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

Cosmetics firm, L'Oréal will have [given more than 100,000 people from underprivileged communities access to work by the year 2020](#) and a documentary, "[the happiest factory in Taiwan](#)" was filmed to showcase L'Oréal Taiwan. There, persons with disabilities are hired to help in product packaging operations.

Closer to home, the Government has initiated three [Enabling Masterplans](#) since 2007. This has helped Singapore to build a more inclusive society where persons with disabilities are empowered and enabled to realise their true potential.

We have come a long way in transforming the lives of many persons with disabilities for the better, mainly through government intervention policies, as well as the many helping hands approach of individuals and organisations. Let us continue to welcome and encourage them to overcome challenges and achieve their aspirations!

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



## Articles and Updates

### How a simple dance performance changed these students with autism

Students from St. Andrew's Autism School collaborated with Boon Lay Secondary School for a dance performance that made them more confident to put their best foot forward. But their mainstream peers also opened up their hearts and minds to accept those who may be different. Read [more...](#)

### Museum launch Quiet Room dedicated to special needs children

As part of efforts to make cultural and heritage spaces more inclusive for those with additional needs, the National Museum of Singapore (NMS) will be introducing a Quiet Room as a retreat for special needs children. Read [more...](#)

### Day activity centre opens for adults with special needs

Centre in Bukit Merah teaches those above 18 skills for independent living and work. Read [more...](#)

### Polytechnic students create gadget to help dyslexic children

A team from Nanyang Polytechnic developed ProCubeX, a tool that helps children (between the ages of six and eight) learn how to spell. It is used together with an app that will designate a lesson plan according to the experience, weaknesses and strengths of the user. Read [more...](#)

### NDP funpacks feature art by special education students

This year's National Day Parade funpacks feature art from special education students for the first time, letting young artists from places such as Cerebral Palsy Alliance Singapore School contribute to the yearly celebrations. Read [more...](#)

## Volunteer Opportunities



### LET'S PLAY @ THK

In collaboration with Republic Polytechnic (RP) and [Thye Hua Kwan Home for Disabled @ Eunos](#), this event provides an opportunity for volunteers (befrienders and station masters) to interact with residents at THK Home for the Disabled. It will be a fun-filled day of activities and carnival games!

THK Home for Disabled @ Eunos provides long term residential care for children and disabled adults. They offer programs for all residents in the areas of training and development, recreational activities and employment opportunities.

- **When:** 4 August 2018, 9.00 am - 2.00 pm
- **Where:** Thye Hua Kwan Home for the Disabled @ Eunos (20 Jalan Eunos, Singapore 419494)

Volunteers are required to attend a compulsory orientation and training session

- **When:** 1 August 2018, 4.00 pm - 6.00 pm
- **Where:** Republic Polytechnic (9 Woodlands Avenue 9, Singapore 738964)

Click [here](#) to read more and apply. Email your queries directly to Rosie Sim at [rosie\\_sim@nyc.gov.sg](mailto:rosie_sim@nyc.gov.sg).

The last day of application is **25 July 2018**.



### YOLDEN ARTS

YOLDEN is a **regular elderly befriending programme** which aims to cater to the physical, intellectual and social emotional wellness of the beneficiaries.

YOLDEN Arts offers the elderly an opportunity to express themselves and communicate with others through art. This can be therapeutic for the elderly, and regular participation may improve an elderly's overall physical and mental health. Through the programme, youth volunteers will be able to befriend and engage the elderly through arts-based activities, with the aim of improving the wellbeing and quality of life of the elderly.

- **When:** Saturdays (from 25 August 2018 – 8 December 2018), various times
- **Where:** Ren Ci @ Bukit Batok Nursing Home (31 Bukit Batok Street 52, Singapore 659251)

Volunteers are required to attend all orientation and training sessions before the actual programme.

