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## Welcome to Student Community Engagement's fortnightly update.

It may not make a difference to many when the thermostat at home is turned up by 0.5 degree Celsius, but this increase would have a significant impact on the climate for a country like Singapore.

The [latest report](#) of the [Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change](#) (IPCC) showed that warming of 2 degree Celsius instead of 1.5 degree Celsius could see sea levels rise by 10cm more. Singapore's [Second National Climate Change Study](#) had projected mean sea levels in the Republic could rise by as much as 1 metre by 2100.

The IPCC report also highlighted a significant decline in crop yields in South-East Asia and reduced nutritional value of rice under a 2 degree Celsius increase. This finding could have repercussions on Singapore's food security.

Activities such as the mass urbanisation of global cities, burning coal, oil and gas for energy and increased usage in single-use items are warming the planet at a rapid rate. In order to avoid catastrophe, we must change the way we eat, commute, farm and build.

The time to act is now. [Singapore declared 2018 as the Year of Climate Action](#). You can pledge to positively impact the environment through practices like reducing one's carbon footprint, going paperless, recycling, adopting more energy-efficient practices and raising awareness of environmental concerns and solutions.

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



## Articles and Updates

### Climate change may affect food supply in Singapore

Singapore tops the chart when it comes to ensuring that its citizens have access to safe and nutritious food at affordable prices in the short and long term. However, given that Singapore imports most of its food, climate change could still disrupt its food security depending on how badly other food-producing countries are hit. Read [more...](#)

### Urgent changes needed for region's future

Decades of data shows that a long-term build-up of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere is trapping heat and warming up lands and oceans. Emissions need to decline 45% by 2030 in order to keep warming within the 1.5 degree Celsius limit. Read [more...](#)

### Bukit Panjang CC opens green exhibition

Free permanent exhibition is the latest effort by club to show importance of sustainability. Read [more...](#)

### Save trees and restore forests to curb climate change

Widespread land clearing raises local temperatures, and rising global temperatures are triggering more wildfires. Scientists estimated that stopping deforestation, restoring forests and improving forestry practices could cost-effectively remove seven billion tonnes of carbon dioxide annually, or as much as eliminating 1.5 billion cars. Read [more...](#)

### Ordinary people can play a big part in fighting climate change

Fighting climate change might seem like a big problem that is for governments to solve. But it turns out that there is a lot ordinary people can do. The most significant thing that people can do is to reduce their power consumption and use of motor vehicles which are oil-based. Read [more...](#)



## A walk to remember

### A WALK TO REMEMBER

Are you passionate to volunteer with children? Do you want to learn more about the Singapore story?

Organised by National Youth Council (NYC), buddy with children from diverse family backgrounds and experience the Jubilee Walk! Together, you will visit iconic locations such as the National Museum of Singapore and Marina Barrage which constitute the past and future elements of the Singapore story.

NYC is recruiting 30 volunteer befrienders to help out at the event:

- **When:** 26 November 2018, 10.00 am - 6.30 pm
- **Where:** Along Jubilee Walk (around City Hall area)

All volunteer befrienders would have to attend a **compulsory orientation and training** on **17 November 2018, 8.30 am - 6.00 pm** at **The Red Box (113 Somerset Road, Singapore 238165)**.

Click [here](#) to read more and register your interest. Email your queries directly to Yu Ping at [Heng\\_Yu\\_Ping@nyc.gov.sg](mailto:Heng_Yu_Ping@nyc.gov.sg). The last day of registration is **16 November 2018**.



### SHOP FOR A CAUSE

In partnership with NTUC FairPrice, Shop for a Cause aims to reach out to seniors in nursing homes to engage them in meaningful activities in the community.

Youth volunteer befrienders will accompany seniors for an afternoon of grocery shopping at FairPrice Xtra Hypermarket at Kallang Wave Mall, and interact with them through a meal and sightseeing.

- **When:** 30 November 2018, 12.30 pm - 5.30 pm
- **Where:** NTUC Health Nursing Home (Geylang East) (25 Geylang East Central, Singapore 389708)

Click [here](#) to read more and register your interest. Email your queries directly to Kathy at [kathleen\\_chow@nyc.gov.sg](mailto:kathleen_chow@nyc.gov.sg). The last day of registration is **18 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



### ASIAN YOUTH THEATRE FESTIVAL 2018 : ACCESSIBILITY & INCLUSION

The Asian Youth Theatre Festival gives youths access to challenge perspectives, be inclusive, explore identity and celebrate ASEAN youth in theatre. Providing a bridge between cultures and to place youth theatre on the map as a credible and relevant part of the artistic landscape, it also seeks to enlighten, challenge and empower young people through every aspect of theatre.

The Festival features 20 original plays written and devised by 160 youths from across Asia, and 15 curated workshops from 15 different youth collectives.

- **When:** 16 - 18 November 2018, various timings
- **Where:** The Republic Cultural Centre @ Republic Polytechnic (9 Woodlands Avenue 9, Singapore 738964)
- **Cost:** \$10 - \$65 per person

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



### EXPERIENCES | BUILD, A BICYCLE

Organised by [Society Staples](#), embark on a unique building experience this year-end.

Only about one-third of Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) engage in any kind of sports on a regular basis, mainly due to the lack of access and opportunities for participation. The number goes even lower for Persons with Developmental Disabilities (PWDDs).

In groups of five, work your way to solve interactive challenges to “earn” the parts and tools required to assemble the bicycles.

With the resources earned, teams will then assemble the bicycle that will be gifted to a Voluntary Welfare Organisation serving PWDs. This way, PWDs can stay active and improve their gross mobility skills like balancing and hand-eye coordination.

- **When:** 1 December 2018, 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm
- **Where:** Shimano Cycling World (6 Stadium Walk, #01-02, Singapore 397698)
- **Cost:** \$31.29 per person

Limited spaces available. Click [here](#) to purchase tickets.

Last day of registration is **24 November 2018**.



### THE GREEN FRIDAY SWAP

Do you have clothes in your closet that you bought out of impulse and regretted your decision? How cool will it be, to be able to exchange for items that you will value more? You get to save the planet, be unique and frequently renew your closet.

This festive season, get ready for THE GREEN FRIDAY SWAP where you get to choose to attend a swap party. Expect displays of stunning clothes, bags, shoes, jewellery and accessories – some of the items are even from influencers’ closets!

There will be items for everyone, from women, men, teens to even children. So make a date to come down and swap. Happy swapping!

- **When:** 23 - 25 November 2018, various timings
- **Where:** Mandarin Gallery (333A Orchard Road, Singapore 238897)
- **Cost:** \$15 - \$30 (registration fee depends on the number of swapped items)

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



## Others



### 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](mailto:QCommE@ntu.edu.sg) for more details. *Only full-time NTU students are eligible for SITG. Terms & conditions apply.*

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>.