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Welcome to Student Community Engagement's fortnightly update.

The [International Day of Charity](#) was established by the United Nations, with the aim of creating awareness and mobilising people to help others through volunteer and philanthropic activities.

The date of 5 September was chosen in order to commemorate the death anniversary of Mother Teresa of Calcutta, who received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979 "for work undertaken in the struggle to overcome poverty and distress, which also constitute a threat to peace."

Nearer to home, you can help to build a [#CityofGood](#) by giving your time, talent or monetary contributions. Embark on community action with the support of the [CoLab4Good Fund](#) or choose to support one of the many charities in Singapore found on [Giving.sg](#), a three-in-one portal that makes donating, volunteering and fundraising easier.

"It is not how much we give, but how much love we put into giving." – Mother Teresa (1910 – 1997)

Be informed. Be inspired. Be the change.



Articles and Updates

Brain tumour not stopping boy from living life to fullest

11-year-old Javier Lim is diagnosed with brain tumour, but it did not stop him from raising funds and inspiring others. He has set up a fundraising campaign without his parents' knowledge, and has raised over \$200 for Brain Tumour Society (Singapore). Read [more...](#)

A free shelter for strangers

Kenneth and Adeline Thong open their home to young people with nowhere to go – for free. Most of these youths come from abusive and dysfunctional families, and have nowhere to go. Over the last decade, they have housed more than 35 young people, with stays ranging from one day to three years. Read [more...](#)

Polytechnic raising funds to help rebuild villages

Close to \$20,000 has been collected so far from students and staff of Ngee Ann Polytechnic. These funds were meant to rebuild damaged infrastructure using quake-resistant materials, and to develop programmes to help the affected communities. Read [more...](#)

Donate a hawker centre meal to needy residents

A programme called "Gift-A-Meal" was launched to allow diners at Pasir Ris Central Hawker Centre donate meals to needy residents. Read [more...](#)

Duo raised thousands to help migrant workers in need

A Singaporean pair, who launched a crowdfunding campaign to raise \$10,000 for Muslim migrant workers in Singapore, said they were surprised that the sum has hit more than \$58,000 in five weeks. These funds help to pay for Transient Workers Count Too's (TWC2) meal programme and medical bills. Read [more...](#)



INTERNATIONAL COASTAL CLEANUP SINGAPORE 2018

As the world population and consumption increases, the amount of marine trash found in our water bodies has worsen dramatically. Marine trash pollutes our environment, takes a long time to decompose and is ingested by marine animals who mistook them as food.

As part of a global initiative by the [Ocean Conservancy](#) since 1986, [International Coastal Cleanup](#) is an annual event carried out in more than 70 countries worldwide.

Organised by [Earthlink NTU](#), come and join in to clean up our coastline. Limited slots available.

- **When:** 15 September 2018, 7.00 am - 12.30 pm
- **Where:** Lim Chu Kang East Mangrove (*Lim Chu Kang Lane 9, Singapore 719529*)

All volunteers will need to attend a compulsory briefing on 11 September 2018, 7.00 pm - 8.30 pm at LHN-TR+14 (The Arc).

Click [here](#) to register your interest. Email your queries directly to earthlink-ngo@e.ntu.edu.sg. The last day of registration is **10 September 2018**.



VALIANT HEARTS APPRECIATION DAY

Do you love carnivals and interested to befriend adults with mild intellectual disability?

Volunteer as a befriender for the event. Throughout the carnival, you will encourage your buddy to participate in the various fun-filled activities together with you. Volunteer bendifenders will be tagged to the same attendee throughout the carnival, and have the opportunity to forge strong friendships with their respective buddies.

- **When:** 16 September 2018, 9.00 am - 6.00 pm
- **Where:** The Red Box (*113 Somerset Road, Level 2, Learning Hub, Singapore 238165*)

All volunteers will need to attend a compulsory orientation and training on 14 September 2018, 7.00 pm – 10.00 pm at The Red Box.

Click [here](#) to register your interest. Email your queries directly to Winnifred at yca.specialneeds@gmail.com. The last day of registration is **12 September 2018**.



WE ARE STRONGER TOGETHER

Love heritage and food? Come volunteer as bendifenders to seniors from [AWWA](#)!

[Youth Corps Singapore](#) is partnering with [National Heritage Board](#) to create *We Are Stronger Together*, where it provides an opportunity for seniors and youth to come together in an inter-generational bonding trip to Sun Yat Sen Nanyang Memorial Hall and Balestier Heritage & Food Trail.

In this shared heritage experience, you will gain knowledge about Singapore's cultural heritage, hear interesting stories from seniors' lives, and broaden your perspectives about seniors and the eldercare sector.

- **When:** 13 October 2018, 10.00 am - 5.00 pm
- **Where:** Sun Yat Sen Nanyang Memorial Hall (*12 Tai Gin Road, Singapore 327874*)

Click [here](#) to register your interest. Email your queries directly to Kathy at kathleen_chow@nyc.gov.sg. The last day of registration is **23 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](#).



Upcoming Events



ASIAN PREMIERE: SOUFRA

Award-winning director, Thomas Morgan follows the unlikely and wildly inspirational story of intrepid social entrepreneur, Mariam Shaar – a generational refugee who has spent her entire life in the 65-year-old Burl El Barajneh refugee camp just south of Beirut, Lebanon. The film follows Mariam as she sets out against all odds to change her fate by launching a successful catering company, “Soufra,” and then expand it into a food truck business with a diverse team of fellow refugee women who now share this camp as their home.

