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Fellow Singaporeans just like us, are shaping our future, one idea at a time. By sharing our ideas and working together, we can build a Singapore where every one of us can fulfill our aspirations and be inspired by the possibilities.

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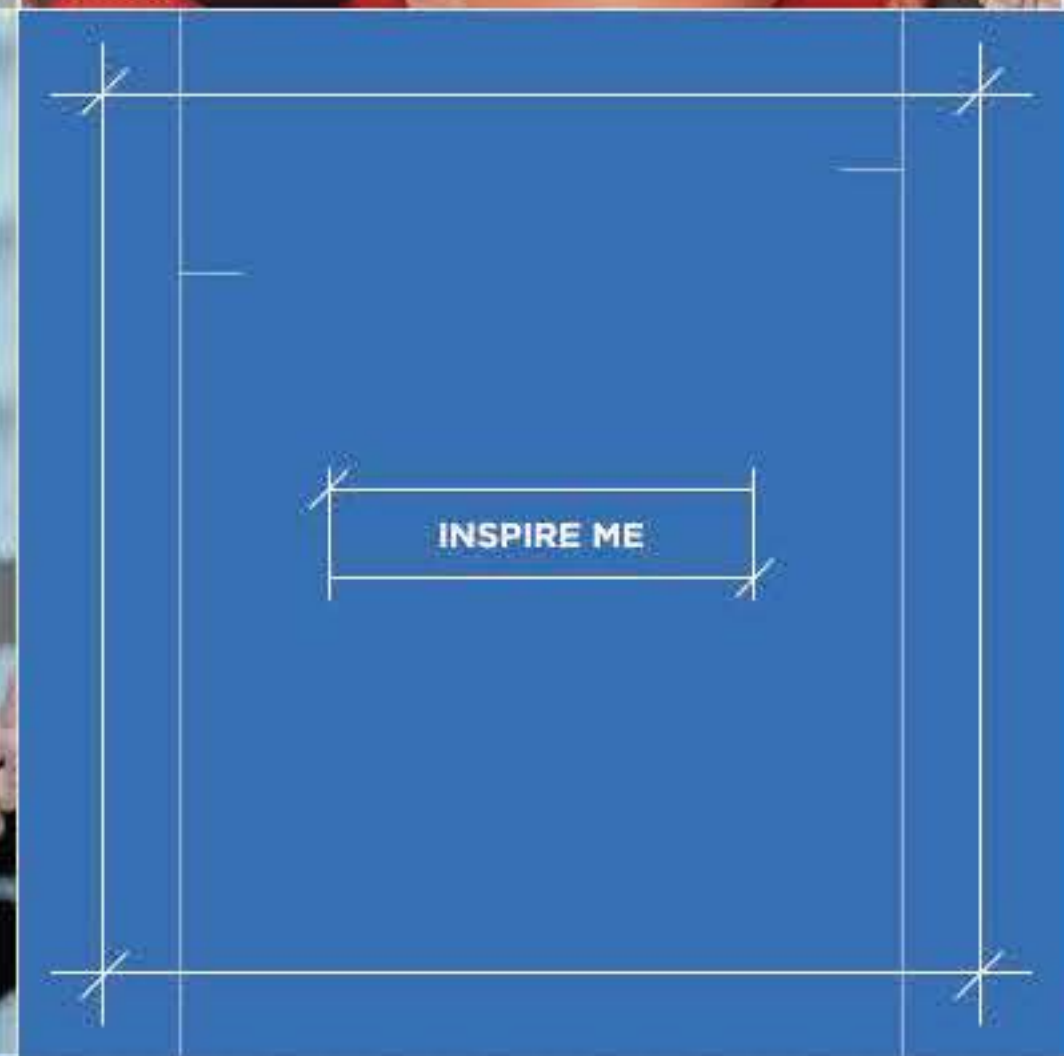
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"SGfuture is really just the start of this journey, an invitation to all Singaporeans to write the next chapter of the Singapore story with us. How the next 50 years and beyond will turn out lies in our hands – the journey to SG100 starts here and now."



## PAST ENGAGEMENT SESSIONS

Singaporeans of all ages and walks of life were given a platform to discuss their hopes and dreams for the next chapter of our nation's story. The spirit of collaboration made simple ideas bigger and better. See what happens when we come together as one.

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### A CARING COMMUNITY

Whether we're young or old, we can all look beyond ourselves for ways to support one another. How do we grow as a caring and giving nation?

Amid our busy lives, it is easy to live in one's own bubble. Yet there are individuals who have dedicated part of their lives to help the less-fortunate.

Through the SGfuture engagements, participants reaffirmed their pride in Singapore's racial and religious harmony, and expressed a commitment to build a more caring and inclusive society. They felt empowered to take ownership for the community and work together to enhance a culture of giving. This is the foundation on which we aim to grow Singapore Cares (SG Cares) as a national movement to rally Singaporeans, and make sure no one is left behind, even as our nation progresses towards SG100.

SG Cares will tap on the diverse strengths of individuals, community partners and government initially to support three causes that resonated strongly with Singaporeans during the SGfuture engagements — supporting children and youths from disadvantaged families; aiding the elderly, and assisting the disabled.

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TAN CHUAN-JIN

MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT

*"It is about what we want to be, who we want to be as a society. The kind of values we hold on to, the kind of character, the kind of qualities that we have both individually and as a society."*

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### A CLEANER, GREENER AND SMARTER HOME

We face the challenge of sharing our limited space and making it sustainable. What would it take for us to thrive as a city for all ages to live, work and play in?

Singapore is widely known and admired for our clean environment and lush cityscape - yet beyond the work of our city planners, everyone has a part to play in building a cleaner, greener and smarter Singapore. Through the SGfuture engagements, participants applauded the Government's efforts in creating a liveable and endearing home, and voiced a willingness to champion their own ground-up initiatives that contribute to a sustainable Singapore.

Participants took pride in calling this "City in a Garden" their home, and expressed a keen interest to play an active role in preserving greenery and the natural environment. They also shared their ideas to promote community bonding and bring vibrancy to shared community spaces. Lastly, they shared on innovative technologies we could tap on to create 'smart' towns which promote an eco-friendly lifestyle and gracious living.

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#### MASAGOS ZULKIFLI

MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND WATER RESOURCES

*"Our challenge is to turn this movement into a culture. So it's not just a movement of some people or a group of people with common intentions but it's a culture of what it means to be a Singaporean. And I think this is what we all should inspire or aspire to be."*



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## A SECURE AND RESILIENT NATION

We all want a home that's safe and secure. How do we ensure that our way of life is maintained even as we prepare for the unexpected?

With the rise of extremism, international terror attacks and political upheavals, it can be said that we live in uncertain times. Given our globalised world, Singapore is not immune to danger. When an attack happens, our community must be prepared to deal with it, stay united, and have the resilience to bounce back quickly and carry on with life.

The SGfuture engagements showed that Singaporeans saw the importance of safety and security as the bedrock of our nation's stability and economic growth. Singaporeans wanted to play their part in keeping Singapore strong and resilient through Total Defence and remaining vigilant in their daily lives.

Singaporeans also recognised National Service as an essential component of nation-building, and our source of pride and strength. They expressed gratitude to all National Servicemen for their contributions towards our nation's defence.

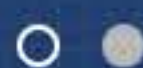
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SENIOR MINISTER OF STATE FOR HOME AFFAIRS

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### A LEARNING PEOPLE

No matter where we start in life, everyone deserves an equal shot at earning a living and pursuing our dreams. How can we make learning opportunities available to all?

Lifelong learning is imperative in these ever-changing and volatile times. With the advancement of technology and the changing economic structure, staying in the same career from graduation to retirement may no longer be possible. Beyond tests and exams, learning is a continuous pursuit of skills, knowledge and mastery that will allow us to be adaptable, and to tackle life's challenges with resilience and optimism.

Through the SGfuture engagements, participants embraced the notion of lifelong learning, where all individuals – regardless of their starting point – will have opportunities to deepen their knowledge in different ways, such as through reading clubs, peer teaching of skills, volunteering to gain hands-on experience, or building up shared information resources. Many proposals to make learning a way of life arose organically from the session. These initiatives tap on the abundant assets and knowledge within the community, exemplifying the opportunity for greater community-based learning with technology as an enabler. These learning-based projects and ideas bring us closer to becoming a Learning People, where learning takes place across all ages, as a community, for a better tomorrow.

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ACTING EDUCATION MINISTER (HIGHER EDUCATION AND SKILLS)

*"Learn to love what you study even if you're not passionate about it yet."*

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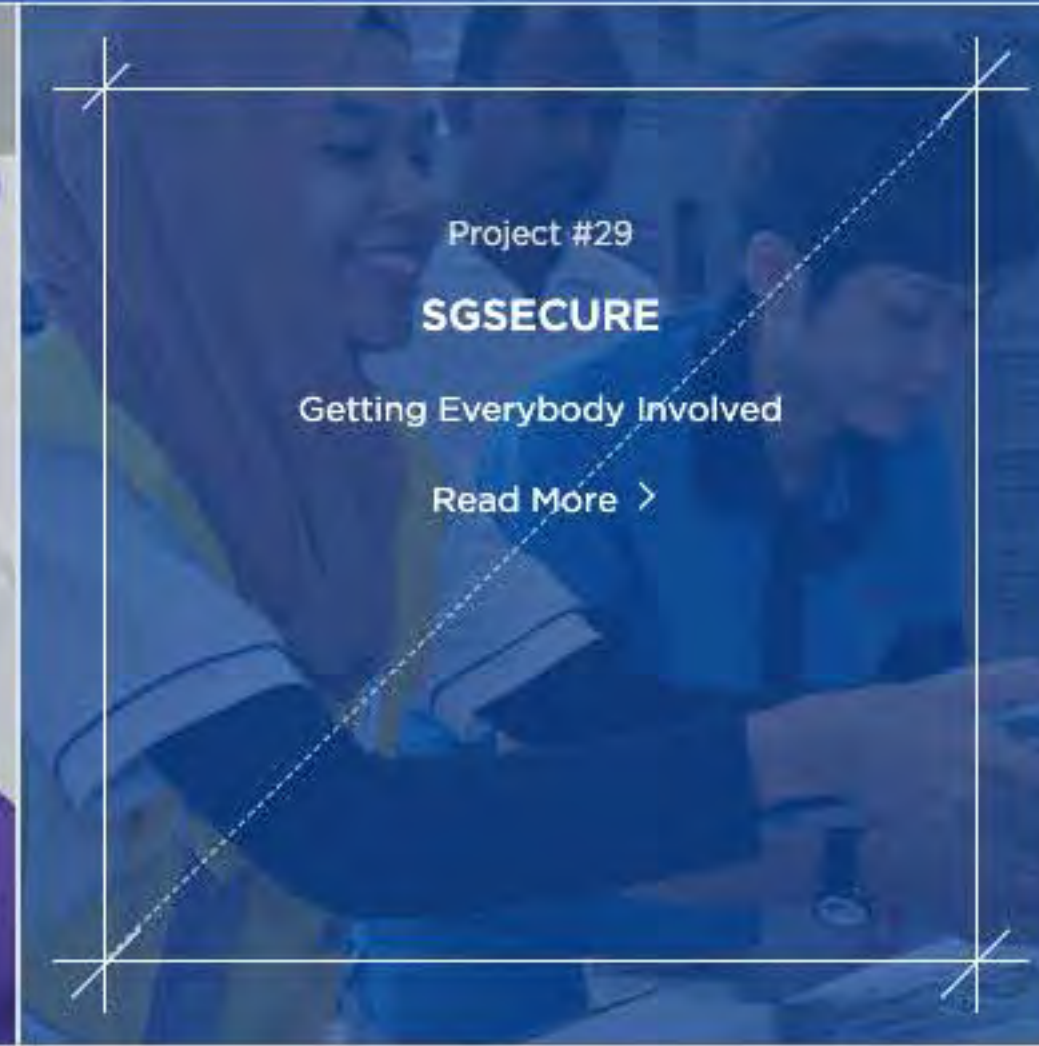
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# BUILDING A DEMENTIA FRIENDLY COMMUNITY

## PROJECT #07

— PROJECT OWNER  
Pastor Patrick Lee



To lend support to the elderly with dementia, the Agency for Integrated Care (AIC) is working with grassroots organisations and community partners around the island to build *Dementia-Friendly Communities* (DFCs). At the heart of each DFC is a support network of dementia-aware volunteers including grassroots leaders and volunteers, students and business employees who will be trained to serve as community lookouts to assist the elderly. To date, three Dementia-Friendly Communities have been launched in Yishun, Hong Kah North and MacPherson, and three more DFCs are planned.

