

# ISSUE #3 (15 June 2017)



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

Ploughing through the local media landscape these days, one will notice that reports on the elderly and people with mental health issues are prevalent. We are however strengthening our support for the vulnerable, and slowly but surely, we are building an inclusive society.

As Singapore continues to be an ever-evolving cosmopolitan city in the heart of Asia, the number of societal issues increases with its complexity. Fortunately, there are many who are willing to lend a helping hand to those in need.

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



## Articles and Updates

### Driven to serve those with mobility issues

Care of the elderly is a booming business as Asia's ageing population grows, but gaps still remain in the industry. *The Straits Times* arranged an interview with general manager Loh Yuan Han from Caring Fleet Services (CFS), a non-profit social enterprise, about the company's niche service. Read [more...](#)

### Prince calls for mental health conversations

Prince Harry met with young Singaporeans and urged them not to shy away from discussing about mental health. The youths have themselves suffered from mental health issues and have recovered enough to be able to support others in similar situations. Read [more...](#)

### Work mentoring scheme for special students a hit

The RISE Mentorship Programme, a new initiative by SG Enable, paired Singtel finance director Tan Teong Guan as a mentor to Temasek Polytechnic graduate, Jaslyn Tan, who was born deaf. The mentorship helped Jaslyn to develop workplace skills and explore future career options. Read [more...](#)

## Volunteer Opportunities



Interested in Singapore's urban landscape and looking to do something meaningful?

### Volunteer as a guide for the upcoming Jurong Lake District (JLD) exhibition!

JLD is envisioned to be Singapore's second Central Business District and the [Urban Redevelopment Authority \(URA\)](#) has invited [NTU Heritage Club](#) to be a part of this exciting journey.



Be one of the first to learn about the JLD master plans and help members of the public have a better understanding of this District of the Future! You will also facilitate the collection of public feedback to ensure that plans are inclusive and relevant to the needs of the community.

Training sessions for volunteer guides will be organised in July.

Click [here](#) to indicate your interest and NTU Heritage Club will contact you with more details.

Volunteer now and contribute to shaping a liveable and distinctive Singapore!

Do you have a passion for **people with special needs**?



In collaboration with [Movement for the Intellectually Disabled of Singapore \(MINDS\)](#), [Youth Corps Singapore \(YCS\)](#) will be organising the annual [Napiri Training & Development Centre \(NTDC\)](#) Picnic on **3 July 2017, 8.30am to 4.30pm** at **Labrador Nature Reserve**. NTDC was set up to serve clients residing in the eastern part of Singapore. The programmes in NTDC emphasise on improving self-help, social skills and functional abilities for intellectually disabled adults.

The annual MINDS NTDC Picnic is a day filled with fun games and good food, to celebrate the hard work MINDS adult trainees have put in throughout the year!

YCS are requesting for volunteers to be befrienders and hosts to engage the MINDS adult trainees during the Picnic. Limited to only 35 slots. Click [here](#) to register. Registration closes on **27 June 2017**.



**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



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 are opened from **1 June to 31 July 2017**.

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



## Upcoming Events

### Motivational Talk: Making a Change and Overcoming Adversity

Hear from three inspiring youths who will be sharing their experiences in serving the community:

- Mr Cho Ming Xu, Founder, [Campus PSY \(Peer Support for Youths\)](#);
- Mr Kwan Jin Yao, Head of Youth Affairs, [United Nations Association of Singapore](#); and
- Ms Zhong Peirong, Founder, [Bakery Wellness](#)

Organised by [Silver Ribbon \(Singapore\)](#), this talk will inspire you to **Advocate**, **Brainstorm**, **Collaborate** and **Develop** new ideas.

The event would be held on **7 July 2017, 7pm to 9pm** at the Red Box (113 Somerset Road, Level 2, Learning Hub, Singapore 238165).

Admission to the event is free but registration is compulsory due to limited seating. Email Crystal Ong at [crystal\\_ong@silverribbonsingapore.com](mailto:crystal_ong@silverribbonsingapore.com) or call 6386 1928. Registration closes today, **15 June 2017**.

Silver Ribbon (Singapore) is a non-profit organisation to combat mental health stigma and encourage early treatment. It achieves this through organising regular mental health events and collaboration with organisations.



### Anti-Drug Abuse Campaign (ADAC) 2017 Music Concert

Get ready for a fun-filled evening of music with a free concert, jointly organised by [Central Narcotics Bureau \(CNB\)](#) and [National Council Against Drug Abuse \(NCADA\)](#).

The concert is the anchor event to commemorate the '[International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking](#)', which falls on 26 June every year.

Performing artistes include Taufik Batisah, The Sam Willows, iNCH, Scarlet Avenue and THELIONCITYBOY.

Details for the concert are as follows:

Date: **16 June 2017**

Time: 7pm to 10pm

Venue: Suntec City (Level 6)

Cost: FREE admission but registration is compulsory

Sign up for tickets to the concert [here](#). Tickets are limited and available on a first-come-first-serve basis.



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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