There will also be Q&A sessions with the director, [GIGI Bloks](#) installation sessions and a Social Impact Market at the event.

Click [here](#) to view the film trailer.

- **When:** 1 - 2 September 2018, various timings
- **Where:** Capitol Theatre (17 Stamford Road, Singapore 178907)
- **Cost:** \$18 - \$127 per ticket

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



Social Media For Good

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The global village of today is home to millennials who practically live, breathe and play connected. As digital natives, almost every youth is connected to at least one social media platform at any given time.

Leveraging on their personal publishing spaces such as *Instagram* and *Facebook*, the programme is created for youths to consciously engage and promote social awareness as active citizens. When done right, it can grow into a powerful peer-to-peer influencing opportunity rooted in empathy and giving.

- **When:** 7 September 2018, 6.00 pm - 9.00 pm
- **Where:** M.A.D. School (30 Merchant Road, #03-22 Riverside Point, Singapore 058282)
- **Cost:** Free (prior registration is necessary)

Click [here](#) to register your interest. Email your queries directly to Abigail at abigail@makethechange.sg. The last day of registration is 6 September 2018.

THE BEST OF YOU 2018

THE BEST OF YOU EXHIBITION 2018

The Best Of You Exhibition shares heartfelt and personal stories by everyday people at National University Hospital this September. Immerse yourself in a space designed to inspire the discovery of the best in you.

There will also be free activities such as pencil portrait drawing workshop, hearing inclusive workshop and a leather crafting workshop. Limited slots available.

- **When:** 8 - 14 September 2018, 10.00 am - 7.00 pm
- **Where:** National University Hospital (5 Lower Kent Ridge Road, Main Building (Lobby B), Singapore 119074)
- **Cost:** Free (prior registration for workshops is necessary)

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



DISCONNECT TO RECONNECT: A SMOL TALK CONVERSATION SERIES (SPECIAL NEEDS THEME)

What is disability to you? How would life be different with a disability?

This session will explore the theme of disability through meaningful conversations and a game of [smol tok](#). It is also a time to share stories and discuss how inclusive Singapore is, with fellow Singaporeans from different walks of lives.

- **When:** 14 September 2018, 7.00 pm - 9.30 pm
- **Where:** The Red Box (113 Somerset Road, Singapore 238165)
- **Cost:** Free (prior registration is necessary)

Click [here](#) to register your interest. Email your queries directly to Lyana Yusof at Yuslyana_YUSOF@nyc.gov.sg. The last day of registration is 10 September 2018.



TEH TARIK SESSIONS @ THE RED BOX – PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AND SPORTS

Join [Singapore Disability Sports Council](#) (SDSC) and [Society Staples](#) for a fun-filled sporty evening and learn how SDSC enhances the lifestyles and well-being of the disabled. You will also get to experience inclusive sports such as Goalball and Boccia facilitated by Society Staples and learn how to overcome challenges through such sports.

- **When:** 21 September 2018, 7.00 pm - 9.35 pm (*dinner is provided*)
- **Where:** The Red Box (113 Somerset Road, Level 2, Learning Hub, Singapore 238165)
- **Cost:** Free (*prior registration is necessary*)

Click [here](#) to register your interest. Email your queries directly to Edmond Kwek at Edmond_kwek@nyc.gov.sg. The last day of registration is **20 September 2018**.



UNIVERSAL DESIGN TRAIL & SIMULATION

Have you ever imagined what would daily life look like for persons with disabilities (PWDs)? Ever wondered how it is like for them to carry out daily living tasks at home or even in a typical workplace? Are you also curious about how Universal Design aids PWDs in their daily life?

Join in a day filled with various experiential and simulation activities as well as a mini tour around [Enabling Village](#) to learn more about Universal Design.

- **When:** 22 September 2018, 8.30 am - 12.30 pm (*breakfast is provided*)
- **Where:** Enabling Village (20 Lengkok Bahru, UOB Ability Hub, Singapore 159053)
- **Cost:** Free (*prior registration is necessary*)

Click [here](#) to register your interest. Email your queries directly to Edmond Kwek at Edmond_kwek@nyc.gov.sg. The last day of registration is **21 September 2018**.



FAIRGROUND FOR ALL

Organised by [Beyond Social Services](#), Fairground is a fundraising initiative aimed at raising awareness for those affected by poverty. As the event name suggests, it is a 'Fair' ground where people can come together, have fun and create memories while better understanding the realities and difficulties faced by the less privileged.

Activities include augmented reality games, superhero photo opportunities, carnival, game booths, food and drinks, flea market and more. All activities, food and drinks are transacted via coupons.

- **When:** 22 September 2018, 1.00 pm - 6.00 pm
- **Where:** *SCAPE (2 Orchard Link, Singapore 237978)
- **Cost:** Free admission

Click [here](#) to read more and pre-purchase your coupons.



IMPACTHON: FOOD JUSTICE

Join a hackathon like no other!

Organised by the Lien Centre for Social Innovation at Singapore Management University (SMU), this impactthon brings together change-makers, social sector leaders and members of the public to build workable solutions to food justice issues.

In addition to the impactthon participants, there will also be sharing sessions from various organisations which includes [The Food Bank Singapore](#), [Food from the Heart](#), [Metropolitan YMCA](#), [Saturdays@Lengkok Bahru](#), [Slush Singapore](#) and [UglyGood](#).

- **When:** 15 - 16 September 2018, 9.00 am - 7.30 pm
- **Where:** SMU Administration Building (81 Victoria Street, Singapore 188065)
- **Cost:** \$5 per pax (*for students only*)

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

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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