Patrick Lee, 49, was motivated by personal experience to contribute to the initiative, as his mother-in-law has dementia. As a trained volunteer, he is active in outreach programmes and visits homes of the elderly to identify those with dementia and involve them in activities to help their condition. He has also encouraged some 30 volunteers to do the same.

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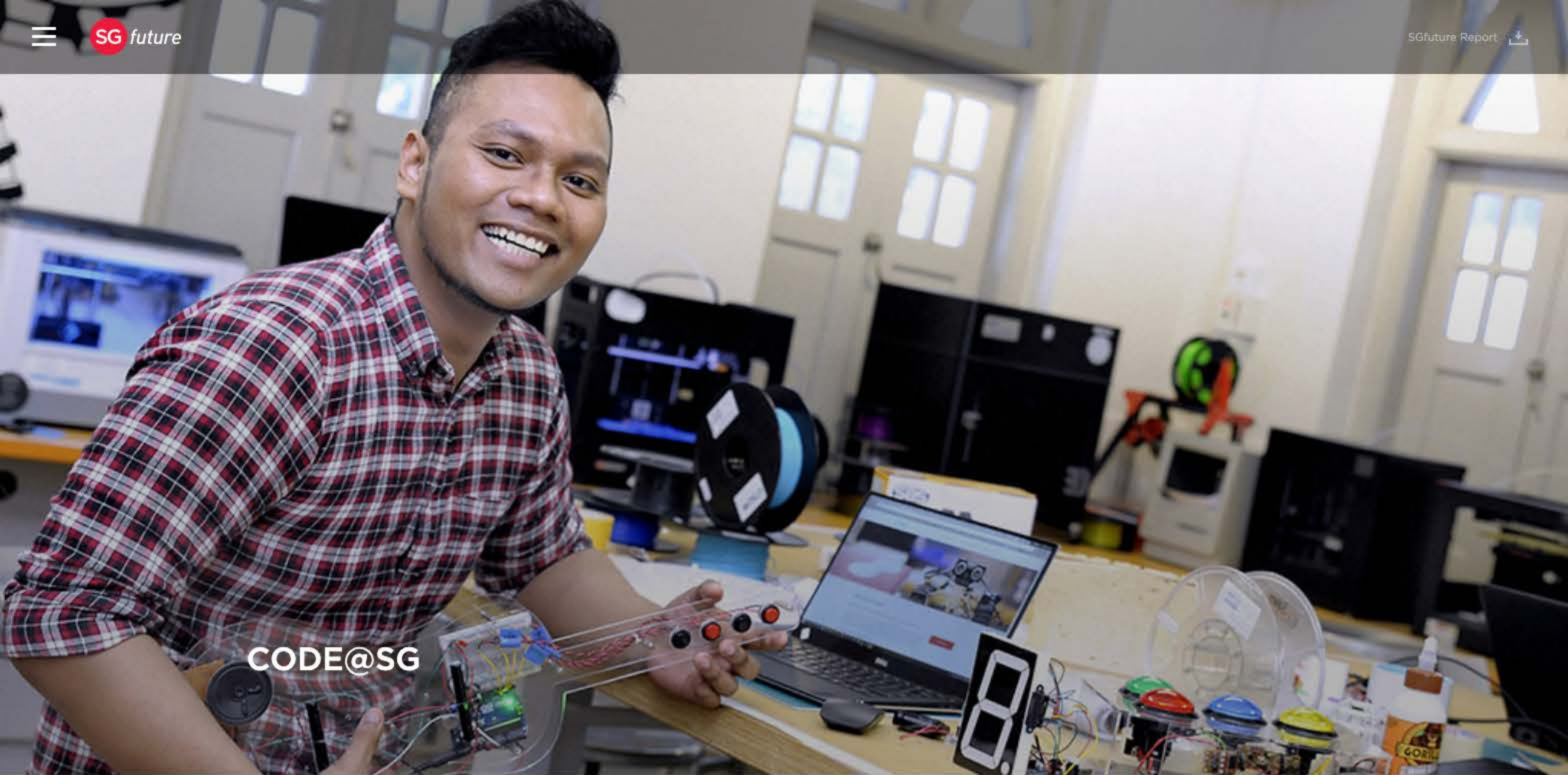
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CODE@SG

PROJECT #19

PROJECT OWNER  
Abdul Rahman



The Infocomm Development Authority of Singapore (IDA)'s Code@SG movement aims to expose students to coding and computational thinking from an early age. To complement government-led efforts in this area, a Code@SG volunteers' community was conceived during an IDA-hosted SGfuture dialogue session on 8 March 2016. Civil Engineering student Abdul Rahman, 25, has joined this community.



I am a self-taught coder and founder of PRISM, a youth-centric social enterprise that engages and connects less-fortunate primary school students to opportunities in technology.

The key to sustaining interest in coding is to curate "fun-ducational" programmes that inculcate this skill. PRISM teaches children how to programme and build projects such as electric guitars.

I plan to leverage Code@SG to augment PRISM's outreach efforts by partnering with schools nationwide and holding public exhibitions.

You are never too young to learn about technology. As passionate volunteers, we work with students to ensure that everyone grasps the fundamentals of coding.

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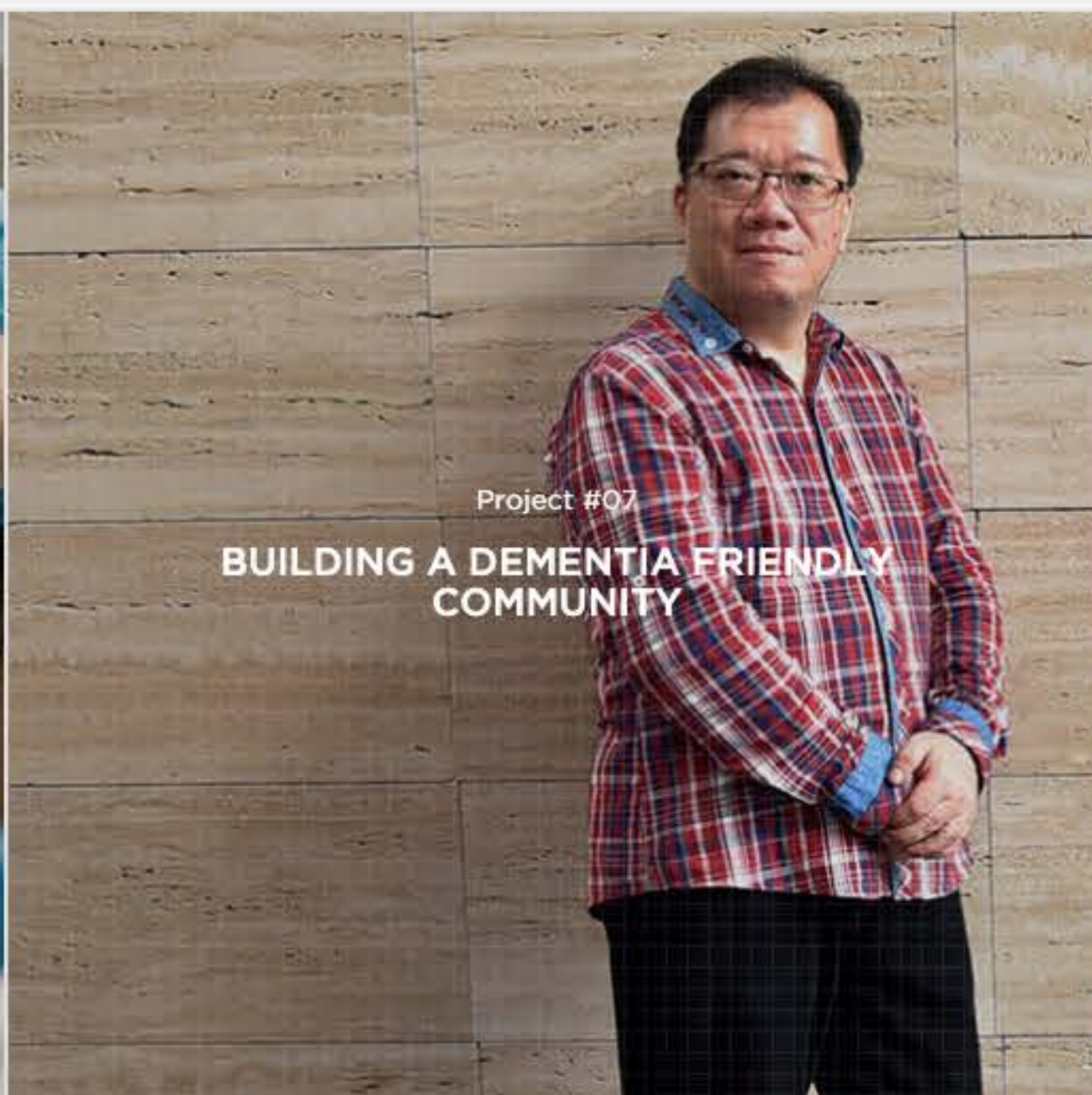
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# COME AND MAKE (LEARN SG SEED FUND)

## PROJECT #03

### — PROJECT OWNER

Kiruthika Ramanathan with daughters, Anjali and Sophia



When Kiruthika Ramanathan's daughter Anjali Curic, had to raise funds for her kindergarten class a few years ago, Kiruthika suggested she organise a fundraising craft party for her friends. That effort saw Anjali raise the largest amount of money in her class.

Building on the success of that concept, sisters Anjali and Sophia, 7 and 9, embarked on an initiative called *Come and Make*, with the support of their mother, a 34-year-old Senior Manager at the Science Centre Singapore, who refined the project idea in an *SGfuture* engagement session on 19 February 2016. They then tapped on the Singapore Workforce Development Agency's LearnSG Seed Fund, which supports ground-up learning projects, and aims to cultivate a spirit of curiosity and creativity in solving problems through doing and making.



The project comprises a series of 10 learning sessions held at the void deck of a block of flats in Bukit Batok, where she lives. At the inaugural session on 19 June 2016, 12 children learnt about gardening while huddling around styrofoam boxes and getting their hands grimy with soil and plants. Some bent over bits of polymer clay and constructed figurines to add to their miniature gardens.

"I've always encouraged self-directed learning in my kids and I'm excited to bring this to the community," says Kiruthika. Open to both parents and children, future sessions may introduce activities such as building mechanical cars.

