



The United Nations has designated today (15 July) as [World Youth Skills Day](#) ([#WYSD2019](#)). It aims to raise awareness of the importance of investing in youth skills development, as education and training are key determinants of success in today's labour market.

Youth unemployment is one of the most pressing issues and it is set to continue to rise. According to a [2018 report](#) by National Youth Council, the annual average resident youth unemployment rate was 3.1% in 2017, up from 2.8% in 2015.

In addition to acquiring skills to perform at our respective jobs, it is also important to develop critical soft skills such as resilience and ability to deal with ambiguity, uncertainty and failure, as such human skills cannot be replicated by technology.

Be informed. Be inspired. Be the change.

ARTICLES & UPDATES



Support for students keen on service learning

A new digital library will be launched by Singapore University of Social Sciences (SUSS) to offer materials that assist students with service learning. Local institutions and the public can access the library and contribute materials. Read [more...](#)



Job redesign guide aims to help firms be more inclusive

Employees with special needs who work at social enterprise Forward Coffee, are assigned to one station at any one time so that they learn a specific process instead of all at one go. Specific tasks are carved out for the employees at each spot according to difficulty level. Read [more...](#)



Poly students lend a hand through overseas projects

Under Singapore Polytechnic's learning express programme, students and their peers from overseas educational institutions design solutions for problems in developing countries. More than 15 projects over the years have been implemented in local communities. Read [more...](#)



Pre-school instil green habits through play

Starting young, some pre-schools are promoting a zero-waste lifestyle, in hope to educate the next generation who will probably face the pressing challenges of climate change when they grow up. Regular decluttering activity helps to teach children to reduce and reuse. Read [more...](#)

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



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.](#)



13 - 14 August 2019

Welcome Week Recruitment

Do you aspire to be an influencer? Come and be our ambassador, where you will be the force for the greater good! Various roles and trainings are available. Volunteers will also be allocated allowances. [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 [here](#) to read more and apply.



18 June - 19 August 2019

CoLab4Good Award for Service to Society

An Award that recognises student initiatives which have made significant contributions to either the community or the environment. Click [here](#) to read more.



18 June - 19 August 2019

Mr & Mrs Kwok Chin Yan Award for Student Initiative

An Award that recognises student initiatives which have made significant contributions towards enhancement of student life, improvement of campus environment or betterment of the larger community. Click [here](#) to read more and apply.

UPCOMING EVENTS



7 June - 31 July 2019

The [Not-So] Convenience Store

Held in the new Temasek Shophouse, a co-working space to encourage groups to collaborate and create social impact, visit the exhibition that showcase sustainable alternatives to everyday convenient products. [Find out more.](#)



20 July 2019

Bedok Youth Cares Sports Carnival

In support of SportCares and SG Cares, this Carnival aims to engage youth, showcase youth talent and raise awareness on the social causes and volunteering opportunities. There will also be sports try-out booths. [Find out more.](#)



20 - 21 July 2019

Youth4Climate Fest 2019

It aims to provide youth with a platform to express their passion for the environment and a greener future. Activities include a treasure hunt, concert, movie screening and workshop. Admission and activities are free. [Find out more.](#)



13 July - 4 August 2019

Coming Together As One Through Art

What makes the community stronger? Can one survive without helping one another? This event showcases the impact people can create when they band together towards a common goal. [Find out more.](#)



20 July 2019

Poverty Abroad

Ever wondered what poverty looks like beyond Singapore's shores? Gabriel Tan, founder of social enterprise Bamboo Builders will share from his 13 years of experience developing rural communities in Southeast Asia. [Find out more.](#)



27 July 2019

Sustainability : Hype or Hope?

Eco-friendly, ethical production, social well-being - what do these buzzwords mean? Broaden your perspectives at this free showcase. There will be interactive activities, engaging discussions, presentations and more! [Find out more.](#)



27 July 2019

Reimagine Swap Party

A fashion swap that allows you to declutter your closet and refresh it with unique finds! You can also join in a workshop to make chic empowerment-themed patches using old garments. [Find out more.](#)



5 August 2019

#Explore Food Waste

Every day, we throw away more than 2 million kilograms of food on average. Organised by social enterprise Bamboo Builders, join in this learning journey to rescue ugly vegetables from getting thrown away. [Find out more.](#)

OTHERS



Youth Corps Leaders Programme

By joining this programme, you will be equipped with essential skills such as community needs analysis and stakeholder management. You will also gain insights into national issues and your role in shaping Singapore. Click [here](#) to read more and register by 31 July 2019.



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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