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Welcome to Student Community Engagement's fortnightly update.

In this globalised nation, youths are increasingly exposed to other perspectives and conversations on current affairs and a wide range of issues. According to the [National Youth Survey 2017](#) conducted by [National Youth Council](#), 90% of youths regard helping the less fortunate and contributing to society as important life goals.

In the wake of honouring exceptional young people who excelled in their fields of pursuit and demonstrated a strong passion to make a difference in the community, the nation's highest accolade for youths, [Singapore Youth Award](#) was recently presented to six individuals. They include Daniel Teh, owner of [Pope Jai Thai](#), a social enterprise restaurant whose workforce consists of mainly youths-at-risk and people with special needs, physical disabilities and mental health issues, and Jean Loo, co-founder of [Superhero Me](#), a movement that harnesses the creative arts to empower children from less privileged and special needs communities.

Elsewhere in the world earlier this month, more than 2500 young people from 36 different countries gathered to showcase their entrepreneurial actions and social innovations. The [Enactus World Cup](#) is an opportunity for National Champion Enactus teams to share their journey on a global stage on how they are transforming lives to create a better future. Our very own [Enactus NTU](#) represented Singapore and was ranked third in its competition league, emerging within the top 18 teams. Watch their amazing presentation [here](#). This annual gathering of passionate young individuals is a clear demonstration that despite the diversity of culture and experiences growing up, there is this shared purpose of wanting to make a difference to address important issues affecting the world.

Be informed. Be inspired. Be the change.



Articles and Updates

Ex-problem kid driven to help at-risk youth

Youth worker Kevin Chia, 33, did not have the easiest time growing up. His dad was in and out of jail, while his mother struggled to provide for him and his brother. When his father was diagnosed with cancer, Kevin quit school to work to repay the debts accumulated from the medical treatment. Yet, he was determined to live his life the best way he could, and is today helping other at-risk youth. Read [more...](#)

He helps others with selective mutism

Nigel Ng, 24, was diagnosed with selective mutism when he was nine. It is a form of anxiety disorder that meant he was not able to speak with certain people or in certain situations. After much therapy at Institute of Mental Health, Nigel has since rediscovered his voice and is starting the first support group here for people with selective mutism. In the longer term, he hopes to set up a social enterprise to help those with the condition. Read [more...](#)

Loss of grandpa to cancer spurs youth to help others

After the loss of his grandfather to lung cancer in 2015, Aloysius Moh, 19, wanted to find a way to help people with chronic illnesses. Aloysius rallied his friends to start a campaign to raise awareness of bone marrow diseases. Within two days, the campaign recruited 234 bone marrow donors. Aloysius was awarded the National Youth Achievement Award (NYAA) gold award to recognise his efforts. Read [more...](#)

Giving hope after losing voice

Crystal Goh, 32, had planned to go into music full-time, until she lost her voice to a rare neurological condition. But she has found another voice on behalf of vulnerable young people, helping them turn their life stories into music. Together with two friends, Crystal started Diamond on the Street, a social enterprise that allow young people to explore their life experiences and relationships through songwriting and storytelling programmes. Read [more...](#)



KIDS' WORLD 2018

The much-anticipated Kids' World is back!

Kids' World is a signature project of NTU's Welfare Services Club – Volunteer Management. It is a three day programme organised annually for 8-12 years old children from underprivileged backgrounds to immerse in the year-end festivities over activities and excursions.

Volunteers will spend time with the children by interacting with them throughout the planned games and activities. All volunteers will be required to attend sessions on the following dates:

- **Volunteer Interaction Day: 17 December 2018**
- **Actual event: 18 – 20 December 2018**

Click [here](#) to read more and [here](#) to register your interest. Email your queries directly to wsc-vm@e.ntu.edu.sg. The last day of registration is **10 November 2018**.



M.Y MENTORING 2019

Organised by [Metropolitan YMCA Singapore](#), [M.Y Mentoring 2019](#) is a programme for Lower Secondary Normal (Academic) students, and it emphasises on developing self-esteem and self-identity through social-emotional learning components and empowerment by community project work.

Student volunteers play a role of a trusted friend and mentor to these students, as well as journey the programme with them which encompass direct teaching of social emotional skills, self-reflection and critical thinking.

- **When: 14 January - 17 May 2019, 12.00 pm - 5.30 pm (weekly)**
- **Where:** Various secondary schools in Singapore

Click [here](#) to register your interest. Email your queries directly to Grace Chua at grace.chua@mymca.org.sg. The last day of registration is **9 November 2018**.



COLOUR (Y)OUR WORLD

Organised by [SUN-DAC](#), the inaugural Art Exhibition and Concert, "Colour (Y)Our World" aims to showcase different talents and abilities. Like many colours of the world that makes it beautiful, the event celebrates inclusion through [art](#) and [music](#)! It will also raise funds to create a more dignified and meaningful space for their clients at the two centres in a makeover project called "Design for Dignity".

SUN-DAC is recruiting 30 volunteers to help out at the event, and various roles are available.

