



Education is a basic human right and the foundation on which to build peace and drive sustainable development.

24 January marks the International Day Of Education. According to United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the [worldwide education statistics](#) are alarming. There are 258 million children and youth today who do not attend school and 617 million children and adolescents who cannot read and do basic math.

Without inclusive and equitable quality education and lifelong opportunities for all, countries will not succeed in achieving gender equality and breaking the cycle of poverty that is leaving millions of children, youth and adults behind.

As we begin a new semester, let's celebrate our privilege to learn and see how we can use our education for public good - one that can empower people, preserve the planet, build shared prosperity and foster peace.

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

# ARTICLES & UPDATES

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## Breaking down barriers in school, one step at a time

Assistive technology are used in mainstream schools help students with special needs. In the effort to promote inclusion and inclusive learning, more schools are also scheduled to have ramps, lifts and wheel-chair friendly toilets. Read [more...](#)



## 'National Service' of the mentoring, tutoring kind

Outside of their regular duties as full-time national servicemen (NSF), a group of six NSFs spent their Saturdays running a free tuition programme for children living in rental flats in the Henderson area. Read [more...](#)



## Grocery shopping trips teach kids nutrition

Local charity Children's Wishing Well's Fresh programme organises weekly supermarket trips, where volunteers go grocery shopping with children from low-income or disadvantaged families. Read [more...](#)

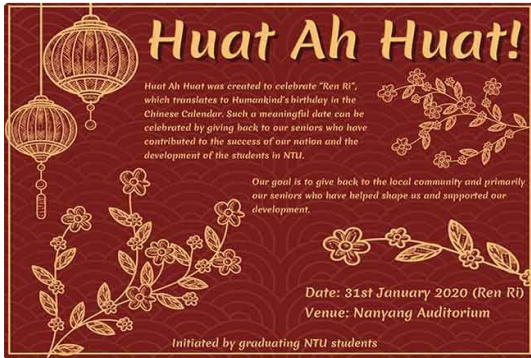


## Making books come alive for young children

Through the weekly Story Lab sessions organised by social service agency Calvary Community Care for low-income or non-English-speaking homes, Yin Le has gained confidence in reading English books. Read [more...](#)

# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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31 January 2020

## Huat Ah Huat

NTU plays host to seniors at this festive celebration organised by NTU Rotaract Club. Volunteer to be part of this meaningful event. [Find out more.](#)



19 January 2020

## Get Active with Seniors

Are you an active individual and want to share the joys of exercise with seniors? Hesitate no more and volunteer to engage them with simple sporting activities. [Find out more.](#)

# COMPETITIONS & GRANTS

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Celebrating 10 Years of Nurturing Young Sustainability Champions

Now - 9 February 2020

## CDL-GCNS Young SDG Leaders Award 2020

An annual case competition for youths to ideate innovative business solutions that accelerate sustainability and climate action. The winning team gets \$10,000 cash. Click [here](#) to read more and apply.

# UPCOMING EVENTS



14 - 27 January 2020

## Exhibition: Growing In The Doing

In conjunction with Social Impact Week 2020, this exhibition showcase the stories of NTU students who devote time for the needs of others. Vote for your favourite story and win for yourself an exclusive EZ-Link card (with a stored value of \$10). The winning teams also win \$500 cash for their next community effort! [Find out more.](#)



21 - 23 January 2020

## Social Impact Week 2020

Organised by NTU WSC, this event is back bigger than ever - there are 50 booths for you to explore in a two-day bazaar, followed by a day of an exciting escape room and talks. Themed "Impact Through Inspiration", come to the event to see how you can serve the community or be an advocate for change. [Find out more.](#)



21 January 2020

## Tour Halogen

Join this learning journey to Halogen, a charity that strives to empower youths. During the trip, you will learn about the current youth landscape as well as how you can volunteer and impact youths. [Find out more.](#)



30 January 2020

## MVS Learning Journey

Join this learning journey to gain further insights in the operations of a special needs school, as well as participate in a CCA session to befriend the students. Two-way transport from NTU will be provided. [Find out more.](#)





30 January 2020

### Let's Talk Mental Health

Organised by National Youth Council and Limitless, come and share your views about mental health in Singapore's context. Your views will help to shape and provide better mental health services. [Find out more.](#)



19 January 2020

### Clean Up South West! 2020

Learn how to make an all-natural and environmentally-friendly body scrub and more! You can also exchange your recyclables for groceries and participate in engaging exhibits. [Find out more.](#)

## OTHERS



6 - 31 January 2020

### Ecobank Collection Drive

Donate pre-loved items (toys, clothes, books, electronics, household appliances, art, accessories) for a good cause. You can also volunteer for this collection drive. Click [here](#) to find out more and register your interest.



3 February - 9 May 2020

### Trash To Treasure

Organised by Earthlink NTU, it is an initiative for hall residents to exchange new or pre-loved items. There are seven locations across school where you can participate in this activity. Click [here](#) to find out more.



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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