- **When:** 25 August 2018 & 8 September 2018, various timings
- **Where:** Various locations

Click [here](#) to read more and apply. Email your queries directly to Rachel Kwan at [Rachel\\_Kwan@nyc.gov.sg](mailto:Rachel_Kwan@nyc.gov.sg).

The last day of application is **28 July 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](mailto: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](#).



**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 has opened.

Click [here](#) to find out more.  
The last day of nomination is **20 August 2018**.



**HDB FRIENDLY FACES, LIVELY PLACES FUND**

Keen to do something for your community? Apply for the Friendly Faces, Lively Places Fund.

This Fund is created to encourage students and residents to initiate their very own desired place making projects. The programme hopes to facilitate the building of communities by bringing neighbours together to develop stronger place identity in the neighbourhood.

There are various funds to be utilised and you may pick the one that best suits the needs of your project. [Housing & Development Board](#) (HDB) would also be able to link your team up with relevant rental flats, Senior Activity Centres (SACs) and Grassroots Organisations for your activity to take place.

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



## Upcoming Events

### DESIGN FOR GOOD

#### **DESIGN FOR GOOD 2018**

Impact design – whether focused on social or environmental issues – strives to shift away from designing for a universal consumer to meeting more diverse needs.

In order to make such products, designers often reconsider their approaches, using methods such as design thinking to identify problems and generate innovative solutions. Seeking to understand what is most wanted and needed and having conversations with users, as part of the design process, has become commonplace.

#### **EXHIBITION**

Come see how NTU ADM students have not only involved users in the impact design process, but also embraced technology as an active collaborator.

- **When:** 30 July 2018 - 12 August 2018
- **Where:** Marketplace @ North Spine

Guided tours by our very own ADM students are available on **1 & 8 August 2018 (Wednesdays), 12.00 pm - 1.00 pm**. Click [here](#) to reserve your slot!

This exhibition is held in conjunction with “ADM Select”, a series of creative works from the ADM Graduation Show 2018.

#### **KNOW YOUR MAKER: TRADITIONAL LEATHER CRAFTING WORKSHOP**

Learn the ancient art of leather crafting and create your own cardholder, lanyard or pencil box. Experience painting your own leather, learn to stitch without a needle and emboss a name to complete your masterpiece.

- **When:** 16 August 2018, 12.30 pm - 3.00 pm
- **Where:** Canopy K @ North Spine
- **Cost:** \$5 for NTU Students (*Normal Suggested Price: \$35*)

Limited spaces available. Register [here](#).

Participants will take home their own finished product!

#### **POP-UP MARKET**

Come and explore what the social enterprise and green sector have to offer in a showcase of selected creative products. Looking for ethically sourced artisan gifts or upcycled products? Look no further and shop at our socially conscious and sustainable living retail stalls. Stalls include [Singapore Fashion Runway](#), [Deaf Artscrafts](#), [The Sustainability Project](#) and many more!

- **When:** 16 August 2018, 11.30 am - 4.30 pm
- **Where:** Canopy K @ North Spine

#### **FILM SCREENING: CLOSE TO EARTH**

“Close To Earth”, a final year project film by ADM Digital Filmmaking Alumni, is a documentary portrait of a rural Vietnamese family – adolescence eludes the daughters, while their mother struggles with her powerlessness to break the cycle of poverty.

- **When:** 16 August 2018, 10.00 am & 2.00 pm
- **Where:** The Trantor @ Lee Wee Nam Library
- **Cost:** Free

*\*Film running time: 25 minutes*

Click [here](#) for full programme and to sign up for workshops.



#### **WAKE UP YOUR IDEAL!**

“Wake Up Your Ideal!” is a movement to drive innovation and positive change. Initiated by [UNFRAMED](#) and hosted with the community, it is a celebration of change-making and a call to action to do good.

There will be informative and interactive [showcase booths](#) and [workshops](#) at the event.