- **When: 30 November - 1 December 2018, various timings**
- **Where:** Tay Eng Soon Convention Centre @ ITE College Central (2 Ang Mo Kio Drive, Level 4, Singapore 567720)

Click [here](#) to read more and register your interest. Email your queries directly to Natasha at natasha@sundac.org. The last day of registration is **15 November 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



SINGAPORE ECO FILM FESTIVAL 2018

For the third year, the local eco-community comes together to celebrate and accelerate environmental solutions. The Festival aims to engage the public, private and creative sectors to collaborate together for a greener future.

There will be films and discussions, along with a series of inspiring workshops from regional film-makers and community partners.

- **When: 1 - 4 November 2018, various timings**
- **Where:** ArtScience Museum (6 Bayfront Avenue, Singapore 018974)
- **Cost:** Free (prior registration is necessary)

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

YOUTH4CLIMATE FEST 2018



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Presented by City Developments Limited and in support of the [United Nations Sustainable Development Goals](#) and Singapore's Year of Climate Action, don't miss this extravaganza of music, song and dance!

There will be food booths, fun activities and music performances by artistes such as [The Lorong Boys](#) and [Inch Chua](#). So bring your friends and family to the event and have a mega picnic session on the lush grounds at the Singapore Botanic Gardens.

- **When:** 2 - 3 November 2018, 4.00 pm - 7.00 pm
- **Where:** Shaw Foundation Symphony Stage @ Singapore Botanic Gardens (1 Cluny Road, Singapore 259569)
- **Cost:** Free



GREEN IS THE NEW BLACK : THE CONSCIOUS FESTIVAL

A festival that aims to bring people who want to *#LiveMoreConsciously* by improving the way they think, work and consume while doing more good in the world. It is also a place where fun and social environmental responsibility goes hand in hand.

There will be flea market, food, live music, talks and much more!

- **When:** 3 - 4 November 2018, 11.00 am - 7.00 pm
- **Where:** PARKROYAL On Pickering Hotel (3 Upper Pickering Street, Singapore 058289)
- **Cost (Admission):** Free (prior registration is necessary). Click [here](#) to register.
- **Cost (Talks):** \$34.79 - \$93.22 (key in promo code: IMCONSCIOUS to get 10% discount). Click [here](#) to register.

Click [here](#) to read more about the festival.



Others



IMPACTHON: THE THIRD AGE WELLBEING

"The Third Age", often considered to be the golden years of adulthood, is also the onset for age-related illnesses that affect one's physical, emotional and cognitive development.

Join in for a meaningful weekend to build workable solutions that have an impact on issues affecting the elderly.

- **When:** 10 - 11 November 2018, 9.00 am - 7.30 pm
- **Where:** SMU Administration Building (81 Victoria Street, Level 6, Singapore 188065)
- **Cost:** \$6 per student (inclusive of lunch and dinner)

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



YOUTH FOR CHANGE CONFERENCE

Violence affects some 1.7 billion children every year, in every country, city and community.

Join an extraordinary international community of cause-driven youth at World Vision's Youth For Change Conference to learn how you can help end violence against children.

- Attend **dialogues and workshops** with experienced field practitioners and advocacy strategists at the frontline of child protection
- Make **field visits** to World Vision's peri-urban and rural programmes on the outskirts of Bangkok
- Go on a **behind-the-scenes visit** to the National Office of World Vision Thailand
- Build **cross-cultural networks** with young humanitarians from different countries

There are proven solutions for preventing, mitigating, and responding to child abuse. With your help, a world without violence against children is possible.

- **When:** 18 - 21 December 2018
- **Where:** Bangkok, Thailand
- **Cost:** SGD \$425 (early bird fee until 28 October 2018) ; SGD \$480 (after 28 October 2018)

*The conference fee does not include the cost of air travel to and from Thailand, visa applications (if any), and travel insurance.

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

Conference participants will be eligible for the Social Impact Training Grant (SITG). Email QCommE@ntu.edu.sg for more details.

Only full-time NTU students are eligible for SITG. Terms & conditions apply.



EMPOWERING YOUTHS ACROSS ASEAN PROGRAMME

The [#eMpoweringYouths](#) across ASEAN, a partnership programme between Maybank Foundation and [ASEAN Foundation](#), will enable you to unleash your creativity, develop your leadership skills, and elevate your entrepreneurship spirit, all while leaving lasting impacts on the ASEAN community.

In this programme, your project management skills will be enhanced through intensive capacity building and you will have access to project grant of up to USD 20,000 per project to kickstart your own social enterprise.

Join this initiative and turn your dream into reality.

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

The last day of application is **18 November 2018**.



VECTOR SOCIAL IMPACT JOBS PLATFORM

Looking to get some volunteer experience in the social sector?

Vector is a job matching platform that focuses on connecting people with skills to social impact organisations who need help in these skilled areas.

They are inviting 50 participants to join as beta testers for the app, while volunteering their skills for various social impact organisations.

Click [here](#) to read more. Email your queries directly to vectorapp.help@gmail.com.

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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