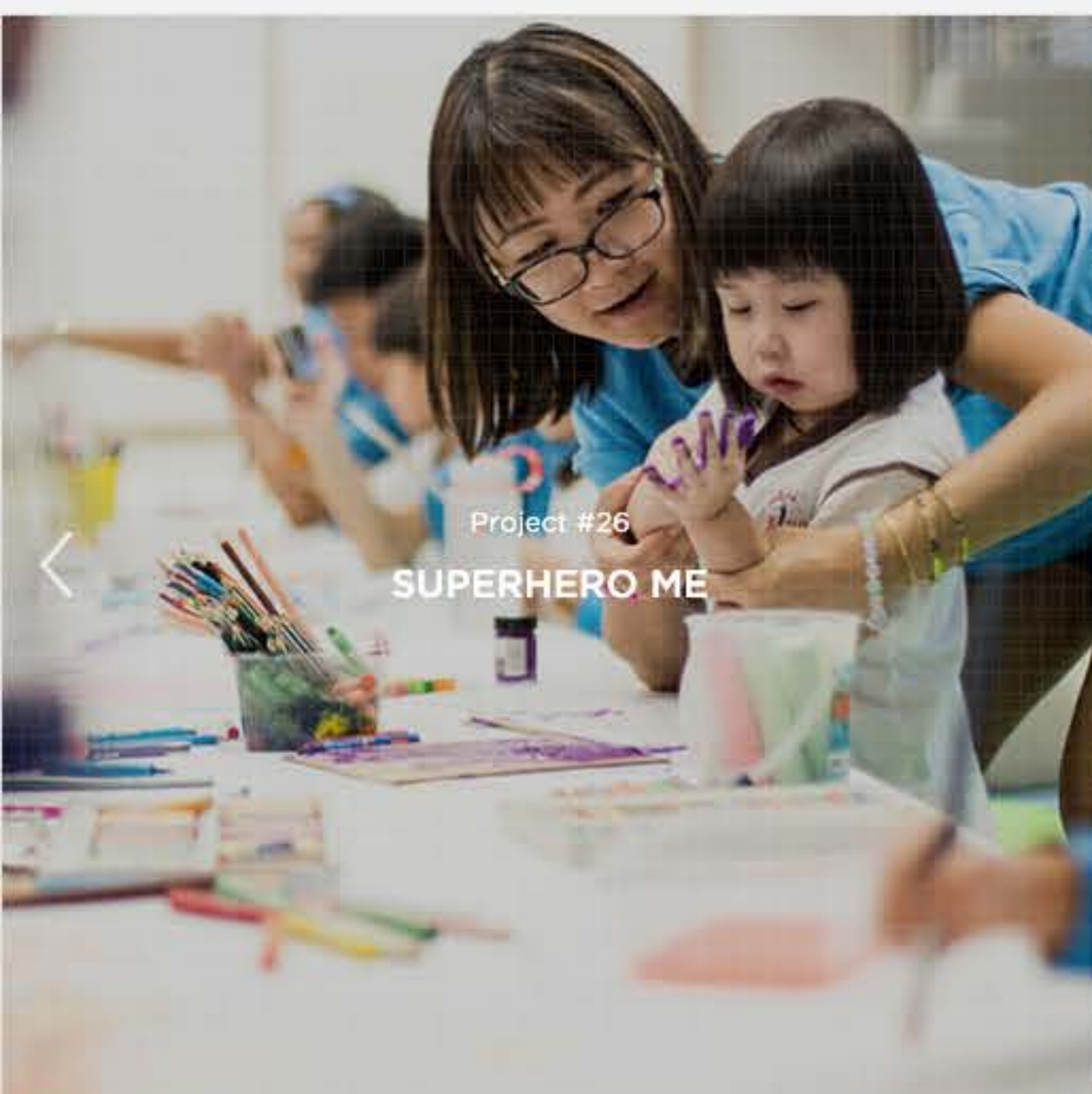
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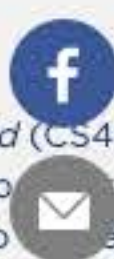
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# COMMON SPACE FOR COMMON GOOD

## PROJECT #05

PROJECT OWNER  
Valarie Teo



*Common Space for Common Good* (CS4CG) is a signature initiative by Youth Corps Singapore that encourages youths to plan and organise community projects at common spaces to reach out to those in need or the public-at-large. As part of this island-wide community service movement, YCS piloted 'A Walk to Remember' on 17 June 2016 – a programme which bonds youth volunteers and children from less-privileged families through the National Heritage Board's SG50 Jubilee Walk, a commemorative trail of Singapore's iconic landmarks. Valarie Teo, 20, is on the programme planning committee.



Valarie Teo, Intern (Community Collaborators), Youth Corps Singapore.



This project has given me the privilege of interacting with children from diverse family backgrounds and channel my event-management skills towards a worthy cause. We plan to create a sustainable project by holding the event regularly.

My passion lies in the social service sector; working on the project has given me greater insight into the possible career options and education routes I can pursue. I will be entering university to obtain a Bachelor of Social Work later this year.

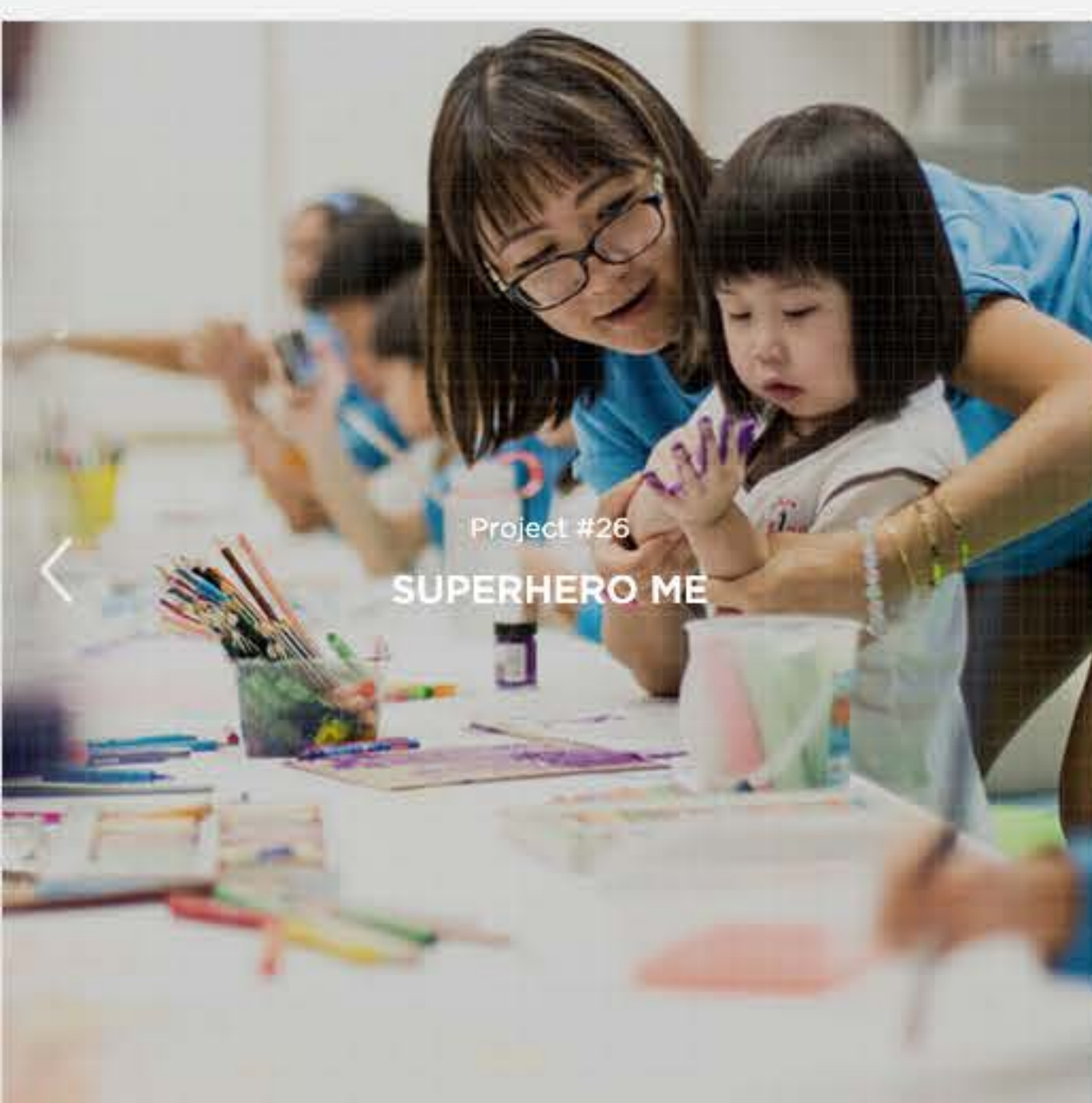
Joining Youth Corp Singapore provides young people with a platform for stepping out of their comfort zones, meeting new people and making a positive difference to someone's life, even if just for a day.

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# A COMMUNITY SPACE TO COMMEMORATE NS

## PROJECT #17

— PROJECT OWNER  
Jamin Tan

"As Singapore prepares to mark 50 years of National Service (NS) next year, it's important to share its history and legacy with future generations. I attended the SGfuture engagement session on 6 March 2016, during which proposals to boost appreciation for NSmen were raised. One called for a physical space to raise awareness and understanding of the NS journey.

I think NSmen would appreciate having such a platform to share NS — a formative experience in their lives — with their families. As an NSman with a young son myself, I've learnt that children enjoy stories about NS. Such a space would bring these stories to life. NSmen would also gain a better sense of purpose about the sacrifices we make.

Ideally, the space should tell the stories of all NSmen. It should be a child-friendly space that kids can immerse themselves in through activities such as dressing up in military uniforms. It should also appeal to older Singaporeans by providing things for them to touch, hold, smell or taste, so they can say, 'Ah, this is NS. This is what my son, brother, husband or father went through.'"

*CPT (NS) Jamin Tan, 32, is currently a regional managing director for a financial technology firm. He completed his full-time NS in 2009 and now serves as a commander in the Singapore Army.*

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# SMART COOL IDEAS CHALLENGE

## PROJECT #15

— PROJECT OWNER  
Jeffrey Lau



Information and communications technology (ICT) has opened up opportunities to enhance our living environment. The Housing and Development Board (HDB)'s inaugural Smart Cool Ideas Hack competition from 24-26 June 2016 was held with this in mind. Members of the public came together to create innovative ICT-based solutions to enhance neighbourliness, encourage eco-friendly living and improve information sharing in HDB estates. One of the prize-winning projects came from a team led by Jeffrey Lau, 36.



### How did you come to enter the competition?

My wife Gloria and I love hackathons; we've participated in more than six hackathons together. This event caught our attention, as we live in Bendemeer estate. Our six year-old son Gabriel joined us this time, too.

### Your team came up with the prize-winning 'Project Helen'. Tell us more about it!

It is a voice-enabled technology, to be installed in HDB lifts. Anyone in a HDB estate can ask Helen for useful information, such as the expected arrival time of the bus you are catching.

### Why do you feel so strongly about wanting to play an active role in addressing this issue?

The Smart Nation initiative could be more inclusive. Whether or not you own a smartphone, you should be able to access helpful technologies.

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## EMPOWERING COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS

### PROJECT #22

#### PROJECT OWNER

Raahgini Chandrasegaran



Young people are spreading the message of being prepared for any possible emergency. The idea of co-creation projects by youth groups first came about during one of the SGfuture engagement dialogues in February 2016. After some brainstorming and planning with their club advisors and representatives from SCDF, members of the CD Lionhearter Club of Nanyang Polytechnic (NYP) began to materialise the idea. On 28 May 2016, members of the club participated in the revamped Emergency Preparedness (EP) Day at Chong Pang, where they taught residents basic lifesaving skills.



NYP CD Lionhearter Raahgini Chandrasegaran, 20, speaks about her experience.

#### Why did NYP's CD Lionhearter Club take part in the EP Day at Chong Pang?

We thought it would be a good way to raise awareness of the importance of acquiring basic lifesaving skills and to impart these skills to Chong Pang residents. It was also an opportunity to tell the community about the CD Lionhearter Club and our activities.

#### What did you teach residents?

We educated them on three important emergency skills: fire safety, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and the use of automated external defibrillator (AED).

#### How did the event go?

It was definitely a success, as many residents of all ages attended. We hope that through this event, every household in Chong Pang now includes a member trained in important emergency preparedness skills.

