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

We are living a story of change. Around the world, there is a movement of ordinary people making a difference every day.

Solutions exist everywhere to create a world where sustainability and profits are compatible; inclusive democracy is restored; citizens from all over the world have access to education, healthcare and appropriate food; men and women have the same rights; and climate change is controlled.

Every year on the same day, Sparknews gathers 50 leading newspapers from around the world to share and publish a special edition dedicated to 60 concrete and inspiring solutions to global issues, on subjects like education, energy, healthcare, agriculture, water, technology and urbanism. We have curated and published three articles in this issue. For more stories, click [here](#).

Be informed. Be inspired. Be the change.



Articles and Updates

Come rain or shine – a tent of their own

For six years, a married homeless couple were separated and forced to live apart in Delhi, India. The husband was in one gender-segregated communal shelter and the wife in another. Last year, for the first time, they were able to move into their own "home". Their new "home" is a tent, designed by Singapore-based, non-profit organization billionBricks. The tent can be set up by one person in 15 minutes without any tools. It is weather-resistant and offers protection from the city's extreme temperatures. It is also spacious, with the ability to fit a family of two adults and three children. Read [more...](#)

App lets workers engage their bosses

Kutumbita is a tech start-up that aims to empower workers in the garment industry, through an app that is designed to foster clear and equitable communication between employer and employee in firms which are too large for traditional communication channels. Workers can log complaints with their supervisors, access their salary and benefits, schedule training programmes, apply for leave and exercise their rights as employees of an organisation. Management can also use it to send out emergency alerts, as well as resolve complaints speedily and with transparency. Read [more...](#)

From leftovers to delicious dishes

As head of the [Favela Organica Project](#), Ms Regina Tchelly has taught over 30,000 people how to grow their own vegetables in tiny spaces, to transform banana peels, broccoli stems, pumpkin shells and other improbable raw material into delicacies and to turn what they cannot use in the kitchen into compost for their home gardens. Read [more...](#)

Volunteer Opportunities



Calling all technology lovers!

Do you know how to **operate a smartphone** and **use Instagram and Youtube**? Do you have a **passion to work with seniors**? If your answer is "YES!" to both questions, then this is for you!



CALVARY COMMUNITY CARE
CHARITY • COMPASSION • CARE

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 20 student volunteers for each of their programmes:

- **Let's Excel in Smartphone!**
- **Get Social! Learn to social network through Instagram and Youtube.**

For either programme, volunteers will be required to teach their senior clients with a commitment of 2 sessions at 2.5 hours each.

Email Abigail at abigailchua@calvary.org.sg or call 6281 1866 / 9271 2991 to register your interest.

Are you an avid photographer/videographer/social media enthusiast?

Hush TeaBar is looking for **volunteer photographers, videographers** and/or **social media writers**, to cover the upcoming #YoungXHush Launch event at [National Youth Council SHINE Festival](#).

Volunteer Photographers or Videographers:

- Provide photography or videography coverage for the duration of SHINE Festival;
- Work collaboratively together post event, to produce an event video footage; and
- Interview participants.



Volunteers need to have their own camera equipment.

Volunteer Social Media Writers:

- Post on Hush's FaceBook to highlight and showcase all happenings during SHINE Festival;
- Coordinate/support Photography Team in posting FaceBook updates; and
- Do live updates of significant activities.

[Hush TeaBar](#) is a social enterprise which hires deaf TeaRistas to create a different tea experience.

Click [here](#) to register your interest as event volunteers – various dates are available.



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



Do you have a keen business sense? Or have you always dreamt of becoming a social entrepreneur? Here is your chance! The CoLab4Good Fund for Social Enterprises seeks to support and encourage NTU students who are interested in entrepreneurship to explore a social enterprise business model.

Seed funding of up to S\$10,000 will be provided for new and sustainable business ideas that create positive social impact.

Applications for this year are opened from **1 June to 31 July 2017**.

Click [here](#) to find out more and apply today!



The President's Challenge Social Enterprise Award aims to give recognition to outstanding social enterprises that have created great social impact through their businesses in Singapore.

Stand a chance to win \$25,000 (*Youth Social Enterprise of the Year*), \$40,000 (*Social Enterprise Start-Up of the Year*) or \$50,000 (*Social Enterprise of the Year*)!

Applications are now open and will end on **28 July 2017**.

Click [here](#) to find out more and apply today!



Upcoming Events

Shop and play for a good cause at *The Social Fairground*.



This event is a collaboration between [Association for Persons with Special Needs \(APSN\)](#) and [The Local People \(TLP\)](#) with the support of [Singapore Land Authority \(SLA\)](#). This event aims to promote an inclusive society for the special needs community through arts, music, games and sports.

Event Highlights includes an art market by TLP; carnival games hosted by [The Social Co.](#); artisanal food stalls; photo booth; performances by local singer-songwriters and APSN's very own talents; Human library by APSN teachers and students; and many more!

Event details are as follows:

- **When:** 15 July 2017, 11.00 am – 9.00 pm
- **Where:** 25F Paterson Road, Singapore 238515
- **Cost:** \$12.00 per ticket (*all proceeds will go towards APSN Centre for Adult's operational costs, training and programmes*)

Click [here](#) to purchase tickets.



Keen to participate in a community trail with a twist?

The Universal Design Trail aims to deepen the participant's understanding of the challenges Persons With Disabilities (PWDs) face when carrying out regular tasks and how the Universal Design (UD) eases these challenges.

Each member in the group will play one of the following roles throughout the trail: a person with physical impairment, a person with visual impairment and a person with hearing impairment. At the end of the trail, each member will share their different experiences.

- **When:** 15 July 2017, 9.20 am – 12.30 pm
- **Where:** Enabling Village (20 Lengkok Bahru, Singapore 159053)

Limited slots available. Click [here](#) to apply.



Jointly organised by [Etch Empathy](#) and [Youth Corps Singapore](#), come experience a blind date like no other. This is a blind simulation session, and it will allow participants to experience how a blind person carries out everyday tasks which may seem simple for a normal person. Participants will also get to hear real-life experiences from the blind guides at these sessions. Simulation sessions are safe and designed to mirror actual scenarios to a certain extent.

Details are as follows:

- **When:** 22 July 2017, 6.00 pm – 8.30 pm
- **Where:** The Red Box, Level 2, Learning Hub (113 Somerset Road, Singapore 238165)

Limited slots available. Click [here](#) to apply.

Student Community Engagement aims to empower students to make a difference through positive social actions. 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.

We believe that young people have a critical role to play in building a better world for themselves and the community.

Established in 2015, we are part of the Student Academic Services Department at NTU. More information at <http://www.ntu.edu.sg/sasd/communityengagement>.

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