

SCE Update Goes Online!

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DON'T IGNORE YOUR POTENTIAL

COVID-19 is affecting all of us. The number of job vacancies in the market has been falling and retrenchments are likely to spike in the coming months. This uncertain outlook has prompted the Government to provide more traineeships, so that job seekers can gain work experience while waiting for a permanent position.

The [SGUnited Jobs & Skills Package](#), unveiled by Deputy Prime Minister Heng Swee Kiat in his [Fortitude Budget](#) speech, aims to create 21,000 traineeships this year targeted at young people, up from 8,000 initially announced in the [Resilience Budget](#) speech.

The United Nations has designated 15 July as [World Youth Skills Day](#). Rising youth unemployment is one of the most significant problems facing economies and societies in today's world, for developed and developing countries alike. Attaining decent work is a significant challenge, even more so these days.

Since it is still the vacation period, consider to learn a new skill, improve your current skillsets or embark on a [LIT virtual mentorship](#) with business leaders to get career insights. We wish you a fruitful time of learning!

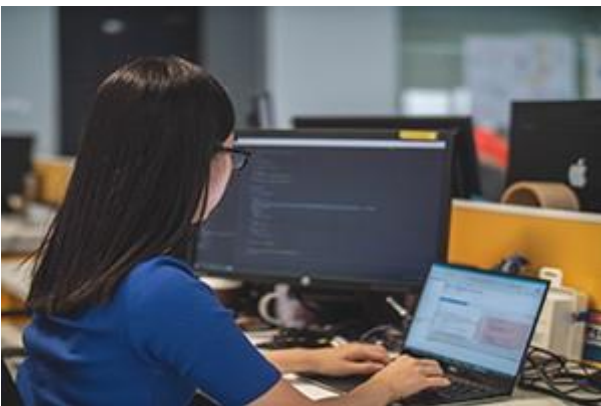
Be informed. Be inspired. Be the change.

ARTICLES & UPDATES



Do good with tech

Volunteers put their skills to good use by creating websites for non-profit groups and teaching coding and programming. An example is Tengku, 27, who learnt to code during a class in polytechnic. He forego overseas internships and courses to co-create Makan Rescue, an app that alerts people to surplus food nearby. Read [more...](#)



Fresh graduate became family's sole provider

Due to COVID-19, polytechnic graduate Dian could not find a full-time job and couldn't extend her internship. Her mother also lost her job in March and her father stopped working at a gym because of the circuit breaker measures. She then became the family's sole breadwinner. However, the SGUnited Jobs and Skills Package, has given job seekers (like Dian) renewed hope. Read [more...](#)



Help for ITE students to market themselves

The Institute of Technical Education (ITE) and professional networking business LinkedIn Singapore have entered into a three-year partnership to teach ITE students on how to brand and market themselves to potential employers. ITE staff can also attend annual workshops to learn about product features and in-demand courses to help them create a better digital learning experience for students. Read [more...](#)



Free online courses and grant for fresh graduates

About 1000 fresh tertiary graduates are set to benefit from a new \$500,000 fund set up in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Eligible graduates will be given access to an online training course, and will receive a \$500 grant when they complete the course they have chosen. Read [more...](#)

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



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.



Now - 30 November 2020

Online Tutoring and Befriending

Organised by Lakeside Family Services, be part of a group of volunteers to provide online tutoring and mentoring/befriending with students from the UPLIFT programme - a taskforce to strengthen support for underperforming students from disadvantaged families. Click [here](#) to read more and apply.

COMPETITIONS & GRANTS



Now - 16 August 2020

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



8 July 2020

Finals: The Liveability Challenge 2020

Team NTU is in the grand finals, and their proposed solution is a biodegradable replacement for plastic film wrap made from crustacean shells. Click [here](#) to register your interest in watching Team NTU live in a virtual showdown.



2 - 16 July 2020

Hush+ Anywhere For Youths

Organised by social enterprise Hush TeaBar, immerse in a free unique deaf-led online experience on Thursdays and learn to express difficult emotions and encouragements using sign language. Click [here](#) to read more and register.



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



Elders FM Podcast

Organised by WSC RSP Elders, this podcast is a platform for volunteers to interact with the elderly through sharing of stories, encouraging words and songs. There will be a revolving theme for each broadcast. You can submit your letters and songs, and it will be read and played during the recording of the podcast, which will then be played to the elderly at various centres that WSC RSP Elderly members volunteer at. Click [here](#) to read more and hear the broadcast.



Now - 5 August 2020 The City of Good Show

A seven-part weekly live variety show to raise funds for charities. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, some charities are facing a decline in donations. It will feature a star-studded cast of celebrities and comedians. Be prepared to be tickled by a wholesome line up of comedy, music and laughter. Who knows, instead of finding simple entertainment, you may be inspired by stories of goodness as well. Click [here](#) to read more and watch the episodes.



#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.

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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.

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