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We are 5 days away from Lunar New Year! Are you almost done with decluttering your home or hall space, and only keeping things that #sparkjoy?

What will you do with those items that you want to get rid of? Throw them away or donate to a nearby thrift store? According to <u>statistics</u> by National Environment Agency, 7.7 million tonnes of solid waste was generated in 2017, and of which, only 4.72 million tonnes was recycled.

We can definitely do more by <u>adopting better recycling practices</u> and not indulging in impulsive purchases. Let us work towards reducing our waste and ultimately, a zero-waste society.

Be informed. Be inspired. Be the change.

ARTICLES & UPDATES



NTU scientists turn durian seeds into usable products

The scientists have found a way to turn durian seeds into food stabilisers and probiotics. The research team is currently exploring several industry partnerships, including multinational companies. Read <u>more</u>...



Where the world sends its trash

Malaysian plastic waste imports soar after China imposes ban, and this created a pollution crisis. In the long run, all nations should greatly reduce their use of single-use plastics. Read more...



\$2 million grant to fund zerowaste initiatives

People looking to kick-start ground-up initiatives to drive waste reduction and recycling can get help. The grant will encourage reducing, reusing, recycling and paving the way for a zero-waste nation in the near future. Read more...



Zero-waste warriors

How do you lead a zero-waste life? The Straits Times finds out from a garden enthusiast, reusables proponent and eco-friendly parents. Read <u>more</u>...

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



8 March 2019

For The Gran

A NTU student-led initiative bringing together youths and people with dementia on a day trip to Gardens By The Bay. You'll make friends, take pictures and create memories, so what's there not to love? Find out more.



16 March 2019

Trash to Treasure

Come and participate in a special upcycling workshop with youth and seniors, and learn to make something new from old materials! Find out more.



16 March 2019

Sport-bilities

Team up with individuals with disabilities and play modified sports that allow them to use their social cognitive and motor skills. Through this, you'll help them improve their quality of life and encourage social integration. Find out more.



23 March 2019

Art-bilities

Bringing together arts and youth volunteerism, come and befriend social service users from Metta Home, and actively engage with them during the art-making activities. Find out more.

COMPETITIONS & GRANTS



Social Impact Internship Stipend

The Stipend provides opportunities for you to explore a meaningful career by creating social impact and shared values while banking on real world experiences. Find out more and apply by April 2019.

UPCOMING EVENTS



16 February 2019

#V360E Social Enterprise Learning Journey

In conjunction with Social Impact Week 2019, Enactus NTU and CO-OP@NTU are jointly organising a visit to two social enterprises, Dignity Kitchen and We Are Caring, to learn about their startup journey. Find out more.



28 January - 24 February 2019

i Light Singapore

In conjunction with the launch of Singapore Bicentennial commemoration, get ready to be wowed by over 30 sustainable light art installations, which were designed with energy-saving lighting or environmentally-friendly materials. Find out more.



17 February - 7 April 2019

Arts For Good

A collaboration between Nanyang Arts Festival and Student Community Engagement, Arts For Good promises to unleash your creativity streak; all while contributing to a worthy cause. Find out more.



2 - 3 March 2019

Relay For Life 2019

Participate in Singapore's only 15-hour overnight event to show your support and cheer for cancer survivors, caregivers and remember those who have lost their lives to cancer. No one fights cancer alone, so come and show your support. Find out more.

OTHERS



May - August 2019

Internship Opportunities

The ASEAN Foundation is looking for a Creative Writing Intern and a Social Media Intern. Interns will be expected to start between May to August 2019, and minimum internship duration is at least eight weeks. Interested? Email us!





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.

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