#### How does NYP's CD Lionhearter Club reach out to youth?

Recruiting new members can be a challenge! To overcome this, we organise regular camps, which students find fun and appealing. We currently have 150 members and hope to grow this further.

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# ENABLING MASTERPLAN 3

## PROJECT #02

### PROJECT OWNER

Keh Eng Song



The upcoming Enabling Masterplan 3 (EMP3) will outline the Government's initiatives, policies and programmes to support people with disabilities and build a more inclusive Singapore. Ahead of its launch in 2017, focus group discussions were held with members of the public and representatives from voluntary well-being organisations and private-sector bodies from April to July 2016. Keh Eng Song, 61, was among the participants.

#### Have the past two EMPs made a significant impact in creating an inclusive society?

Baby steps have been taken, like the inclusive playground at Bishan-Ang Mo Kio Park and the national 'See the True Me' campaign. I believe EMP3 will focus on caregivers and on the problem of what will happen to their charges when they pass on.

#### Are you optimistic that people with disabilities will one day be considered an integral part of society?

Yes, I believe they will. But it is uncertain how long this will take. My hope is that one day we won't need to single out persons with disabilities through a special Enabling Masterplan — that they will be a part of the National Masterplan.

#### What advice would you give to young persons looking to make social services a career?

Make sure your heart is in it. The job is emotionally-challenging but so fulfilling, with a lot of gratification.

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# FIRE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS IN HOMES OF THE VULNERABLE



PROJECT #10

— PROJECT OWNER

Muhammad Safwan bin Salim



On 12 June 2016, members of ITE College Central's and Nanyang Polytechnic's CD Lionhearter Club joined hands with the Ministry of Home Affairs, the Singapore Civil Defence Force and grassroots organisations in Toa Payoh West-Balestier to install battery-operated smoke detectors in the homes of vulnerable and low-income Singaporeans. Altogether, smoke detectors were installed in 58 homes. The smoke detectors will allow home owners and their neighbours to detect residential fires early and promptly get out of harm's way. Members also imparted basic fire safety tips to residents — many of whom are elderly — to prevent fires from happening. The co-creation project follows from earlier SGfuture engagements where participants had suggested ways to help the community become more prepared for emergencies.



Muhammad Safwan bin Salim, 20, was among the volunteers.

I got involved in the CD Lionhearter Club four years ago because I wanted to learn how to help people in times of disaster. Since then, I've learnt about CPR, AED and first aid. I'm now confident that I know what to do in case of an emergency.

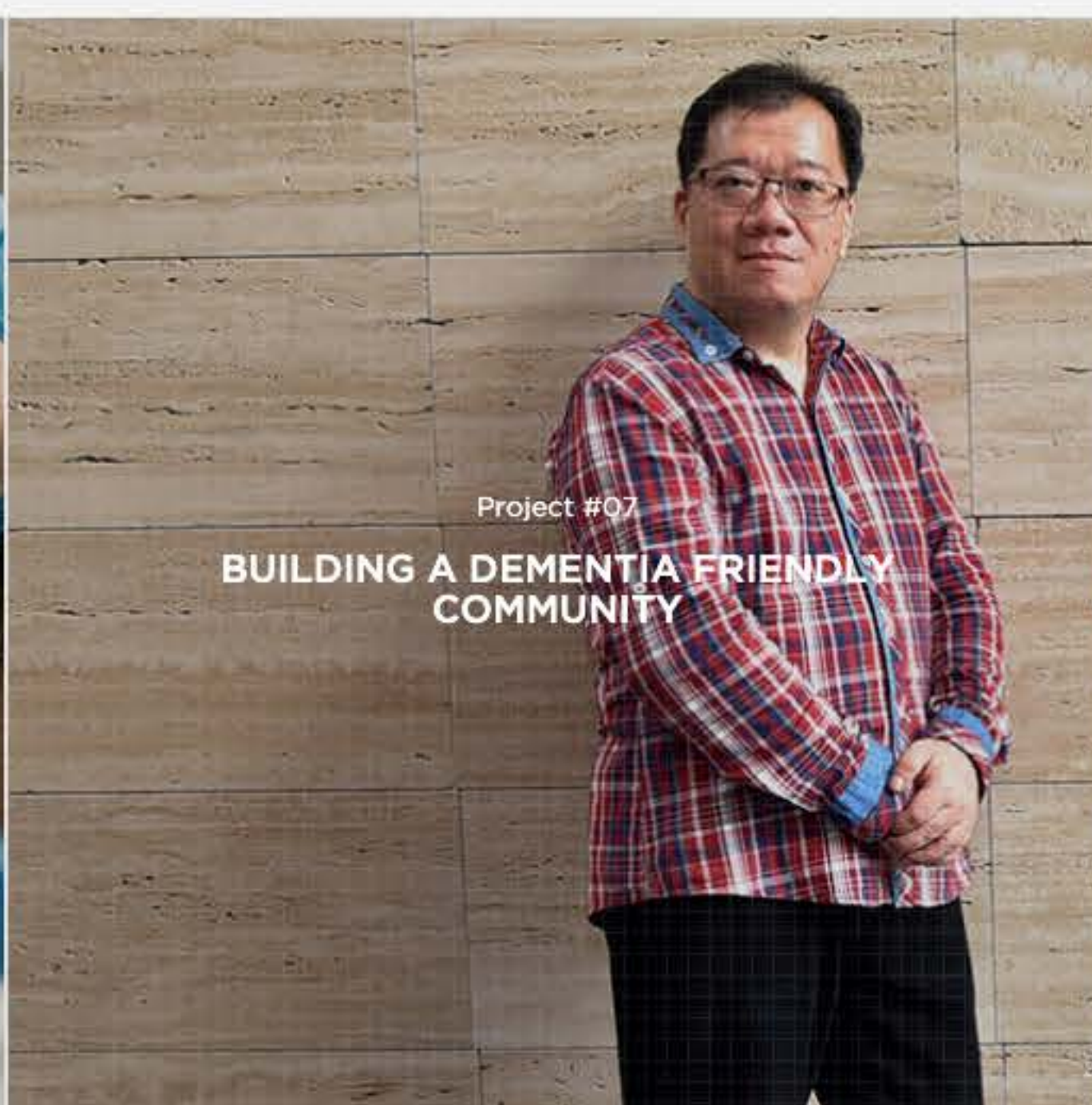
During our latest outreach effort, we reminded residents to stay calm in case of a fire.

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## FRIENDS OF THE PARKS

### PROJECT #08

— PROJECT OWNER  
Han Jok Kwang



Chief Information Officer of high-tech design and manufacturing firm Venture Corporation by day, Han Jok Kwang, 62, plays another leadership role outside of his job. The long-time Narks volunteer chairs the Friends of Park Connector Network (PCN) community, made up of regular PCN users and stakeholders. This is part of the larger Friends of the Parks initiative, launched on 2 April 2016 in response to calls by participants at SGfuture dialogue sessions for greater stewardship and responsible use of our parks and nature reserves.

I have been volunteering with NParks for more than eight years. It started with me using the PCN as a cyclist. I've since been involved in multiple charity rides, and also initiated a community-driven project to build a concrete pathway linking Tampines Ave 10 to Bedok Reservoir Park to improve connectivity for pedestrians and cyclists.

I have two goals as the community chairperson. One is to inculcate a greater sense of civic-mindedness in the use of shared spaces. Another is to create a sense of ownership so that facilities remain in good condition.

The 'greening' message is for the long haul. I enjoy acting as a catalyst, a cheerleader to inspire others to do their best.

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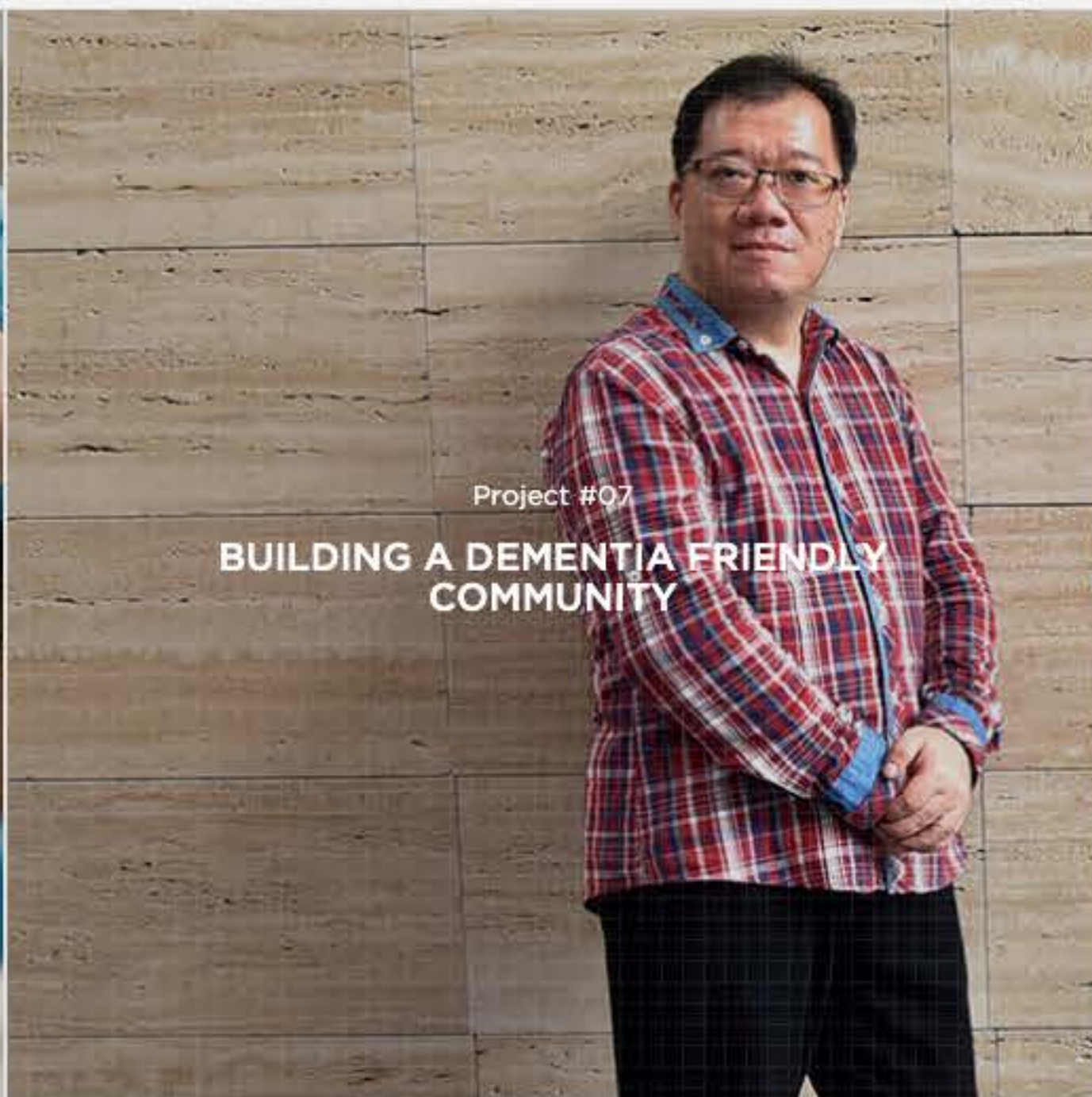
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# MUSIC FOR A CAUSE

PROJECT #20

PROJECT OWNER  
Joe Tan



After 11 years as an army regular, it was an epiphany of sorts that prompted Joe Tan, 33, to found social enterprise Love Action Project. "I had been volunteering for various causes but the desire to do something bigger — something that makes use of my skills — took over," he says. With the objective of empowering individuals and bringing volunteers and social causes together, Love Action Project was set up in 2013.



Close to \$20,000 in donations was raised at MFAC.

