

SCE Update Goes Online!

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WEIGHING PRIORITIES

Singapore has finally ended its 56-days circuit breaker and entered into Phase 1 (Safe Re-opening) on 2 June 2020, and this milestone was celebrated by many.

Our economy has suffered greatly during the circuit breaker period and the government announced four Budgets – [Unity](#), [Resilience](#), [Solidarity](#) and [Fortitude](#) - to help jumpstart the economy and support citizens in these unprecedented times.

Social enterprises have also been hit hard during this period. A social enterprise is defined as a business or company whose primary purpose is advancing social, environmental and human rights causes. Ensuring their business survives not just protects their employees' livelihood, but also allows them to continue to fulfil their social and environmental purposes. An example of such enterprise is [Soap Cycling Singapore](#), which aims to improve the sanitation and hygiene situation in underprivileged regions in Asia through a soap recycling movement. In addition to their core work undertaken to distribute soap to those in need in these crucial times, Soap Cycling Singapore has enhanced its operations with the help of [interning NTU students](#). The students have undertaken projects which include conducting research amongst the migrant worker community and creating educational materials for primary school children to raise awareness on hygiene-related issues.

The United Nations has declared 27 June as the [Micro-, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises Day](#), to raise public awareness of their contribution to sustainable development. According to [Singapore Centre for Social Enterprise \(raiSE\)](#), the social enterprise sector in Singapore has a [sector size of S\\$80 million](#) and collectively impact over 126,000 lives through the work they do, which includes creating new jobs as well as enabling social organisations to increase their impact through capability building products and services.

Let us continue to [support social enterprises](#) whenever we can, and if you have what it takes, why not start your own! The [CoLab4Good Fund for Social Enterprises 2020](#) was set up to help NTU students develop and implement social enterprise ventures. Read more about fellow students' efforts [here](#).

Be informed. Be inspired. Be the change.

ARTICLES & UPDATES



Social enterprises adapt services to help Singapore's needy

Social enterprises and charities are striving to keep helping the needy amid the COVID-19 crisis by adapting their services to comply with the circuit breaker restrictions and cope with dwindling volunteer numbers. Read [more...](#)



Social enterprise brings clean water to 30,000 people

Established in 2014, WateRoam, a Singapore social enterprise has, through its portable water filtration system and amid the COVID-19 pandemic, supplied clean drinking water to more than 30,000 people in rural villages and disaster-struck zones across South-east Asia. The company was started as one of the founders recall how overseas volunteer trips confronted him with challenges faced by people who consume water directly from wells and rivers. Read [more...](#)



Social enterprise and eateries team up to deliver free meals

Every weekday, social enterprise Glyph delivers free lunch and dinner to 50 children and their families living in rental flats in Bukit Merah. The meals include rice with meat and vegetables, noodles or burgers. This initiative aims to ease the families' worries about putting food on the table amid the COVID-19 pandemic. Read [more...](#)



Inclusive model hunt goes online

Into its third season, social enterprise Singapore Fashion Runway is organising the Singapore's Next Top Inclusive Model Hunt, in partnership with YMCA Singapore. Participants will attend catwalk and dance classes, and eliminated over several rounds. About 25% of participants have special needs. Read [more...](#)

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



MAD WISH

Launched by local social enterprise ItsRainingRaincoats, volunteers will be paired with a migrant worker and are encouraged to structure weekly virtual chats to help meet workers' individual learning goals. Click [here](#) to read more and apply.



22 June - 30 September 2020

SG Cares Community Networks Outreach

Volunteer to support outreach efforts for the vulnerable and those who have been hit hard by the economic disruption. You will be tasked to make phone calls to identified households in a specific constituency assigned to you. Training will be provided and you can make the phone calls from home. Click [here](#) to read more and apply.

COMPETITIONS & GRANTS



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CoLab4Good Fund for Social Enterprises

Do you have a viable business idea which has a social purpose, is sustainable and scalable and creates social value? Successful applicants will receive seed-funding up to \$10,000 each. Click [here](#) to read more and apply.



CoLab4Good Fund for Community Projects

The Fund seeks to support meaningful ground-up initiatives and is an opportunity for NTU students to take action and create change. Feel inspired to start a community project or initiative to help those in need, especially during this period? Click [here](#) to read more and apply.



Young ChangeMakers Grant

Feel strongly about a particular issue during COVID-19? Want to kickstart a project to contribute to the community? Approved funds will be given out within seven working days in a special COVID-19 edition of the grant, compared to a previous timeframe of two to three weeks. The grant awards up to \$5,000 or up to 80% of total project costs, whichever is lower, depending on the project's scale and impact. Click [here](#) to read more and apply.

UPCOMING EVENTS



The Good People Show

Back for a second season and hosted by NTU Alumni and social entrepreneur Richardo Chua, this is a weekly Thursday Facebook Live talkshow series and it features different founders of social initiatives/enterprises. In this talkshow, you can also contribute to help the good causes in Singapore.

[Find out more.](#)



16 June 2020

The Resilience Series: A Culture of Life Long Learning

Organised by social enterprise Happiness Initiative and in collaboration with National Youth Council, participate in this free Zoom Webinar to hear from Vincent Ng, community lead of A Good Space, who will be speaking on how he recovered from depression and went on to fulfill his dreams, including co-authored a book. [Find out more.](#)



15 July - 2 August 2020
Festival of Women: N.O.W. 2020

This online festival celebrates the diverse experience of women, focusing on different intersections of class, race, gender and structural inequality in their lives. There will be a digital exhibition of interviews, livestreamed performances, video narratives and workshops. [Find out more.](#)

OTHERS



#HowCanIHelpSG-COVID

Created by NTU students, #HowCanIHelpSG-COVID is a compilation of the various initiatives that you can participate in, and they are neatly categorised into eight different areas - migrant workers, appreciation, mutual aid, businesses, education, groceries, jobs/internships and specific communities. Click [here](#) to see how you can do your part.



BySGForSG

A non-profit food ordering and delivery platform aimed at helping hawkers and small F&B businesses. 100% of the commission earned from food vendors goes to [YMCA Wok The Talk](#), an initiative that provides essential grocery packs and hot meals for vulnerable groups. Click [here](#) to read more and order your food.



29 June - 7 August 2020
Fellowship Programme 2020

Organised by [Social Impact Catalyst](#), this six week online programme aims to connect and cultivate young changemakers via workshops on social entrepreneurship, mentorship from industry leaders and fireside chats with guest speakers. Recruitment and interviews will be held on a rolling basis until 26 June 2020. Click [here](#) to read more and register your interest.

CONNECT WITH US:



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.

This is a fortnightly newsletter. You can read our past issues [here](#).