

SCE Update Goes Online!

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MAKING A DIFFERENCE

"Charity begins at home" - a common phrase that we have all heard. Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, we may have heard or seen many acts of kindness that citizens worldwide have initiated in their town, city, country or even globally on digital platforms. Here in NTU, we also have students - [Lee Ray Sheng from Raydy Beehoon](#), [Andy Teo from Temporary Academic Assistance](#) and [Ding Si Han from #HowCanIHelpSG- Covid](#), just to name a few - who have gone the extra mile to provide and help those in need.

The United Nations has marked 5 September as the [International Day of Charity](#), with the aim of mobilising people, non-government organisations and stakeholders worldwide, to help others through volunteer and philanthropic activities. Even as we are in Phase 2 and gradually resume our social activities, there will still be pockets of people around us who require help. Let us continue to stay observant and ready to assist someone in need. Visit [giving.sg](#) for ideas!

"It's not about how much you do, but how much love you put into what you do that counts." - Mother Teresa

Be informed. Be inspired. Be the change.

ARTICLES & UPDATES



Opening up their homes to strangers in dire straits

20 families in Open Home Network, a volunteer movement, offer those facing crisis, rent-free refuge for up to a year. One of the families is Mui Khim and Terrence who have two teenage daughters. Mui Khim shared that she had a challenging childhood and was grateful for friends and relatives who allowed her to stay in their homes for short periods when things were too tense at her place, and so she is now paying it forward. Read [more...](#)



Making an impact through Insta-art

Self-taught artist Dorcas uses her craft to raise funds for those in need and takes to social media (Instagram) to champion the conservation of natural areas and biodiversity, among other causes. Another artist, Kiera, donates up to 20% of her earnings from art sales - funds go to Singapore Red Cross and COVID-19 relief efforts such as The Courage Fund. Read [more...](#)



Ferrying healthcare staff to and from work

Aloysius, who is deaf, has gone from only transporting passengers for Grab to delivering food and parcels as well as being part of Grabcare, a service dedicated to ferrying healthcare professionals to and from hospitals. Read [more...](#)



JC graduates give seed kits to seniors amid COVID- 19

In collaboration with The Salvation Army, JC graduates distributed cotton plant seed kits to seniors living in Fengshan. The initiative aims to inspire more people to give back to society in creative ways. 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.



17 August - 2 October 2020

Volunteer Helpers at Sheltered Workshop

Volunteer as a helper to assist at the SPD sheltered workshop. Duties include coaching and supervising social service users, maintain quality and accuracy of the assembly line, and ensure good housekeeping of working area. Click [here](#) to read more and apply.



5 September - 26 December 2020

Y Arts Challenge @ YSTARs

Happening three Saturdays a month, Y STARs comprises of adults with Down-Syndrome who possess unique gifts in the dance and performing arts. They practice dance weekly and participate in regular arts and crafts sessions. Volunteer to be a friend to them. Click [here](#) to read more and apply.

COMPETITIONS & GRANTS



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.



Now - 15 September 2020 TCS Sustainathon 2020

A challenge that aims to inspire and envision a sustainable future by leveraging on digital technologies to solve real world problems. It is a platform to collaborate with private companies, non-profit organisations and government agencies to co-create solutions to tackle sustainability challenges. The top 3 winning teams will win a total of \$9000. Click [here](#) to read more and apply.

UPCOMING EVENTS



4 September 2020

Limitless Forum 2020

In collaboration with Temasek Foundation, non-profit organisation Limitless will conduct an online forum for youth to discuss issues relating to mental health during COVID-19. Some of the topics will include opening up about mental health to family members, family issues and domestic abuse, feelings of hopelessness and more. [Find out more.](#)



12 - 13 September 2020

#Swap4Earth

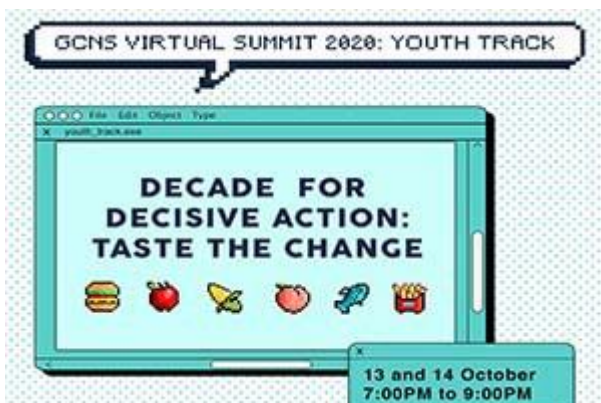
A virtual eco-conscious and social good festival with the intention of integrating with one another and our shared environment. Activities include talks, game booths, movies discussions, sale booths from green brands, food market, virtual concerts, swapping opportunities and more. Admission is free but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



13 - 20 September 2020

Virtual Walkathon 2020

Organised by Samaritans of Singapore, the walkathon is an opportunity to rally the community to show their support through conversations and encouragement to those in distress. At a time when we are separated by distance, feelings of loneliness and isolation can be amplified. Together, we can make someone's journey a little less lonely. [Find out more.](#)



13 - 14 October 2020

GCNS Virtual Summit 2020: Youth Track

Gain insights on food sustainability in the new normal and learn how you can take decisive action on your part in this free GCNS Virtual Summit youth track, which is dedicated to empower future business leaders in shaping the future of our food systems. [Find out more.](#)

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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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