



In a blink of an eye, we are just two days away from the start of a new decade. During this time of the year, we tend to focus on what the new year will bring.

While planning for the future is a good move, let's not forget to reflect on the past 12 months because it shows us what's working, what's not and where we can better direct our energy.

If you've done a community project or attempted something new, consider continuing your efforts and see if there is any room for improvement. Don't give up if things did not turn out as planned, because it is often through tough times that we learn to do better the next time.

"Giants leaps often start with small steps.. and it is often the small steps that bring about the most lasting change." - Queen Elizabeth

From all of us at Student Community Engagement, we wish you Happy Holidays and a fabulous 2020 ahead!

Be informed. Be inspired. Be the change.

ARTICLES & UPDATES



Singapore student volunteers to fight bush fires

Singaporean Mark Yeong, a student at University of Sydney, has been battling bush fires around Sydney as a volunteer firefighter about three times a week since end September. He does all these while juggling a part-time job. Read [more...](#)



Eye surgeon's mission to help the less fortunate

Dr Claudine Pang is the first woman to receive the coveted Fellowship at the University of British Columbia. The ophthalmologist also provides free vision checks and developed an app for testing eye health. Read [more...](#)



Social entrepreneurs are a force for good

Social enterprises thrive not only on profit, but also on tackling unmet social needs and gaps with entrepreneurial zeal. Beside the financials, success is also measured by social and environmental results. Read [more...](#)



Deaf grab drivers can do everything but hear

Grab signed an agreement with The Singapore Association for the Deaf (SADeaf), with the aim of promoting deaf awareness and making the Grab platform more inclusive for those who are deaf or hard-of hearing. Read [more...](#)

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



19 January 2020

Tzu Chi Recycling Activity

Come and help sort out the recyclables into different categories and all proceeds from the sale of these recyclables will help to support programmes that benefit our local communities.

[Find out more.](#)



22 January 2020

Be A Friend!

The greatest gift of life is friendship! Bring joy to the patients by extending to them your gift of friendship through a Dialysis Centre Anniversary Celebration during their dialysis sessions.

[Find out more.](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS



11 January 2020

Community Screening: Redha

The annual MINDS Film Festival create awareness to support persons with intellectual disability (PWIDs) and those diagnosed with autism. Kicking off the festival is this free screening of "Redha", which showcases how a couple struggled to raise a child who is diagnosed with autism. [Find out more.](#)



11 January 2020

ImpAct Festival

The festival aims to create an impactful platform with the intent to inspire good change and increase awareness for a better community and environment. There will be green talks, workshops and a Marketplace. You can also sign up for volunteer opportunities at the event! [Find out more.](#)



12 January 2020

Old Clothes, New Life

In collaboration with WithAutumn, social enterprise Edible Garden City is organising a workshop to teach participants on upcycling old clothes to create artistic pieces. [Find out more.](#)



14 January 2020

Let's Talk Social Impact

Come and hear from a team of young professionals on how they left their jobs to venture into the region in pursuit of their passion for social impact. [Find out more.](#)

OTHERS



Donate Blood, Save Lives

The Singapore Red Cross and Health Sciences Authority (HSA) is appealing for blood donors as the blood inventory runs low. 3,000 donors of various blood types are needed to restore the country's blood stocks to healthy levels. Click [here](#) to find out where you can donate.



IIX Summer Apprenticeship Programme

Get hands-on exposure to Impact Investing and Social Finance. This is a 12 week programme where you hone your professional development, as you build on your strengths and gain new skills. Click [here](#) to read more and [here](#) for FAQs. Last day of applications will be 6 January 2020.



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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