ong](#), and National Geographic Photographer [Jayaprakash Bojan](#).

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

Farm to Table: Reading to Innovate

A panel discussion that explores how reading moulds the minds of food and beverage professionals and helped them through their journeys in their specific occupational backgrounds. The stories behind the scenes, where the panel describes the why of food breathe life and context into ingredients, dishes and meals. Hear from founders of [ComCrop](#), [Empire Eats Group](#), [Papa Palheta](#) and [Park Bench Deli](#) on what got them started in the trade, and their transcendence. The panel is moderated by [Victoria Cheng](#), an outstanding food journalist and presenter.

Click [here](#) to read more. No registration is required for this event.



SPROUT 2018

Sprout is a Farm-to-People festival that brings growers, producers and the community together. More than just a farmers' market in the city, the inaugural two-day festival celebrates sustainable agriculture, urban farming and good honest food.

With over 55 specially curated local exhibitors ranging from farm growers, urban farming, artisanal and speciality food, Sprout is Singapore's largest farmers' market located in the heart of the city.

Whether you are interested in sustainable food and living, love fresh produce that you can purchase directly from farmers and producers, an urban farming enthusiast, a health-conscious foodie or just looking to support local brands – this festival is not to be missed!

- **When:** 7 - 8 July 2018, 10.00 am - 8.00 pm
- **Where:** Suntec Singapore Convention Centre, Hall 406 (1 Raffles Boulevard, Suntec City, Singapore 039593)
- **Cost:** Free

Click [here](#) to read more about the event, and register at the link for a chance to win an exclusive goodie bag.



Others



WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK!

We hope you have enjoyed AY 2017/2018 as much as us and that you have had a chance to participate in some of our events and activities such as #THEFORGOODSESSIONS (eg. [Tech For Good](#), [Communicate For Good](#) and [Green For Good](#)) and #V360E where we explored places like Semakau Island, Enabling Village and even learnt some sign language!

Complete this feedback form [here](#) to help us create more fun and exciting programmes for you.

Stand a chance to **win Starbucks cards worth \$10 each**, when you submit your feedback by **30 June 2018**.

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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