

# ISSUE #5 (14 July 2017)



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

"We all live with the objective of being happy; our lives are all different and yet the same." – Anne Frank (1929 - 1945)

Inclusion refers to the concept of ensuring that all persons (irrespective of age, disability, gender, religion, etc) are given opportunities to realise their potential in the same environment.

On the national front, several initiatives are already in place – including the annual [Purple Parade](#) which celebrates the abilities of people with special needs; the [Third Enabling Masterplan](#) which creates a more inclusive society for people with disabilities; and age-friendly policies in healthcare and public housing.

Be informed. Be inspired. Be the change.



## Articles and Updates

### Romp steps up social inclusion efforts

Romp, an annual sports carnival has partnered with the Singapore Disability Sports Council, to promote social inclusion. Read [more ...](#)

### Special-needs musicians to perform

For the first time ever, this year's National Day Parade will feature musicians with different types of disabilities performing together, to promote a caring spirit and to highlight the message of inclusivity. Read [more...](#)

### Providing inclusive learning space for all kids

Madam Lena Koh, Principal of Kindle Garden – Singapore's first inclusive childcare centre – sees inclusion as a mission after her own experience as a parent to her 13 year old son, who is autistic. Read [more ...](#)

## Volunteer Opportunities



Do you have the passion to work with **young children, teenagers** and the **elderly**?

[Lakeside Family Services \(LFS\)](#) is a social service organisation established in 1993 to serve the community at Jurong. It provides casework and counselling, financial assistance, information and referral services targeting family needs for people of all ages, regardless of race, language or religion. LFS is looking for volunteers to help in three of their programmes:

- (1) **LIGHTS Preteen Programme (Children Services)** – To facilitate activities and befriend the children in the programme.
- (2) **Lakeside Student Care (Jurong East and Jurong West Centre)** – To conduct activities such as sports, Arts & Crafts, homework coaching, student workshops, etc.
- (3) **Families-in-Transition Shelter** – To tutor children in their subjects and teach creative arts.

Click [here](#) to see details and register your interest with Cindy Gan at [volunteer@lakeside.org.sg](mailto:volunteer@lakeside.org.sg) or call 6265 6522 (ext. 150).



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 (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](mailto:abigailchua@calvary.org.sg) or call 6281 1866 / 9271 2991 to register your interest.



**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!



Are you a social influencer with a strong passion for the environment?

Sign up for the City Developments Limited (CDL) E-Generation Challenge to win the opportunity to be part of [Climate Force: Antarctica 2018](#), which includes a 12-day study trip to Antarctica led by O.B.E. Robert Swan, a renowned explorer and the first man who stepped foot on both North and South Poles.

Applications will close on **4 August 2017**.

For more details, download the CDL E-Generation Challenge document [here](#).



## Upcoming Events



### **A PHOTOJOURNALISM EXHIBITION: "MANY LENSES, ONE YEP"**

*"Photography is a way of feeling, of touching, of loving. What you have caught on film is captured forever... it remembers little things, long after you have forgotten everything" – Aaron Siskind*

The Youth Expedition Project (YEP) is a Service-Learning programme by Youth Corps Singapore, a national institution that champions youth volunteerism, under the National Youth Council. "Many Lenses, One YEP" aims to showcase the meaningful experiences of participants from the Youth Expedition Project in Asia through photo essays.

The exhibition will feature the top 100 entries, and **18 of these are from NTU**. More notably, **four of these entries are in the top 20 category!** Details of the exhibition is as follows:

**When:** 15 July 2017 (2.00 pm - 7.00 pm) and 16 July 2017 (1.00 pm - 5.00 pm)

**Where:** National Museum of Singapore, The Salon, Level 1 (93 Stamford Road, Singapore 178897)

**Cost:** Free of Charge

There will also be a series of free workshops which you can sign up prior to the event:

- **Mobile Photography** (15 July 2017, 2.00 pm - 5.00 pm)
- **Clay Pottery** (16 July 2017, 12.00 pm - 3.00 pm)
- **Ukelele** (16 July 2017, 3.00 pm - 6.00 pm)

The workshops have limited slots. Click [here](#) to sign up.



World renowned conservationist, primatologist and United Nations Messenger of Peace, Dr Jane Goodall, will be visiting Singapore this August!

In celebration of the [Jane Goodall Institute of Singapore](#) 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, a series of three exciting events has been organised. Come and meet Dr Jane and be inspired by her stories!

#### **PUBLIC LECTURE: ONE NATURE, TOGETHER**

Dr Jane will share stories of hope and inspiration, and her thoughts on conservation, through a lively discussion with other notable speakers, including Guest-of-Honour Mr Desmond Lee (Minister, Prime Minister's Office).

- **When:** 6 August 2017, 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm
- **Where:** MES Theatre at Mediacorp (1 Stars Avenue, Singapore 138507)
- **Cost:** From \$16.00 (enjoy up to 15% early bird discount till 19 July 2017)

Click [here](#) to purchase tickets.

#### **DINNER: LIVING IN HARMONY**

Enjoy a rare opportunity to interact with Dr Jane at an exclusive dinner, and be inspired by her passion and hope for people to live in harmony with nature and wildlife.

- **When:** 6 August 2017, 6.30 pm - 9.30 pm
- **Where:** Hort Park (33 Hyderabad Road [off Alexandra Road], Singapore 119578)
- **Cost:** From \$300.00

Click [here](#) to purchase tickets.

#### **CONFERENCE: ROOTS & SHOOTS**

Dr Jane will share more about [Roots & Shoots](#), and youths' role in conservation and humanitarian work. This event is open to students and educators only.

- **When:** 8 August 2017, 1.00 pm - 3.00 pm

Click [here](#) for the full write up on all events.

*"What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make." – Jane Goodall*

## **2017 singapore international festival of arts**

#### **A THEATRE PRODUCTION: DRAGONFLIES**

The year is 2021. Climate change is wreaking havoc across the globe and political extremism. Leslie Chen is forced to abandon his home in England and move back to his birthplace, Singapore. Like a dragonfly that migrates around the world to survive, Chen now faces one of life's biggest questions: what is the meaning of home?

A production by [Pangdemonium](#) and commissioned by [Singapore International Festival of Arts \(SIFA\)](#), Dragonflies seeks to explore these issues. It will be performed in English and there will be some Mandarin dialogue with English subtitles.

- **When:** 24 - 26 August 2017, 8.00 pm - 10.15 pm (includes intermission)
- **Where:** Victoria Theatre (9 Empress Place, Singapore 179556)
- **Cost:** From \$40.00 (students enjoy 20% discount)

Click [here](#) to purchase tickets.

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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