Joe attended the inaugural SGfuture engagement session on 29 November 2015, during which the idea for a social-cause music festival was mooted. He was subsequently hosted a session and discovered like-minded people who could help make his project a reality. This resulted in Music for a Cause (MFAC), a two-day concert on 3 and 4 June 2016 at \*SCAPE to raise awareness and funds for social causes.

The festival saw 10 local artists performing to benefit five non-profit organisations: Silver Ribbon (Singapore), Causes for Animals (Singapore), Canossville Children's Home, Daughters of Tomorrow and Migrant Workers' Centre. Representatives from each were at the scene, to explain to concertgoers how they could get involved as volunteers. Food and drink from homegrown businesses were also on offer.

With success in the bag, Joe hopes MFAC will become an annual event that grows each year. "I want to revolutionise the giving landscape in Singapore," he says.

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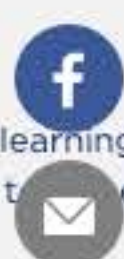
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# NATIONAL READING MOVEMENT

## PROJECT #06

— PROJECT OWNER  
Vivek Kumar



Reading is one of the key tools in learning. Readers of all ages could enhance their understanding of books and inspire others to become more curious learners, when they come together as a community to share insights from books and articles.

To develop a nation of readers, the National Library Board (NLB) launched the National Reading Movement on 3 June 2016. One of its key outreach efforts is *Read@Work*, through which NLB is working with organisations to encourage their employees to read regularly. NTUC's U Associate Programme — which assists the growing workforce of Professionals, Managers and Executives (PMEs) — has come on board as a keen partner. Vivek Kumar, 39, tells us more about *Read@Work*.



"I grew up in a household where books were stacked against the walls, all around. I guess that was where my love for reading started. But for me, reading is more than a hobby; it is also a life skill and a means of continued learning.

Through *Read@Work*, more people will hopefully realise the power of reading. Representatives from the 32 professional associations under NTUC U Associate will work with NLB to curate a list of reading materials whose subject matter spans the areas of concern for different industries. The idea is to curate a holistic list that goes beyond industry-specific trade publications to cover developments in other areas, thus strengthening workers' current and future skills.

Mature workers are of special interest to me. Because the skillsets that are required of us are changing very rapidly, jobs to be created in the near future will be qualitatively different from jobs at present. How can we make sure we do not have a 'lost' generation who is fearful of changing their skillsets? I hope reading can be part of the solution."

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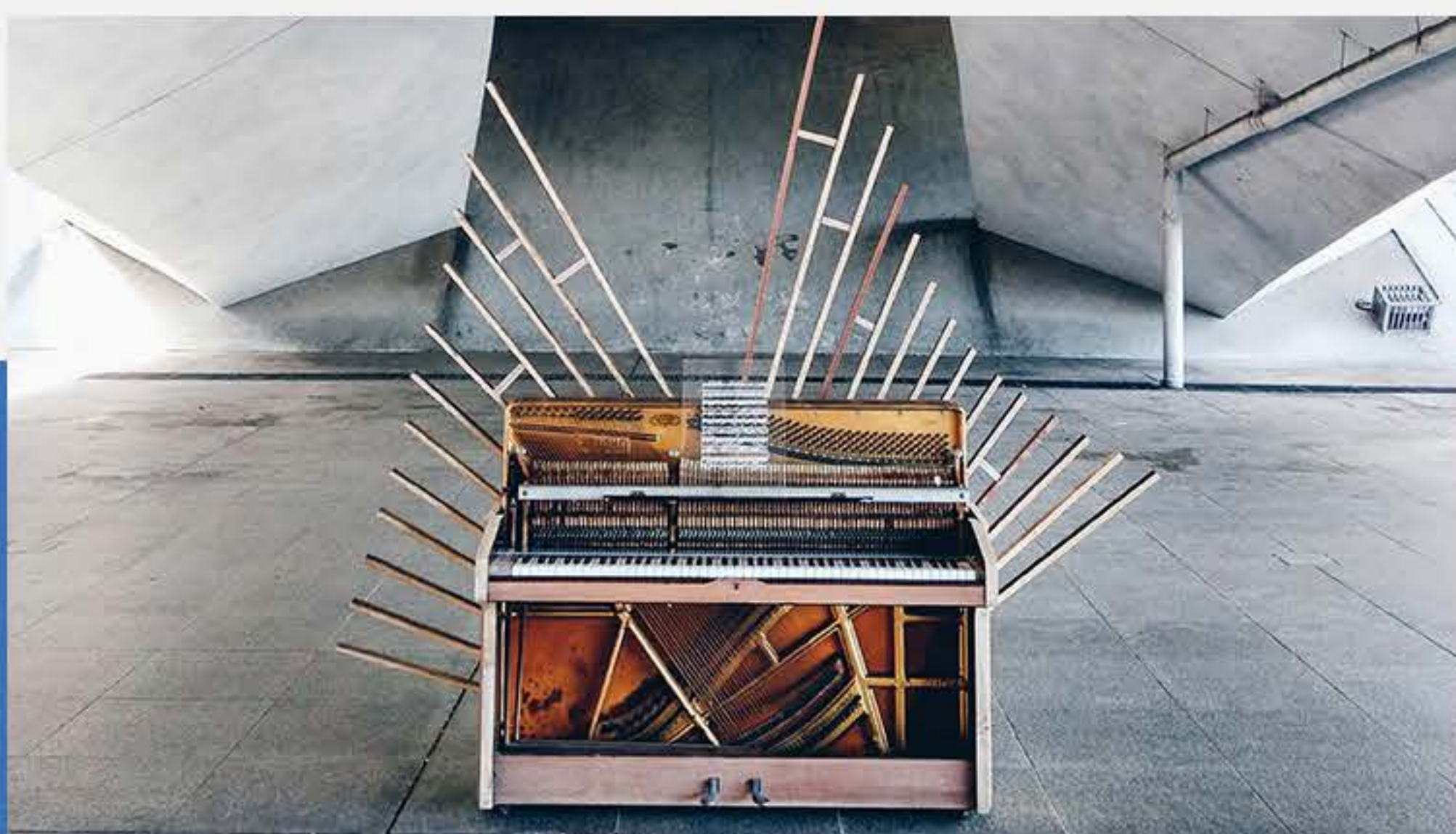
# PLAY IT FORWARD (OUR FAVOURITE PLACE)

PROJECT #18

— PROJECT OWNER  
Kenneth Lee



Public spaces are areas vital for citizen bonding. These are places where people from all walks of life gather and interact, and where shared memories of the community are formed. The Urban Redevelopment Authority's *Our Favourite Place* programme supports projects initiated and implemented by the community to open public spaces across Singapore. One project that has taken off supports local artists and designers like Kenneth Lee, 29, to transform old, unwanted pianos into art pieces and place them in public spaces for everyone to enjoy.



Since September 2015, 10 refurbished pianos have moved around 18 public locations in Singapore.

"I got involved with the project because of my interest in using my training in Architecture to engage the community. I personally have no background in music, but the piano is an instrument I've always wanted to learn. Making these pianos available for people to use in a public space combines art, music and my passion for architecture.

The piano I designed is called Melissa, the name of an old love. It is aligned with the Art Deco style and I had a musical score, *The Little Mermaid's* 'Part of Your World', laser-cut on acrylic and attached to the piano to reflect how much I want to be part of the musical world.

It's wonderful to observe kids tinkering on the piano and couples playing duets. When you see and hear someone playing the piano, it brightens up your day. The universal appreciation for art and music is inherent in us, and helps to bring the community together."

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# PLAY IT FORWARD

## PROJECT #24

— PROJECT OWNER  
SportSG



SportSG organised four engagement sessions in the SGfuture series, and Play It Forward was born in a February 2016 discussion with underprivileged youth from SportCares who wanted an opportunity to give back to their communities. This is a certification programme that equips aspiring coaches with the skills and knowledge to join the coaching team at ActiveSG's Sports Academies and Clubs. In exchange for full training subsidies, trainees coach boys and girls in a voluntary capacity as a way of giving back to the sport while gaining practical experience. The programme kicked off with intakes at the new ActiveSG Football Academy, opened in April this year.



Pravin Raj, 18, Volunteer Coach, Play It Forward

"I have been playing football with SportCares for three years. Having received free coaching as a player, I am now returning the favour by teaching football to kids thrice a week at Jurong East Stadium. I want them to experience the best values of sport just as I have."



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# PARENT SUPPORT GROUP (PSG) ONLINE RESOURCES

## PROJECT #25

### PROJECT OWNER

Fong Kwok Onn

Parent Support Groups (PSGs) play a crucial role in strengthening school-home partnerships and bolstering children's education. To share best practices in starting and sustaining PSGs, a PSG Online Resources is currently being developed by parent representatives of the National Advisory Council, COMMunity and PArEnts in Support of Schools (COMPASS).



"The idea for this online resource came up in a conversation I had with a fellow COMPASS member three years ago. We want other PSGs to be effective and help schools better engage parents."

Nafisah Bte Md Ma'mun Suheimi, COMPASS Member

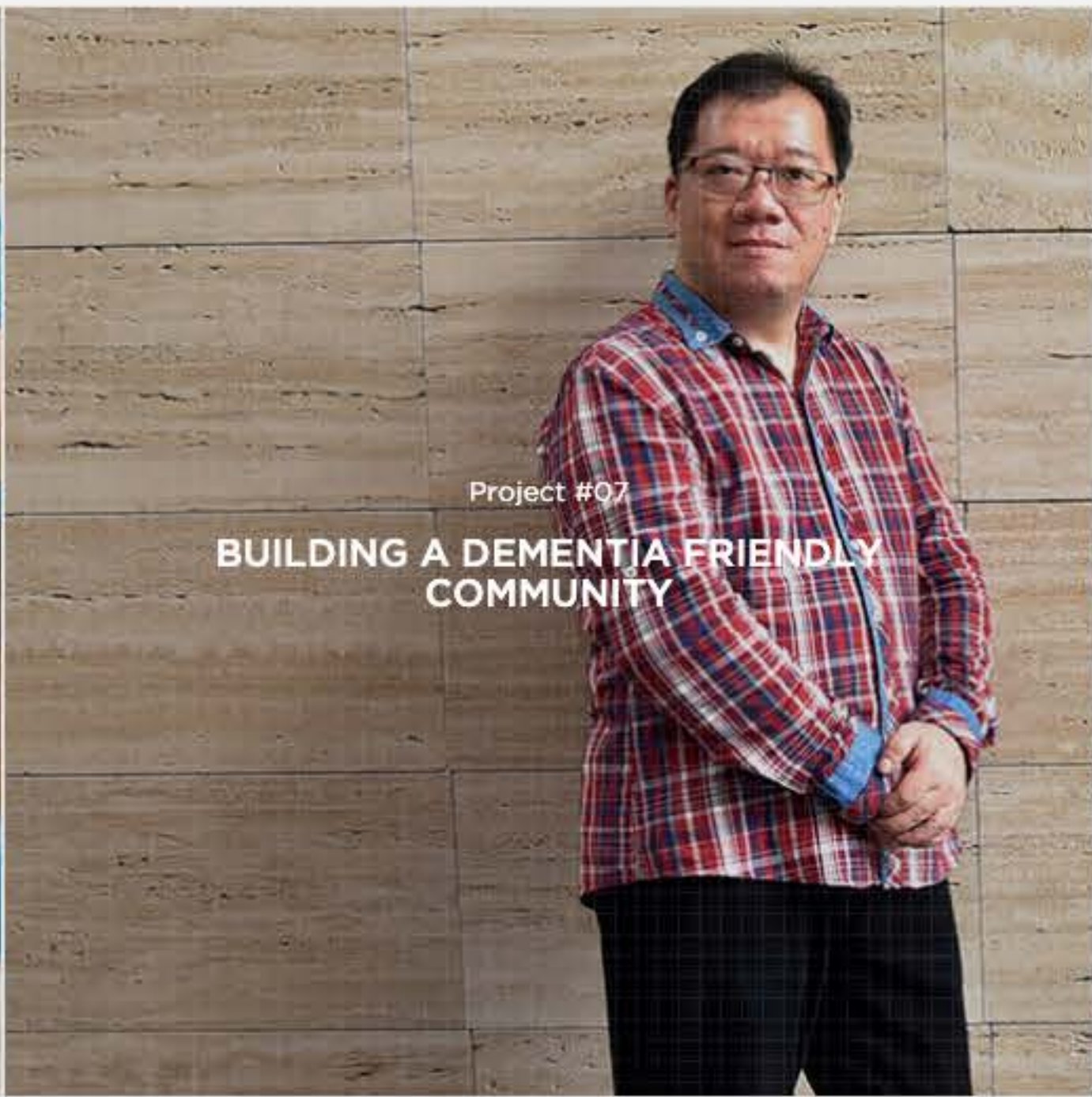


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## REPAIR KOPITIAM

### PROJECT #09

— PROJECT OWNER  
Farah Sanwari



To combat Singapore's pervasive buy-and-throw-away culture, social enterprise Sustainable Living Lab launched a ground-up initiative called Repair Kopitiam in November 2014. Through monthly community meet-ups, trained volunteers or 'Repair Coaches' help residents with repair of all kinds of faulty products like electric appliances, clothes and household items. Farah Sanwari, 27, is Project Lead for this initiative, held on the last Sunday of each month at the void decks of Blk 425 Jurong West Avenue 1 and Blk 819 Tampines Street 81.

