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Over the years, learning has evolved from purely classroom-based to one where students can learn anywhere, anytime and at their own pace.

Did you know that at NTU, we have classes such as *Exploring the Science of Good Eating Experience* where students learn by developing recipes, growing herbs and mushrooms, designing table-settings and sugar/chocolate crafts? Such classes take place in dedicated spaces in our Halls with names like The Garage, The Studio, The Kitchen and The GiveBack. But any spot is potentially a learning space.

As you prepare for your exams in the next few weeks, do consider that there are many ways to learn and as Leonardo da Vinci puts it, "Learning is the only thing the mind never exhausts, never fears, and never regrets". Remember however, to schedule regular breaks and take time off to rest and relax. All the best!

Be informed. Be inspired. Be the change.

## **ARTICLES & UPDATES**



# Needy children get mentors to help them read

Started by a couple who wants to do something for needy pupils, the Young Students Programme is now into its seventh year, and has benefited about 150 Westwood Primary pupils. Read more...



## Tech improves lives of kids with autism

Technology has helped improved the lives of children with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and their caregivers, with parents fretting less when their children are out alone and the children learning with greater independence from online platforms. Read more...



# New student care centre for kids with special needs

MINDS Raintree was opened to provide beforeand-after school care for special needs children aged seven to 18. Learning programmes at the centre range from cooking to critical thinking. Read <u>more</u>...



# Undergraduate's group gives less fortunate students a leg-up

Set up by a youth volunteer team, Access gives secondary school students from disadvantaged backgrounds access to office tours, career workshops and short attachments with companies. It is also working to provide a pool of mentors for these students. Read more...

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



10 December 2019

### **Kang Le Christmas Event**

Organised by Red Cross NTU, come and spread some joy with the clients at Kang Le Daycare. Volunteers will engage them with a short chit-chat and games session. Find out more.



14 December 2019

### **Project Refresh**

An initiative that improves the living environment of seniors and low income families through a series of refurbishment works including painting, cleaning and decluttering. <u>Find out more</u>.

## **COMPETITIONS & GRANTS**



18 October 2019 - 15 December 2019

### Young Social Entrepreneurs Programme 2020

A programme that seeks to inspire, equip and enable youth of different nationalities to embark on social enterprises in Singapore and beyond. Click <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a> to read more and apply.

### UPCOMING EVENTS



### 15 - 17 November 2019

### **Boutique Fairs Singapore**

Its six weeks to Christmas and what a great way to start your shopping by attending this annual gifting event! Come and #supportlocal social enterprises such as Center Pottery and Hello Flowers! There will also be a special talk by Beyond Social Services in creating a baking enterprise for women living in rental housing communities. Find out more.



16 November 2019

### My Story, Our Journey

Back for a second run, come and learn more about mental health through authentic first-hand stories and conversations with individuals with lived experience of overcoming mental health conditions. There will also be interactive booth experiences on mental health. Find out more.



### 18 November 2019

### **Headtalks**

Mental well-being is quickly becoming essential in workplace wellness programmes. Participate in this session to hear from non- profit organisations in the sector, as well as a panel discussion with Prof. Kwok Kian Woon, Associate Provost (Student Life) and student leaders from NTU Graduate Students' Association and Welfare Services Club. Find out more.



### 17 November 2019

### **Racism In HDB Communities**

How does racism transpire in heartland communities like Queenstown and Bukit Merah? What should we consider as racist in our neighbourhoods? Hear sociologist A/P Daniel from NUS speak about the prevalence of racism in HDB communities in Singapore. Find out more.





### Now - 30 November 2019

### **eMpowering Youths Across ASEAN**

Back for the second season, participate in this programme to make a positive and lasting impact in the region by immersing yourself in social volunteering and community investment projects in Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines. Click <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a> to apply.







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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