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Welcome to Student Community Engagement's fortnightly update.

According to the [World Federation of the Deaf](#), there are approximately 72 million deaf people worldwide and more than 80% of them live in developing countries.

The International Day of Sign Languages (IDSL) is celebrated annually on 23 September, as part of the [International Week of the Deaf](#) (IWDeaf) which aims to raise awareness about the Deaf Community. The theme for IDSL 2018 is "With Sign Language, Everyone is Included!"

Similar to the 'Singlish' language that is unique to Singapore, the Deaf community here also has a [Singapore Sign Language](#) (SgSL). In NTU, we have the [NTU Welfare Services Club Regular Service Project \(Deaf Community\)](#) (WSC RSP DC) which champions the Deaf agenda. There are currently 155 NTU students trained in SgSL and some of them are even proficient enough to be SL interpreters! Not only do they spend weekends providing support to the Deaf community through various programmes, they also provide interpretation at some of our NTU events and even [song-sign during Christmas!](#)

The next time you spot a WSC RSP DC volunteer, do reach out and encourage them to keep up the good work!

Be informed. Be inspired. Be the change.



Articles and Updates

A safe haven for the deaf

Robert Chew, 61, who is also deaf, strives to keep kiddy rides business running to help the disabled. He has a team of nine deaf technicians. Read [more...](#)

Helping disabled and disadvantaged cooks to showcase their skills

She may be deaf, but Mdm Tay Lee Keng did not let that stop her from becoming a skilled baker. Now, the 62-year-old Dignity Kitchen beneficiary is giving her skills a boost with a training stint at a Marina Bay Sands restaurant. Read [more...](#)

How apps have the potential to save lives

One of the winners of this year's Tech4Good awards is an app that allows deaf people to call 999. Read [more...](#)

Teenage girl helped a blind and deaf passenger

15-year-old Clara Daly used the American Sign Language to help the Alaska Airlines flight attendants communicate to 62-year-old Tim Cook, who was travelling alone on the flight. Both Clara and Tim were strangers. Read [more...](#)

Volunteer Opportunities



WE ARE STRONGER TOGETHER

Love heritage and food? Come volunteer as befrienders 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](#).

Competitions and Grants



HULT PRIZE 2018

The [Hult Prize @ NTU](#) is back for the second year!

Dubbed the world's largest student competition for the creation of new social businesses, the annual Hult Prize awards start-up funding for radical and breakthrough ideas that solve the world's toughest social challenges.

The winner of the NTU finals will automatically advance to compete in one of 15 regional finals happening around the world in March 2019. One winning team from each host city will then move on to a summer business incubator, where participants will receive mentorship, advisory and strategic planning as they create prototypes and set-up to launch their new social business. A final round of competition will be hosted in September 2019, where the winning team will be awarded the US\$1 million prize.

Attend the information session to find out more:

- **When:** 26 September 2018, 6.00 pm - 7.00 pm
- **Where:** Lecture Theatre @ The Hive (LHS-LT), Level 1
- **Cost:** Free (prior registration is necessary)

Click [here](#) to register your interest for the information session, and [here](#) to register your team for Hult Prize 2018.

About the Hult Prize

The [Hult Prize](#) is a start-up accelerator for social entrepreneurship that brings together the brightest college and university students from around the globe to solve the world's most pressing issues. This annual initiative is the world's largest student competition and crowd-sourcing platform for social good, and has been funded by the Hult family since its inception in 2009.



YOUNG WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP CONNECTION (YWLC) WOMEN FOR WOMEN: HACKATHON FOR SOCIAL CHANGE 2018

[YWLC](#) will be organising an inaugural Women for Women: Hackathon for Social Change 2018. With a focus on empowering women in the community, this Hackathon provides a platform for female change-makers to pitch problem statements for their causes, and invites members of public aged 21-35 to propose solutions for positive community change.

100 participants. 20 change-makers. 5 hours of intense ideation, collaboration, and pitching.

1 winning proposal to be adopted by YWLC in 2019.

Are you ready to take up the challenge? Each member of the winning team will walk away with \$2000 worth of prizes, including a data analytics course, a month's complimentary pass to all WeWork co-working spaces in Singapore, and \$500 cash!

- **When:** 13 October 2018, 9.00 am - 10.00 pm
- **Where:** WeWork 60 Anson Road (60 Anson Road, Singapore 079914)
- **Cost:** \$15 per pax (this subsidised cost is only valid if you register with your NTU email address)

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



Upcoming Events



A FIRESIDE CHAT WITH SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURS: CREATING SUSTAINABLE IMPACT

In conjunction with Hult Prize NTU, come and hear from notable social entrepreneurs about the industry space, as well as how they've started their social enterprises from scratch.

- **When:** 28 September 2018, 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm
- **Where:** Lecture Theatre @ The Arc (LHN-LT), Level B1
- **Cost:** Free (prior registration is necessary)

Click [here](#) to register your interest. Email your queries directly to hultprizeatntu@gmail.com.

The last day of registration is **27 September 2018**.



FILM SCREENING: SOUFRA

[Soufra](#) follows the inspirational story of intrepid social entrepreneur, Marlam Shaar – a refugee who has spent her entire life in the Burl El Barajneh refugee camp south of Beirut, Lebanon.

The film follows Marlam and a diverse team of fellow refugee women as they set out to change their fate by launching a catering company, “Soufra,” and then expand its reach outside the camp with a food truck business. Together, they heal the wounds of war through the unifying power of food while taking their future into their own hands.

- **When:** 13 - 19 September 2018, various times
- **Where:** The Projector (6001 Beach Road, Golden Mile Tower, #05-00, Singapore 199589)
- **Cost:** \$13.50 per ticket

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



INTERNATIONAL WEEK OF THE DEAF AND AWARDS CEREMONY 2018

In line with International Week of the Deaf, [The Singapore Association for the Deaf](#) is organising an event to celebrate the occasion! There will be performances, an exhibition and a record-breaking attempt to post at least 200 videos of different signs onto their Facebook page.

- **When:** 15 September 2018, 11.00 am - 7.00 pm
- **Where:** Toa Payoh Hub Atrium (480 Toa Payoh Lorong 6, Singapore 310480)
- **Cost:** Free

Click [here](#) for event updates.



MINDS FILM FESTIVAL 2018

The film festival is back and bigger!

For the first time ever, the MINDS Film Festival 2018 is privileged to receive sponsorship for the production of two locally commissioned short films, which will join the ranks of six other international films to be featured during the festival. The two local films are produced by Chuan Pictures and local award-winning filmmaker, Royston Tan. It will feature [MINDS Taiko Drum Troupe](#), as well as put a spotlight on the sobering realities of a caregivers demise.

There will also be a roving exhibition to share inspiring stories about MINDS' beneficiaries. It aims to advocate for persons with intellectual disability (PWDs) and educate the public about what an inclusive society that embraces and uplifts the 'differently-abled' can look like. Click [here](#) for exhibition schedule.

- **When:** 16 September - 7 October 2018, various times
- **Where:** Golden Village cinemas (various locations)
- **Cost:** \$6 per ticket

Click [here](#) to read more.



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.

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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