As someone with a background in product design, I felt compelled to stand up for sustainable innovation and fight against excessive consumption. Repair Kopitiam is a way to prevent waste from happening.

Besides training and helping residents with repair work, we also volunteer at welfare homes to repair their items as part of our on-the-job training.

On average, around 80 people visit during each session. Many participants feel a sense of satisfaction from repairing or helping to repair their own items.

Those who came from other parts of Singapore have mentioned they would love to have *Repair Kopitiam* near their residential areas as well. We hope we can get there, and we encourage other communities to initiate their own sessions together with us!

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## PA SENIOR ACADEMY IT AMBASSADOR

PROJECT #21

— PROJECT OWNER  
Fong Kwok Onn



Steps are being taken to help seniors be familiar with technology and continue their lifelong learning journey. The new *Seniors for Smart Nation* programme, established by the People's Association (PA) Senior Academy, allows seniors to take IT courses at community clubs (CCs). Participants also receive in-class mentoring from their peers like 65 year-old retiree, Fong Kwok Onn.



1,000 Seniors for Smart Nation classes were offered at 31 CCs island-wide at the programme's launch on 30 March 2016.

I first picked up IT skills because they were useful for work. In 2006 I enrolled in classes to learn how to use Microsoft Word and Excel. Later on I went for Internet classes.

Trough the Senior Academy, I took classes on how to use WhatsApp and smartphone photography. I can now share photos taken on my phone with friends and family, and keep in touch with people through WhatsApp. In August I will start classes on 3D printing.

I volunteered to be a Senior Academy IT Ambassador because I feel IT is important for senior citizens. It enriches one's life and lends convenience, such as being able to Skype grandchildren abroad or find out via an app exactly when your bus arrives.

To seniors who think they are too old to learn IT skills, I say you are never too old. A classmate in one of my classes was 85 years old!

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# SGSECURE

## PROJECT #29

### PROJECT OWNER

Farah Atiqah Binte Nor Shaidi



SGSecure is a national movement spearheaded by the Ministry of Home Affairs to sensitise, train and mobilise Singaporeans to play a part to prevent and deal with a terrorist attack. The movement aims to foster a vigilant, cohesive and resilient community. As part of SGSecure, volunteers from the People's Association together with Home Team NS officers, are spreading its message to residents in the neighbourhoods.



Farah Atiqah Binte Nor Shaidi, 22, is one of SGSecure volunteer. She was eager to get involved in the movement after learning about it from a grassroots leader and is confident of its success.



"We're getting everyone involved, from the older generation through house visits and community outreach events to the younger generation through mobile apps," she says. The central themes, "Stay Alert, Stay United and Stay Strong", and the 'Run, Hide, Tell' advisory for firearms attack complement basic lifesaving skills taught by other groups, such as the SCDF and CD Lionhearer Clubs.

The SGSecure movement in the Neighbourhood has been piloted at three constituencies so far, namely Chong Pang, Jurong Spring and Toa Payoh West-Balestier. The movement will be implemented progressively in other neighbourhoods - including in Nee Soon South, where Farah is a resident, in October 2016. Through their efforts, Singaporeans like her are building a community of prepared citizens who are ready to deal with any possible emergency.

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# SUPERHERO ME

PROJECT #26

— PROJECT OWNER  
Jean Loo



Realising the disparity pre-schoolers from at-risk communities faced in receiving quality preschool education, 32 year-old Jean Loo, founder of content creation studio Logue, was inspired into action. In 2014, together with Lien Foundation, her friends Yang Huiwen, Chen Weiyen and Joyce Li, Jean piloted Superhero Me, a ground-up, volunteer-driven initiative that empowers children from less-privileged backgrounds to discover their inner heroes through costume-crafting.

Now in its third run, the 2016 edition consists of 50 children from 3 special education schools and an inclusive preschool catering to both able-bodied children and children with special needs, as well as 50 volunteers and a 10-person creative team. Altogether, the initiative reached out to over 2,100 visitors during an interactive art show from 18 June to 17 July at visual arts centre, Objectifs.



*Superhero Me uses costume crafting to... inspire kids to build resilience. In the future, a child's sense of identity, purpose, courage and confidence to turn disabilities into abilities will be what helps him or her through tough times.*

*Some interesting costumes this year are... Mohamed Aiman Bin Abdullah's (12 years) 'Burger Ham', who makes burgers and fries for the hungry; and Syed Amsyar's (11 years) 'The Flaming Car', which zooms to the rescue when people are in trouble.*

*While expressing themselves through art, the kids taught Jean and her team that... even though some of them have physical and behavioural challenges, everyone has a sense of identity and should be given the space to express themselves.*

*Jean's advice to others who want to establish a ground-up community project is... be resourceful. You are a community builder, journalist, artist, event planner, team leader, student and human all rolled into one.*

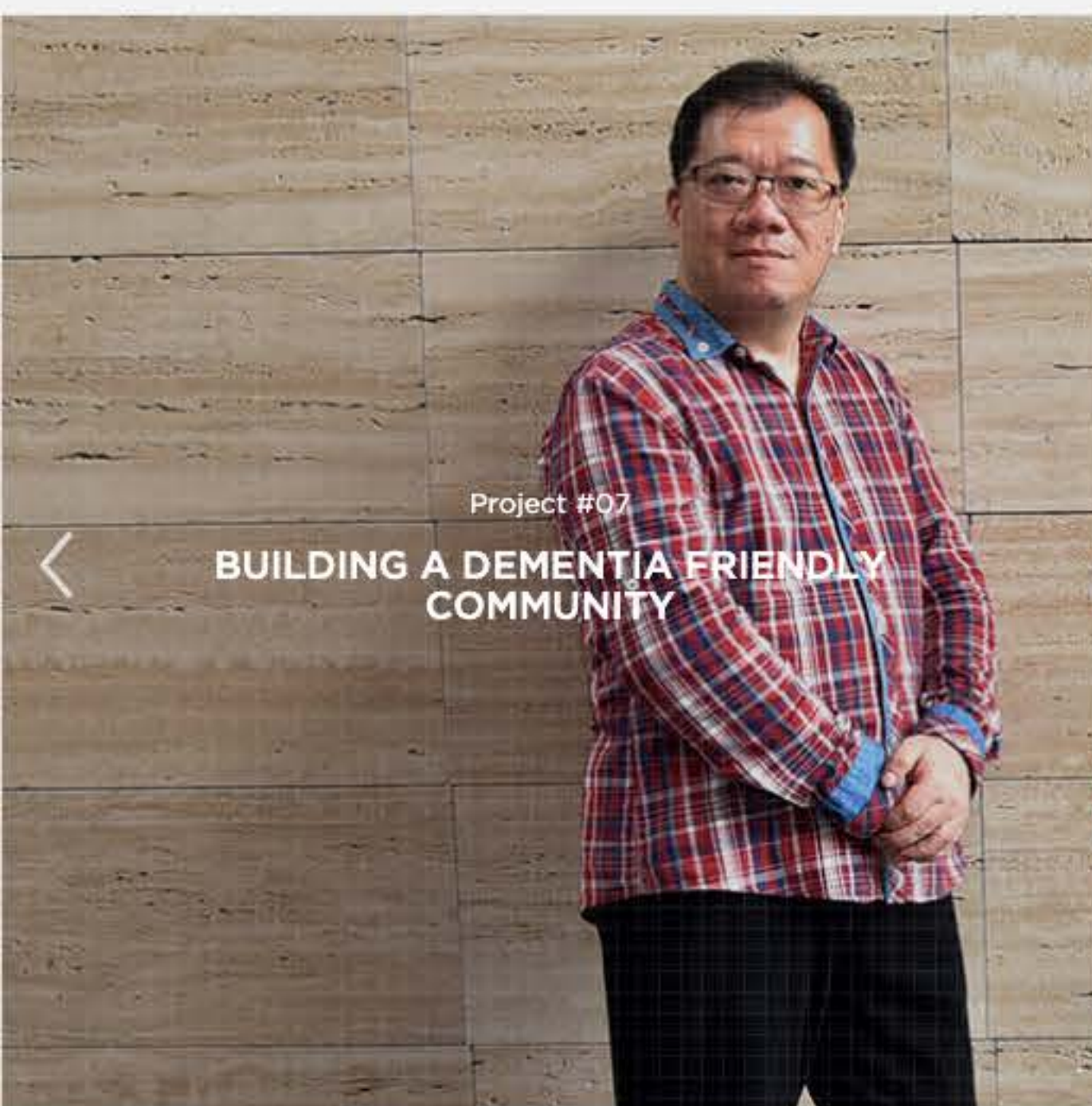
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## FOOD REDISTRIBUTION PROJECT

### PROJECT #27

#### — PROJECT OWNER

Nichol Ng and Nicholas Ng

While running their family's food-distribution business, siblings Nichol and Nicholas Ng saw first-hand the amount of food wastage accumulated by the industry. This inspired the duo to set up The Food Bank Singapore in 2012, a charity that collects surplus food and provides it to those in need of food. "A lot of food destroyed by food manufacturers or supermarkets is not rotten or expired, but just doesn't fit corporations' aesthetic and quality specifications," explains Nichol, 37.

Most of The Food Bank's food donations come from food companies. Other donors include people who contribute through food drives, as well as corporations, schools and shopping malls that adopt its Bank Boxes; these containers allow adopters to store unwanted edible packaged food items, for collection by The Food Bank. Items which are left over after distribution to the needy are managed in two ways - food close to expiry date is sold at significantly-reduced prices at its newly-opened shop, The Food Pantry, while expired dry food items are redistributed to animal shelters and farms.

Indeed, the charity supports any and all efforts to minimise food waste, such as community composting projects and jarring methods that extend the shelf life of food products. "Our ultimate goal is to be the central coordinating body for food in Singapore," says Nicholas, 36. "As long as it's food-related, we're happy to handle it."

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## TOTAL DEFENCE CRISIS SIMULATION GAME

### PROJECT #28

— PROJECT OWNER  
Wan Junyan



Terrorism and national security are not just adult matters; and media professional Wan Junyan hopes to spread this message to students across Singapore. He realised teenagers are largely unaware of the important role they play in keeping Singapore safe when he read articles about what youths had said online.

