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

Design thinking encourages organisations and individuals to focus on the people they're creating for and leads to human-centered products, services, and internal processes.

Businesses are embracing design thinking because it helps them be more innovative, better differentiate their brands, and bring their products and services to market faster. Non-profit organisations are beginning to use design thinking to develop better solutions to social problems.

Students like you can also be involved in design thinking. Happening right now is the ADM Select X Design For Good Exhibition located at Marketplace @ North Spine. Selected creative works of impact design from the ADM Graduation Show 2018 will be on display. This exhibition is part of Design For Good 2018 that seeks to inspire students to develop a sense of social awareness and passion for community initiatives. There are also other activities that you can participate in – such as a leather crafting workshop and a pop-up market comprising of various social enterprises and green retail stores. Click [here](#) to read more!

Be informed. Be inspired. Be the change.



Articles and Updates

Using brains and heart to educate children in need

Janine Teo led a sheltered life when she was growing up. Her first job as a computer engineer took her to Paris and her encounters with street children drove home the stark inequalities of the world and reoriented her priorities. She started a non-profit organisation, Solve Education, where technology is used to provide quality education to underprivileged children, letting them learn whenever they want to and wherever they are at. Read [more...](#)

High-tech gadgets to make life fun and easy for seniors

New and innovative technologies to aid the elderly are being adopted by medical institutions and nursing homes across the island. Read [more...](#)

Socks give seniors an impulse to get walking

A team from National University of Singapore created a pair of special socks which uses electrical stimuli and vibration to guide elderly persons, especially those who suffers from Parkinson's disease where there is a high risk of tripping and falling. Read [more...](#)

Volunteer Opportunities



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.



BLOSSOM HOME REFRESH 2018

Back for the second time this year, Blossom Home Refresh 2018 aims to spruce up 50 households around the Ang Mo Kio, Bukit Merah and Geylang East estates.

Jointly organised by [Blossom World Society](#) and [Central Singapore CDC](#), come and be part of the volunteer cleaning squad that strives to give the best to others and make a difference!

- **When:** 1 September 2018, 9.00 am - 5.00 pm (*lunch and event t-shirt is provided*)
- **Where:** Various locations

All volunteers must also attend a briefing session. Details will be provided at a later date by the event organisers.

Click [here](#) to register your interest. Email your queries directly to Hui Fen at huifen@blossomworld.sg. The last day of registration is **10 August 2018**.



Do you have a passion for seniors?

[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 their befriending (seniors) programme.

Volunteers will be paired and assigned a senior to befriend through regular home visits (1-2 hours), outings and bi-monthly get-together sessions. Minimum commitment is 6 months or more.

- **When:** August 2018 - April 2019
- **Where:** Potong Pasir Constituency

Click [here](#) to apply. For enquiries, email Cheryl Yeo at cherylyeo@calvary.org.sg. The last day of application is **1 September 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



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 - 12 August 2018
- **Where:** Marketplace @ North Spine

Guided tours by our very own ADM students are available **tomorrow (1 August) and next Wednesday (8 August), 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 Arts & Crafts](#), [The Sustainability Project](#) and 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

*Duration of film: 25 minutes

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



TOUCH OF THE HEARTS AWARENESS CHARITY CARNIVAL 2018

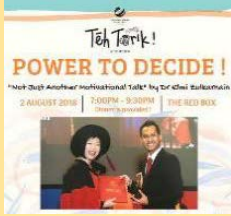
Come join in the fun at the charity carnival organised by NTU students from [Touch of the Hearts](#) (TOTS). It aims to spread awareness for children with disability at [Rainbow Centre](#), while raising funds for their daily operations.

Learn and experience the difficulties of a child with disability, through the various game booths at the Carnival. There will also be stage performances, a flea market and food booths.

All proceeds will be channeled towards Rainbow Centre.

