



[Nearly three in 10 persons with disabilities \(PWDs\) who are of working age are employed.](#) According to the annual Comprehensive Labour Force Survey by the Ministry of Manpower (MOM), the resident employment rate was 28.6% among PWDs in the working ages of 15 to 64.

The government has taken various measures over the past 10 to 15 years to make Singapore more inclusive, including drawing up [Enabling Masterplans](#), encouraging inclusive employment and extending the [Compulsory Education Act](#). Campaigns, such as "[See The True Me](#)" by the National Council of Social Service, also seek to not just change attitudes and perception towards persons with disabilities, but to also educate the public on communication tips and support strategies.

Various community events, such as the [Purple Parade](#) also serve to celebrate the abilities of persons with special needs. This movement is a unique platform that brings people and agencies with diverse interests, including corporates and education institutions. This year's Parade will take place on 2 November 2019 at Suntec City and our own students will be forming a 130-strong team with the Red Cross Home for the Disabled as part of the Purple Parade Contingent.

Join us this Saturday, dressed in purple, to Support Inclusion and Celebrate Abilities!

*Be informed. Be inspired. Be the change.*

## ARTICLES & UPDATES

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### **Acid-attack victim wants to help others**

In partnership with SPD, the Asia Pacific Breweries Foundation Scholarship for Persons with Disabilities was awarded to four applicants. Among the recipients, two were from NTU and they want to help others who have similar medical conditions. Read [more...](#)



### **Cafe run by deaf people strives to overcome discrimination**

Kopi Tuli, a cafe in Indonesia, exclusively employs deaf people. The founder envisioned the cafe to be a place where sign language is promoted and deaf people are empowered, so that they can be economically independent. It currently hires six deaf people. Read [more...](#)



### **Employers urged to design more inclusive workspaces**

President Halimah Yacob urged employers to design their workplaces for people with different abilities from the beginning, so that they can avoid incurring additional cost and disruption to the workplace. Students with special needs who have gone through special education may also be employed. Read [more...](#)



### **Learning difficulties spurred her to become an educator**

Spurred by the therapies and interventions Gloria read while caring for her special needs daughter Christa, she became a special needs educator and embarked on further studies at the Dyslexia Association of Singapore Academy in 2014. Gloria has just graduated and hopes to help those with special needs. Read [more...](#)

# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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29 November 2019

## **Silver Homes Volunteer Project**

A volunteer-driven initiative which offers seniors residing in rental flats, a chance to have a cleaner, safer, and healthier environment to improve their living wellness. Volunteers will help in cleaning, painting and interacting with seniors. [Find out more.](#)



5 January - 29 November 2020

## **Progress Class**

An initiative to empower the needy families through education and supplementing them with a suite of holistic programmes including academic, character building and life skills support. Volunteer today to inspire the next generation! [Find out more.](#)

# COMPETITIONS & GRANTS

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18 October 2019 - 15 December 2019

## Young Social Entrepreneurs Programme 2020

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# UPCOMING EVENTS



2 November 2019

## Mangrove Mystery Nature Trail 2019

Organised by Earthlink NTU, come and explore the mysteries hidden within the mangrove forests. Expect an immersive and relaxing nature walk led by student guides. Free transport and refreshments provided for all participants. Limited slots available, so don't miss out! [Find out more.](#)



2 November 2019

## Purple Parade 2019

Back for the seventh year, the Parade aims to support inclusion and celebrate abilities of persons with special needs. There will be an inclusive Concert, and a fun Carnival - complete with games and food booths. Try to spot our NTU team in the contingent marchpast. [Find out more.](#)



2 November 2019

### Tech For Good Festival

Join in a festival that celebrates how technology can help make life better for persons with disabilities. There will be hands-on workshops, a showcase of inventions by hackathon contestants and partners, as well as a panel discussion on Assistive Technology. [Find out more.](#)



2-3 November 2019

### The Conscious Festival

Back for the fifth edition, the event is an almost zero waste and vegan event where fun and sustainability go hand in hand. There will be a flea market, food and game booths, and informative talks. Join in for a journey towards a more conscious lifestyle. [Find out more.](#)



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