Junyan, 41, participated in an SGfuture engagement session in February 2016 and wanted to continue contributing towards efforts to remind the younger generation of their responsibility to keep Singapore safe. His passion and experience with strategy games made him realise that role-playing activities could help young Singaporeans gain a better understanding of the complex threats facing the country.



"Games allow you to make choices and see the consequences of the choices that you make," he says. While games have been a part of the national education fabric for a while, Junyan stresses they have to be better created to appeal to teenagers.

He has been invited by the Ministry of Defence to take part in the conceptualisation and development of a new Total Defence crisis simulation game, to be rolled out in schools next year. The package will consist of realistic scenarios and role-playing activities designed to highlight the importance of the social and psychological aspects of Total Defence in Singapore. Some of these scenarios were trialed at a co-creation workshop with students from Dunman High School on 15 July 2016.

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## YOUNG NTUC U HEART 2016

### PROJECT #12

#### PROJECT OWNER

Suhaimi Zainal Shah (Project COLOURS)



Learning to care, and learning through caring, matters. NTUC's youth wing, Young NTUC, is committed to building a more empathetic society. Its *Young NTUC U HEART* campaign from July to August 2016 sees young working adults of the Labour Movement rallying volunteers to give back to society through ground-up projects helmed by the youths themselves. Suhaimi Zainal Shah, 26, is Project Lead for one such initiative, Project COLOURS.



### Why does serving the community mean so much to you?

In 2015, I attended a University Scholars Leadership Symposium in Hong Kong and was inspired by the various social enterprises and ground-up initiatives. Since then, I've been thinking of ways to raise awareness for and empower the disadvantaged.

### What can one learn from volunteering?

Working together improves planning and communication skills. Interacting with the underprivileged also builds empathy, as you come to understand the hardships others face.

### Can you tell us about Project COLOURS?

Palliative care patients are often overlooked or avoided, so we planned an outing with Assisi Hospice patients around National Day. We hope to secure more volunteers with specific skillsets in healthcare, and create greater outreach and awareness.

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## BRINGING TOTAL DEFENCE TO LIFE

12 FEB 2016

— AUTHOR  
Gaby Jeyaseelan

— LOCATION  
Science Discovery Centre  
(M - 11:30AM)

SGfuture is a new citizen engagement series to provide Singaporeans with a platform to come together to share their views, aspirations and ideas for the future.

The five pillars of Total Defence (military, civil, economic, social and psychological) are familiar concepts taught in schools here. How might we make these ideas come alive for students to better understand Total Defence?

On 12 February, students from a range of pre-university institutions gathered to discuss the pertinence of Total Defence Day, commemorated each year on 15 February. The engagement session was held at the Science Discovery Centre in conjunction with the SGFuture series, with this instalment focusing on fortifying Singapore's resilience and tackling perceptions related to national defence.

Acting Minister for Education (Higher Education and Skills) and Senior Minister of State for the Ministry of Defence (MINDEF), Mr Ong Ye Kung, had this to say to students at the engagement session: "What is total defence? You may be taught information about it in schools but subconsciously, we are living it day by day."

During the session, students worked in groups to suggest ways to get youths more interested in national security. "I think youths need to take a more active role in Total Defence and take it beyond what we learn in school," said Jacky Poh, 18, a student at Jurong Junior College.

Some of the ideas suggested included an online video series for students to learn more about geopolitical issues facing Singapore and more inter-racial and inter-faith dialogues targeted at the younger generation. Such efforts can enable youths to be more aware of challenges facing Singapore and take steps to build a more cohesive society.

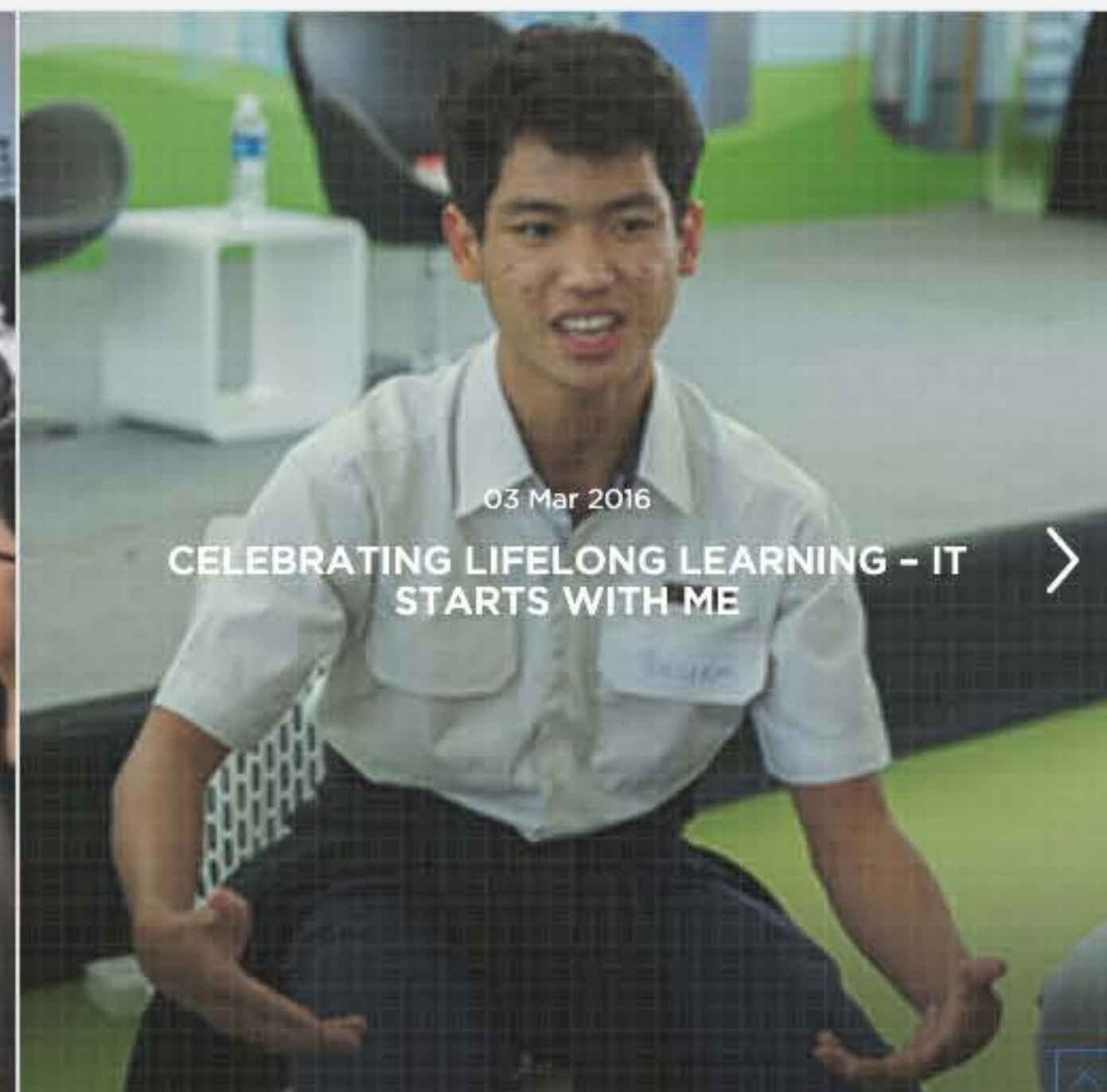
A concern brought up was the impression that Total Defence centres itself on the themes of military and civil defence, and a broader outlook on other facets such as psychological and social defence is needed to build up public readiness and resilience.

"Sometimes, we become victims of our own success where we can fall into the trap of complacency," said Colonel Joseph Tan, Director of Nexus. He was responding to a question on how Singapore can move forward over the next few years.

Student Sheryl Yeo, 18, from Victoria Junior College, emphasised the importance of remaining vigilant and proactive in ensuring Singapore's security. "A major challenge lies in preparedness and readiness for crisis as many Singaporeans have enjoyed peaceful lives," she said. "This is something we cannot take for granted."



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# BUILDING A KAMPONG FOR ALL AGES

27 FEB 2016

— AUTHOR  
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— LOCATION

The Marketplace, Future of Us  
Exhibition, Gardens by the Bay  
(10:00AM - 12:00PM)



SGfuture is a new citizen engagement series to provide Singaporeans with a platform to come together to share their views, aspirations and ideas for the future.

How can the heartlands be a platform for inter-generational bonding and understanding? How can learning and learning institutions become the glue to bind young and old?

On 27 Feb, at the SGfuture engagement session titled 'Building a Kampong for All Ages', Singaporeans explored the possibilities on building a community that can bring together the young and old with the Kampong spirit.



"When talking about national security, everyone has their own concerns. As a lecturer, I can go back and share more with my students on the different issues related to national security and the sentiments of the general public." - Fu Lingchen, 46, a lecturer.

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# CELEBRATING LIFELONG LEARNING - IT STARTS WITH ME

04 MAR 2016

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The Marketplace, Future of Us  
Exhibition, Gardens by the Bay  
(12:00PM - 6:30PM)



SGfuture is a new citizen engagement series to provide Singaporeans with a platform to come together to share their views, aspirations and ideas for the future.

More than 200 students from JCs, ITE and Polytechnics came together to talk about their passions and how best to strengthen the spirit of lifelong learning for themselves and the country. Acting Minister for Education (Schools), Mr Ng Chee Meng, and Acting Minister for Education (Higher Education and Skills), Mr Ong Ye Kung, were present to listen and share their perspectives. The students brought along objects that represented their passions - from a French press and gardening gloves to an oboe and Frisbee shirt.



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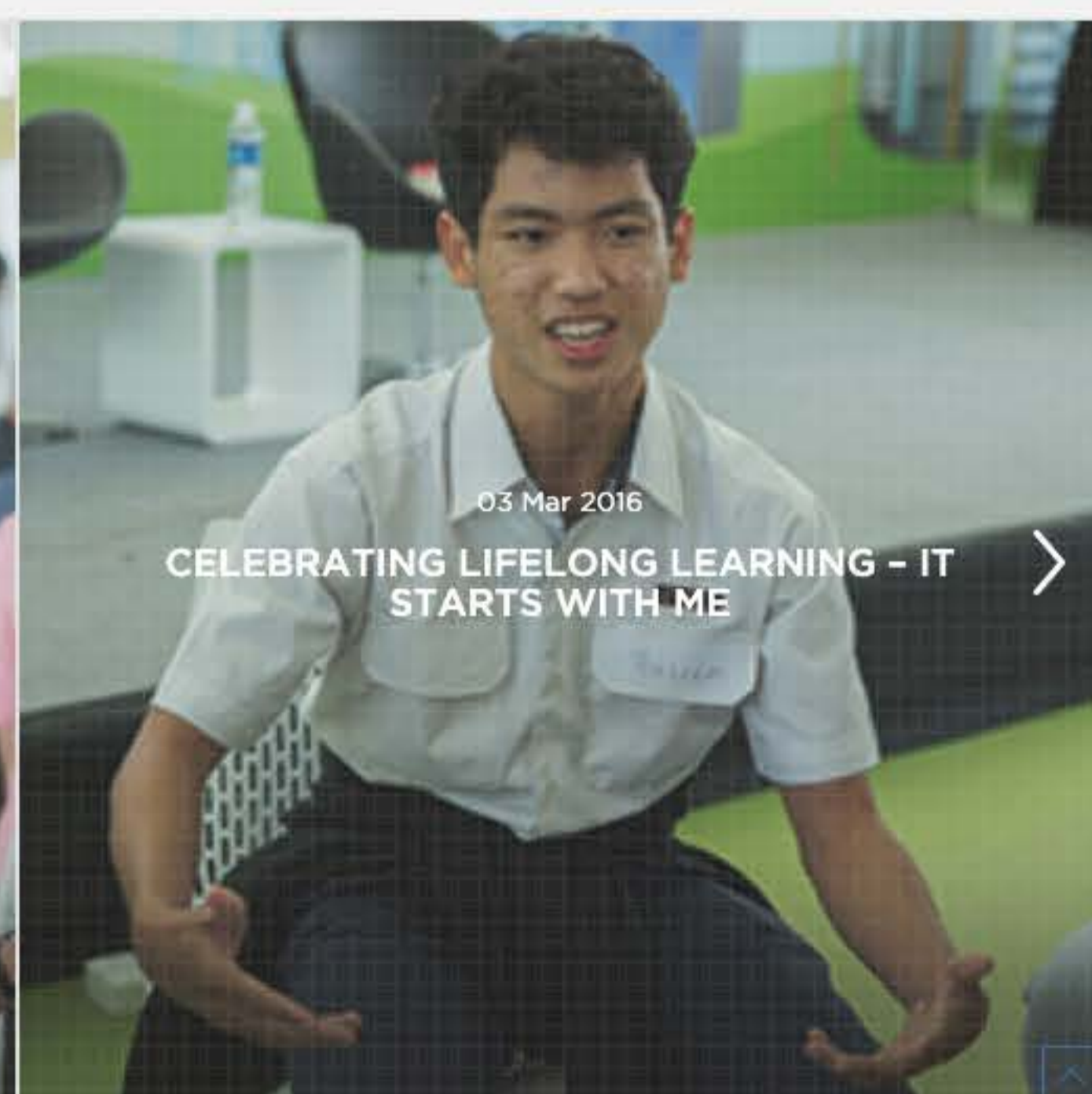
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# CELEBRATING LIFELONG LEARNING - IT STARTS WITH ME