- **When:** 11 - 12 August 2018, 10.00 am - 9.00 pm
- **Where:** Bedok Town Square (208C New Upper Changi Road, Singapore 463208 – between Bedok Mall and Bedok Interchange Hawker Centre)

TOTS was established by NTU Hall of Residence 4 students in 1992, with the aim of helping the less fortunate and doing a part for the community. TOTS has been actively involved in organising fundraising projects and community services, in addition to promote social responsibilities within the NTU population and the general public.



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. The last day of application is **tomorrow, 1 August 2018**.



HACK FOR GOOD LEARNING FESTIVAL

It is back – bigger and better.

Hack For Good is a marketplace for youths with ideas for social good. The learning festival serves as a platform for youths to develop into volunteers with the heart, knowledge and skills. Youths will be inspired to serve, gain insights and get equipped to do good better and create more impactful change in the community. There will be various panel sessions and workshops for you to participate in!

- **When:** 11 August 2018, various times
- **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 Lyana Yusof at Yuslyana_YUSOF@nyc.gov.sg.



LEAP FOR GOOD DEMO DAY

[LeapForGood](#) (LFG) is a year-long signature programme initiated and organised by the [Singapore Centre for Social Enterprise](#) (raiSE) to inspire innovation in addressing emerging social needs through social entrepreneurship. The current run of the programme focuses on the Work, Life and Play of Seniors and Caregivers. A human-centered design approach and community partnerships feature strongly in the programme.

Since the launch of the programme on 3 February, over 400 individuals have participated in learning journeys, consultation clinics, workshops as well as a hackathon to discover the needs of seniors and caregivers, develop and refine their social enterprise venture ideas.

Join in to hear from the selected 12 teams where they will pitch their ideas to get grants up to \$100,000 each!

- **When:** 18 August 2018, 12.30 pm - 6.00 pm
- **Where:** thebridge (2 Science Park Drive, #01-03, Singapore 118222)
- **Cost:** Free (*prior registration is necessary*)

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



CHANGEMAKERXCHANGE CHINA SUMMIT 2018

Join a global community of young changemakers for a 5D4N impact retreat in this upcoming [ChangemakerXchange](#) (CXC) Summit in China.

CXC is co-created by [Ashoka](#) and [Robert Bosch Stiftung](#). It connects more than 400 of the world's most exciting young social entrepreneurs from more than 70 countries.

The Summit is open to applicants, aged between 18 and 35, who lead social ventures in Australia, Bangladesh, China, India, Indonesia, Japan, South Korea, Malaysia, Myanmar, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, Timor Leste, Thailand and Vietnam, regardless of nationality.

- **When:** 15 - 19 October 2018
- **Where:** Guizhou, China

Participants who are selected to attend this Summit **must pay a participation fee of 100 Euros**, which will cover return flights/trains, accommodation, food, local transportation and all programme costs during the Summit. Visa costs (if any) are not covered.

Click [here](#) to register your interest. For enquiries, email changemakerexchange.cn@gmail.com. The last day of application is **3 August 2018**.



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. The last day of application is **13 August 2018**.



YOUTH CORPS LEADERS PROGRAMME

Launched in 2014, more than 1,000 youths have embarked on the [Youth Corps Leader Programme](#). Through this programme, youths will be equipped with essential skills such as community needs analysis and stakeholder management. Insights into national issues and the individual's role in shaping Singapore will also be gained. Watch how youths benefitted from the programme [here](#).

Click [here](#) for read more and apply. The last day of application is **17 August 2018**.



IHL-SPED-F&B SOCIAL CHALLENGE 2018

Calling all youths who wants to use technology to make a difference!

Join in the journey with a community of like-minded youths to enable and improve the lives of persons with disabilities, special needs and beneficiaries of charities, starting with the vibrant Food and Beverage (F&B) sector in Singapore.

Be part of one of the two tracks:

- Social Innovator (Tech & Design)
- Social Changemaker (Business Development & Communications)

Click [here](#) to read more.

Attend the info session to find out more about the various community partners involved and how you can help address their challenges.

- **When:** 28 August 2018, 5.00 pm - 6.30 pm
- **Where:** The CoLab4Good Room @ The Hive (Level B5)

Click [here](#) to register your interest. The last day of registration for the info session is **24 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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