

# SCE Update Goes Online!

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## TOGETHER, A STRONGER SINGAPORE

Singapore will be celebrating her 55th birthday on 9 August, and the theme for the annual crowd-pleaser National Day Parade is "[Together, A Stronger Singapore](#)". The theme is a rallying call for Singaporeans to play our part to push forward and determine Singapore's future, in spite of the difficulties and crises. This year's theme song, performed by singer Nathan Hartono, entitled "[Everything I Am](#)", encourages Singaporeans to stand together, be appreciative and kind to each other. Since the circuit breaker period, many individuals (including students from NTU) have made an effort to help and appreciate those who are affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

NDP 2020 this year will be a whole day affair for families to celebrate together at home. If you are lucky, you might even spot the Red Lions in your neighbourhood! Click [here](#) to view the activities. Our own celebration - NTU National Day Observance Ceremony, will be held on 21 August 2020, and this too will go virtual. There will be performances by NTU students as well as opportunities to create your own NTU special mocktail. More importantly, let us come together as One NTU to cheer each other on, in the fight against the current pandemic.

Happy National Day!

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

*\*As we start the new Academic Year (AY), we too are going through a refresh! With effect from AY2020-21, SCE Updates Online will be a month-end affair and more regular content will be shared via our telegram ([t.me/ntusce](https://t.me/ntusce)). So follow us and keep an eye out for events, ideas and thoughts on #doinggood.*

# ARTICLES & UPDATES

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## NDP 2020 theme song a tribute to community spirit

The theme song, "Everything I Am" encourages Singaporeans to express gratitude and appreciation for one another. The couple, Daniel and Clara, who run OK Chicken Rice are among the inspiring Singaporeans featured in the music video for this theme song; they delivered 10,000 packs of free chicken rice to healthcare workers during the pandemic. Read [more...](#)



## NDP packs to include design by artists with disabilities

Twenty designs by artists with disabilities from seven different social service agencies were used for NDP collaterals such as Singapore Together Pack design and the Our Heart for Singapore card. This is part of the partnership between NDP 2020 Exco and SG Enable, a government-established agency which provides services for the disabled. Read [more...](#)



## New video aims to celebrate Singapore spirit

The video, entitled "Onward Singapore" is meant to "celebrate the Singapore spirit" as the nation resolves to "rise above the challenges" brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic. It has been viewed more than 1.1 million times on YouTube. Several notable initiatives such as free meals for the needy from Beng Who Cares Foundation, the Singapore Airlines' cabin crew stepped up as care ambassadors, and Masks Sewn With Love, were featured in the video. Read [more...](#)



### **Volunteers tap technology to reach out to the needy**

Volunteering amid the pandemic saw companies, organisations and social service agencies adapt and take many of their activities online, as well as create new programmes, to continue engaging with those in need. For example, the asset management arm of Keppel Group organised a series of sessions for its employees and Muscular Dystrophy Association Singapore's (MDAS) clients using the Houseparty app, to play games and chat. Read [more...](#)



### **Knitting face-mask straps extensions for frontline workers**

Su Yin created a Facebook group called Project Co- Knit with Love, to rope in more volunteers to knit mask straps and distribute to people who need it. She also made tutorial videos on how to knit the mask straps to guide other volunteers who expressed interest in knitting them. Read [more...](#)



### **Special masks for teachers so deaf students can read lips**

Seamstresses and crafters in Singapore have come together to help the local deaf community, by designing and sewing prototypes for a see-through mask. Deaf individuals rely primarily on sign language and lip-reading to communicate. 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.

## 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.



# UPCOMING EVENTS



## 12 August 2020 The Happiness Equation

Does happiness seem fluffy and short-lived? What exactly is happiness? How can you be happier? Achieving happiness should not have to be so hard. Join in this virtual session to connect with other curious minds and discuss what it truly takes to be happy. [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.](#)



## 12 - 13 September 2020 #Swap4Earth

A virtual eco-conscious and social good festival with the intention of integrating with one another and our shared environment. Activities include talks, game booths, movies discussions, sale booths from green brands, food market, virtual concerts, swapping opportunities and more. Admission is free but selected activities are payable. Limited slots available. [Find out more.](#)

## OTHERS

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### 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.



### 16 July - 21 August 2020

#### Youth for the Environment Day 2020

A key platform for youth to champion environmental ownership by leading, organising and participating in programmes to show their passion and commitment towards global and local environmental issues. Throughout this campaign, there will be online content by social media sites such as SGAG, The Smart Local and Mothership. There will also be a 7-day challenge featuring artistes such as Kimberly Wang, Desmond Tan and Benjamin Kheng. Click [here](#) to read more.



### 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.

**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](#).