



The social enterprise scene has enjoyed heightened visibility and interest lately, particularly fuelled by social media and its ability to narrate visual brand stories well.

A social enterprise makes the majority of its revenue from the provision of goods or services, and has a clear plan to achieve financial sustainability and profitability. It makes its social goals the core objective of the operations, supports persons in need or at risk and addresses a social gap through the provision of employment opportunities, education, healthcare and other social needs. In other words, it is mission-driven but at the same time, it aims to be a viable and financially sustainable organisation.

Social enterprises consequently also need to evolve as the social needs of the nation shift, and one way forward is through innovation such as tapping the use of technology to offer business solutions to emerging social problems.

Even as Valentine's Day is approaching in a couple of weeks' time, why not consider purchasing meaningful gifts from a social enterprise? Click [here](#) for ideas.

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ARTICLES & UPDATES



Going the distance to befriend migrant workers

25-year-old Isabel started social enterprise Migrant x Me, that aims to educate the public here about the migrant worker community. It wants to reach out to young people to debunk stereotypes about the community and raise awareness of the issues they face. Read [more](#).



Paying it forward to address gaps in society

NTU alumni and hedge fund founder Danny, together with the former Singapore Exchange Chief Executive, set up The Majority Trust last year, which is a charity that provides philanthropic advice and grants, and creates solutions to tackle social issues. Read [more...](#)



Social enterprises get \$1.3m grant from DBS

Local bank DBS gave nine social enterprises S\$250,000 each to scale up its business operations, under the DBS Foundation Social Enterprise Grant Programme. The funds can go towards market expansion, a production ramp-up, or other ways to grow the company's impact on society. Read [more](#)



Connecting seniors in need with professional caregivers

Gillian co-founded Homage, a social enterprise which connects professional caregivers with seniors who need help. Her affinity with the elderly started when she was brought up by her grandmother and nanny. Gillian gave up her career as a technology consultant in New York and Silicon Valley to build Homage. Read [more...](#)

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



3 - 14 March 2020

NTU WSC IR Community Service Week

Want to do good this recess week? Organised by NTU WSC, choose from a range of opportunities such as helping out in a carnival and pre-loved items collection drive and more. [Find out more.](#)



14 - 21 March 2020

Youth Corps Service Week 2020

Hop on the ride to Youth Corps Service Week 2020. This is an islandwide community service to rally youths to volunteer. No prior experience is required. [Find out more.](#)

COMPETITIONS & GRANTS



Now - 30 April 2020

Social Impact Internship Stipend

The Stipend provides opportunities for you to explore a meaningful career by creating social impact and shared values while banking on real world experiences. Click [here](#) to read more and apply.



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

Mind Matters

NTU Mental Health Week 2020

3 - 7 February 2020

Mind Matters 2020

Back for the second year, Mind Matters is a week-long mental health festival advocating the importance of mental wellbeing in NTU. Events include a comedy night, escape room experience and human library session. [Find out more.](#)



10 February - 11 May 2020

One Life Saved Roadshow & Workshop

First Aid is an essential skill to learn. Organised by NTU Red Cross, come and learn proper steps to attend to an injury. There will also be a hands-on practice session. Participate in the roadshow to win prizes and sign up! [Find out more.](#)



15 February 2020

Urban Park Expedition

While Singapore is touted as a "City In A Garden", many people may not fully appreciate its biodiversity. Participants will embark on an immersive guided nature walk to uncover the natural treasures. [Find out more.](#)



22 February 2020

Sustainable From Head To Toe

Come and learn how to live sustainably at this event! Organised by The Green Collective SG, four retail brands will present a sustainable fashion show, followed by an upcycling workshop. [Find out more.](#)



22 February 2020

BRAVE - Youth Mental Health Conference

A conference that aims to bring up some of the mental health issues or challenges that youths in Singapore face and encourage dialogue among the participants on their views and/or experiences. [Find out more.](#)



27 February - 1 March 2020

Singapore Mental Health Film Festival 2020

Through films, panel discussions and workshops, the festival aims to challenge the social stigma surrounding mental illness and decrease the discrimination faced by those affected by it. [Find out more.](#)

OTHERS



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.



15 Shorts (Season 2)

A project by National Volunteer & Philanthropy Centre (NVPC), 15 Shorts is a collection of short films that illustrates the giving side of everyday people in Singapore. Acclaimed filmmakers such as David Yam and Kelvin Tong are part of this project. Click [here](#) to watch the films.



Website



Email



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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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