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Every year on 14 June, countries around the world celebrate <u>World Blood</u> <u>Donor Day</u>. It serves to raise awareness of the need for blood and to thank blood donors for their contribution.

Every hour of the day, 15 units of blood are used in Singapore. One unit of blood is equivalent to one pint of beer which means every day, about 350 pints are needed. Check out Singapore's <u>Big Blood Picture</u>.

In many countries (not only in Singapore), there is always a constant shortage of blood in the blood bank. Consider to donate blood today and save a life!

Be informed. Be inspired. Be the change.

\*PS: It's our 50th issue! To celebrate this milestone, we are giving away exclusive EZ-Link cards worth \$10 each. All you have to do is tell us which is your favourite section in our newsletter and why! The five best entries wins. <u>Email</u> us your answers now!

# **ARTICLES & UPDATES**



# Lifetime blood donor intends to keep giving

Robert, 69, contributes to the blood bank three to four times every year, and has given blood a total of 184 times so far. His blood donation journey started when he was 18 years old. He goes for his medical check-up every year so that he can continue donating blood. Read more...



# Infusion of Hope for blood banks in Senegal

Families and healthcare facilities in Senegal often race against time when looking for a donor with a rare blood type. "Hope", a web-based and mobile digital platform allows the blood bank to manage blood stocks and communicate interactively at any time with blood donors. Read more...

# **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**







29 June 2019

## **Families For Life Celebrations**

Families are the building blocks of society. This annual celebration takes place in SAFRA Punggol this year. Volunteer at this significant event in a variety of roles. Register by 21 June. Find out more.



20 July 2019

# YMCA Proms 2019

Volunteers will get to bond with people with special needs over interesting performances and exciting carnival activities. There will also be a Maker's Market where all profits go to the makers' respective organisations. Find out more.

25 - 28 June 2019

#### **AVPN Conference 2019**

Asia's largest gathering of social investors who seek to move capital more effectively towards impact. Interested in social investing or want to increase your social network? Volunteers get to attend sessions for free. Find out more.



July - December 2019

# **Homework Support and Tutoring**

Volunteer to be tutors for under-performing primary and secondary school students in English, Mathematics and Science. Volunteers must commit once a week for at least six months. Find out more.

# **COMPETITIONS & GRANTS**



# 1 June - 31 July 2019

# **CoLab4Good Fund for Social Enterprises**

Do you have a viable business idea which has a social purpose, is sustainable and scalable and creates social value? Successful applicants will receive seed-funding up to \$10,000 each. Click <a href="https://here">here</a> to read more and apply.

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**



# 1 June 2019

## **VOKinclusion Carnival 2019**

Organised by NTU WSC, this training carnival will feature games and vocational booths where you can learn more about jobs suitable for people with disabilities. Find out more.



31 May - 2 June 2019

# DBS Marina Regatta 2019

Join in for a fun and meaningful weekend. There will be food booths and an outdoor eco-maze where you unearth myths about recycling and the environment. Find out more.



## 1 - 2 June 2019

## **AFTH Carnival: Crane For Hope**

Organised by NTU CAC, the event comprises of performances, art and game booths. All proceeds go towards helping beneficiaries at Singapore Cancer Society. Find out more.



# 8 June 2019

## Vibrant Blood 2019

Organised by NTU Red Cross and in collaboration with Singapore Red Cross and Health Sciences Authority, give the gift of life by donating blood. <u>Find out more.</u>



#### 8 June 2019

## OpenJio Opens Up

Come spend an afternoon with like-minded individuals who are passionate about various social causes. Engage in meaningful conversations and make friends. Find out more.



#### 8 June 2019

# Mealth Health: Awaken to the New Reality

Watch Crazywise - an award-winning film documenting mental ilness journeys of two young Americans and participate in a dialogue thereafter. Find out more.

# **OTHERS**



# **GCNS Youth Alliance**

A membership programme that provides youth with learning, volunteering, and career development opportunities in sustainability. Network with like-minded peers while propelling your career ambitions in this growing industry. Click here to register.



# **Eco Action Day**

Pledge your support today! Select the practices you would like to stop (or start) to contribute towards a greener future. Ricoh will match the carbon savings from these pledges, with an equivalent amount of nature gas carbon credits. Pledge <a href="https://example.com/here/bedge/here/">here</a>.







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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