- **When:** 21 July 2018, 11.00 am - 5.00 pm
- **Where:** Keat Hong Community Club Atrium (2 Choa Chu Kang Loop, #01-01, Singapore 689687)
- **Cost:** Free (*prior registration is necessary*)

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



### **A VERY SPECIAL WALK**

A signature fundraising event of [Autism Resource Centre \(Singapore\)](#) since 2005, A Very Special Walk (AVSW) is back this year with a fun run and walk, carnival and concert.

Funds raised will be used to help adults with autism in the [Employability and Employment Centre](#) (E2C). The E2C aims to equip adults with autism with employability skills through essential job training and support to match and place them in suitable jobs.

- **When:** 28 July 2018, 7.30 am - 2.00 pm
- **Where:** Resorts World Sentosa (8 Sentosa Gateway, Singapore 098269)
- **Cost:** \$20 per person (Fun Walk) & \$30 per person (Fun Run)

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



### **YOUTH CONVERSATIONS: ZERO WASTE OR ZERO ACTION?**

IKEA is planning to stop selling single-use plastic products by 2020. KFC will no longer serve drinks with plastic cups and straws. Youths in Singapore are stepping up and taking action, to go straw-free or use more reusables. Ground-up actions from mindful corporates, civic groups and passionate individuals are abound. Momentum here is gaining towards zero waste. Or is it?

Join in the Youth Conversation on Zero Waste as we hear from each other where we stand in our waste reduction effort and how everyone can take more action in creating the future we want.

- **When:** 28 July 2018, 9.00 am – 1.00 pm
- **Where:** Singapore Sustainability Academy (180 Kitchener Road, Singapore 208539)
- **Cost:** Free (prior registration is necessary)

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



### **POWER TO DECIDE! – NOT JUST ANOTHER MOTIVATIONAL TALK**

How does volunteering help you to make important life decisions, increase your confidence and learn new skills? How can you **stay motivated while volunteering** in order to achieve your dreams and **create a life of meaning**?

Join in and hear Dr Elmi's sharing which revolves around the "concept of IMPACT" and learn more about how he stays motivated in life and how volunteering has benefited him.

*Dr Elmi has been volunteering at the grassroots since the age of 15 and he is an accomplished public speaker known for his high energy delivery and humorous approach.*

- **When:** 2 August 2018, 7.00 pm - 9.30 pm (dinner is provided)
- **Where:** The Red Box (113 Somerset Road, Learning Hub, Level 2, Singapore 238165)
- **Cost:** Free (prior registration is necessary)

Click [here](#) to read more and register. For enquiries, email Edmond Kwek at [Edmond\\_kwek@nyc.gov.sg](mailto:Edmond_kwek@nyc.gov.sg)  
The last day of application is **1 August 2018**.



## **Others**



### **LOVE YOUR LIVING ENVIRONMENT YOUTH CHALLENGE**

Jointly organised by [South West CDC](#) and [Municipal Services Office](#), the "Love Your Living Environment Youth Challenge" aims to encourage ground-up solutions from youths (aged 17 to 35) to tackle top environmental and municipal issues in the South West District.

During the session, you will get the opportunity to network with environmental groups and experts from the [National Environment Agency](#) (NEA), [Agri-Food & Veterinary Authority of Singapore](#) (AVA) and [Housing Development Board](#) (HDB). Participating teams will brainstorm solutions that address environmental and municipal issues in the community and pitch their ideas to a panel. Teams with good project ideas will be awarded funding of up to \$10,000 to implement their projects.

If you are game, gather in teams of five or more, and be present at the pitching session.

- **When:** 25 August 2018, 10.00 am - 2.00 pm (registration starts from 9.30 am)
- **Where:** JEM Office Tower, Level 17 Function Room (52 Jurong Gateway Road, Singapore 609690)

Click [here](#) to register your interest. For enquiries, email Veldas Lim at [veldas\\_lim@pa.gov.sg](mailto:veldas_lim@pa.gov.sg).  
The last day of application is **13 August 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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