03 MAR 2016

**AUTHOR**  
Gaby Jeyaseelan

**LOCATION**  
The Marketplace, Future of Us  
Education, Gardens by the Bay  
(12:00PM - 5:30PM)



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Pre-university students can often be seen juggling a slew of commitments, from schoolwork and co-curricular activities to their social lives and worrying about the future. How then might they nurture passion and purpose to discover new sides to themselves?

On March 3, about 150 junior college (JC) students attended an engagement session at The Marketplace at Gardens by the Bay. As part of the SGFuture series, the dialogue aimed to get students to share ideas on how lifelong learning can be promoted and the ways in which they can develop their own passions.

"I encourage you to keep learning at every stage of your life, to pursue your dreams and have a sense of curiosity," said Acting Minister for Education (Schools) Mr Ng Chee Meng. Self-motivation and balancing passion and pragmatism, said Mr Ng, are key ingredients for a life of learning.

From brewing coffee to community service, students shared a range of interests and were keen to explore ways to expand their skillsets.

Marc Ong, 18, a student at Meridian Junior College said, "Anything can really become an opportunity for learning. Even having conversations with my father and teachers about current affairs and politics enables me to develop communication and critical thinking skills."

Students also brought up how smart technology and online resources have made it easier to pick up new skills. Some of them made use of music tutorials on YouTube and interactive computer coding websites such as Code School to develop their interests independently.

"After finishing school and entering the work force, I foresee myself spending time upgrading and educating myself in order to stay relevant," said Jeevananandan Vivakanandan, 18, a student at Tampines Junior College. "However, lifelong learning isn't all about career-centric, it's about pursuing your passion and honing skills that will help you develop it."



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# CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF NATIONAL SERVICE

06 MAR 2016

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— LOCATION

The Marketplace, Future of Us  
Exhibition, Gardens by the Bay  
(9:00AM - 10:00PM)



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For the past 50 years, National Service has been the cornerstone of our defence.

On 6 Mar, at the SGfuture engagement session titled 'Celebrating 50 Years of National Service', Singaporeans discussed how we could commemorate NS50 and show visible appreciation to our National Servicemen.

"My group discussed the idea of a more diversified vocation system. Relevancy is an important part of National Service (NS) and the needs of NS today is different from the past and will be different to that of the future. A diversified vocation system can enable people serving NS to be more relevant and can also tap on the strengths of those serving." - Derek Ong, 28, business owner.



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# A CLEANER, GREENER AND SMARTER HOME SYMPOSIUM

07 JAN 2016

— AUTHOR  
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— LOCATION  
Flower Field Hall, Gardens by the Bay (6:00PM - 10:00PM)

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Building on past efforts and as part of the SGfuture engagement series, our "A Cleaner, Greener and Smarter Home" conversation brings together Singaporeans from all walks of life to envision a better home and living environment.

About 300 guests attended the symposium at Gardens By The Bay. It kicked off a series of dialogues on building cleaner, greener and smarter homes, which will take place throughout January.

"Our challenge is to turn this movement into a culture. So it's not just a movement of some people or a group of people with common intentions but it's a culture of what it means to be a Singaporean. And I think this is what we all should inspire or aspire to be," Mr Masagos said.

"Think about concrete action that you can be involved in. Today's symposium is really meant to kick-start a series of conversations, but it should not be just talk. We really want you to get involved, if you've got good ideas, share (them); better yet, do something about it, and let us know and we in MND or MEWR can support you. We will do our best to support you and work with you to translate your ideas into actions," added National Development Minister Lawrence Wong.



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## CO-CREATING COMMUNITY LIFELONG LEARNING PROJECTS

19 FEB 2016

— AUTHOR  
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— LOCATION

The Marketplace, Future of Us Exhibition, Gardens by the Bay (6:30PM - 8:30PM)



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On 19 Feb, at the SGfuture engagement session titled 'Co-Creating Community Lifelong Learning Projects Through LearnSG Seed Fund', participants discussed how to catalyze community-based learning to benefit the community as a whole.

"To stay ahead of the curve and remain competitive, we need to constantly upgrade our workforce and skills. We cannot just rely on a 'steady state' kind of solution. What we need to do is come up with ways in which we can work smarter and up the level of knowledge and skills." - Mr Philip Cheang, 56, an associate professor.



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# COMMON SPACES FOR THE COMMON GOOD

21 JAN 2016

— AUTHOR  
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— LOCATION  
The Marketplace, Future of Us  
Exhibition, Gardens by the Bay  
(8:00PM - 9:00PM)

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On 21 Jan, Singaporeans gathered to discuss how to encourage youths to utilise common spaces that are easily accessible in the community to serve the under-privileged and under-resourced communities, as part of the Common Ground for the Common Good (CG)2 Initiative.

"When I was a kid, we used to play soccer below our block and that's how I got to know my neighbours better. I think everyone goes through rough patches but if you have these kinds of common spaces acting as platforms for organic interaction, people can really come together and support each other." - Muhammad Riduan Bin Samad, 27, volunteer management, executive.

"There is a lot of underlying apprehension about what the next 50 years will be like and it's important for different generations to come together to tackle important issues. Sessions like these help people see that there are other like-minded individuals who care about the topics discussed, whether it is about common spaces or the environment." - Shermaine Ng, 18, member of Singapore Youth Corps.



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## COMMUNITY BUILDING THROUGH THE ARTS

12 DEC 2015

**AUTHOR**  
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**LOCATION**  
The Marketplace, Future of Us  
Festival, Gardens by the Bay  
(10:00AM - 1:00PM)

SGfuture is a new citizen engagement series to provide Singaporeans with a platform to come together to share their views, aspirations and ideas for the future.

A future where arts and culture become infused into the daily lives of Singaporeans, where it is not just about visiting the museum once or twice a year, but providing people from various communities a meaningful experience to unleash the potential of the arts.

This thread of discussion was one of several brought up at the SGfuture dialogue session on Dec 12, where artists, representatives from community organisations as well as those passionate about community arts came together with the National Arts Council to brainstorm on its future.

The session was led by a dynamic panel of speakers including Kuik Shiao-Yin, director of The Thought Collective, Koh Hui Ling, associate artistic director of Drama Box, Syed Ibrahim, Band & Programme Director of One Heartbeat Percussion, Jean Loo, founder of social documentary studio Logue and Chua Ai Liang, director of arts and communities at NAC.

"As society develops, it is no longer just solely about the artist's passion, but rather finding a way for their intentions and the individual's purpose to meet such that it doesn't become just about the artist," said Kuik. She runs The Thought Collective, a group of social enterprises that aims to build up social and emotional capital through various initiatives including restaurants, publishing and education.

Loo, who leads Superhero Me, a volunteer-driven arts-and-craft movement that aims to empower kids from communities-at-risk and with special needs, sees the nature of community arts as complex and one that should be considered with care. "At the end of the day it's about the people we work with rather than the art," she said. "To build upon the positive energy of community-based art projects we need a system of support that is further able to harness this and benefit our participants even more."

After each speaker shared their observations on the scene, the public was invited to join group discussions where they spoke about how the arts could address various social challenges, intergenerational and cross-cultural mixing, as well as ways to engage the elderly and growing volunteers for the arts.

"I hope that arts programmes in the community can be more than just a superficial activity that's more than just for entertainment or for people to feel good for themselves. Everyone should also feel enriched by the process," said Jacqueline Liu, 26, a research assistant at the Institute of Policy Studies.

Peh Chin Sin, 56, a retired engineer and art hobbyist, said that as Singaporeans are economically more well off, it is time it can pursue higher human needs like the arts. "I came from a generation in between the pioneers and the future, so in my lifetime I hope Singapore can reach the point of bringing high quality arts to the masses that can lead us to achieve a renaissance of sorts."



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# ECO AND SMART LIVING I

23 JAN 2016

— AUTHOR  
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— LOCATION  
The Marketplace, Future of Us  
Engagement, Gardens by the Bay  
(2:00PM - 6:00PM)

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On 23 Jan, at the SGfuture engagement session titled 'Eco and Smart Living', Singaporeans shared their views on how residents can lead an eco-friendly and smart lifestyle with these technologies, and provided feedback on these smart solutions.



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## ECO AND SMART LIVING II

30 JAN 2016

— AUTHOR  
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— LOCATION

The Marketplace, Future of Us  
Exhibition, Gardens by the Bay  
(2:00PM - 5:00PM)



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On 30 Jan, at the SGfuture engagement session titled 'Eco and Smart Living', Singaporeans shared their views on how residents can lead an eco-friendly and smart lifestyle with these technologies, and provided feedback on these smart solutions.

"With consumerism taking its toll on the environment, it's important to address concerns about the amount of waste produced. The core of living an eco-centric lifestyle is about minimising out carbon footprint and also realising that every small action adds up to make a positive impact." - Victoria Lim, 17, student.

"An eco-centric living entails a clean environment that is able to make use of resources efficiently. Of course, all these start from our own personal efforts and ideally, everyone in our community can contribute to a more sustainable lifestyle." - Peter Lo, 70, retiree.



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# EMBRACING INFOCOMM AND TECH FOR LEARNING

20 FEB 2016

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The Marketplace, Future of Us  
Exhibition, Gardens by the Bay  
(10:00AM - 5:00PM)

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As Singapore moves towards creating a smart ecosystem that effectively integrates technology into our daily living, how can we further harness Information Technology (IT) to empower communities and serve the needs of various social groups?

On 20 February, individuals from both the private and public sectors came together for an engagement session at The Marketplace, Gardens by the Bay, to share ideas on how IT can be utilised to develop a smarter and more skillful workforce.

"IT is pervasive and technology is part of all our lives. It's not enough to learn the relevant skills but we need to find something to do with the technology we have at our disposal," said Dr Janil Puthuchery, Minister of State for the Ministry of Communication and Information and the Ministry of Education. He also shared anecdotes on his experience using computer programmes to increase efficiency when he was working as a doctor.

The engagement session saw four speakers share on how they incorporated computer science and IT into their respective fields of work.

Some projects shared included the efforts of Yu Neng Primary School and Bukit View Secondary School to introduce computer programming through both academic lessons and co-curricular activities. Another IT programme mentioned was Silver Infocomm Wellness, which aimed to enable seniors to become more tech-savvy.

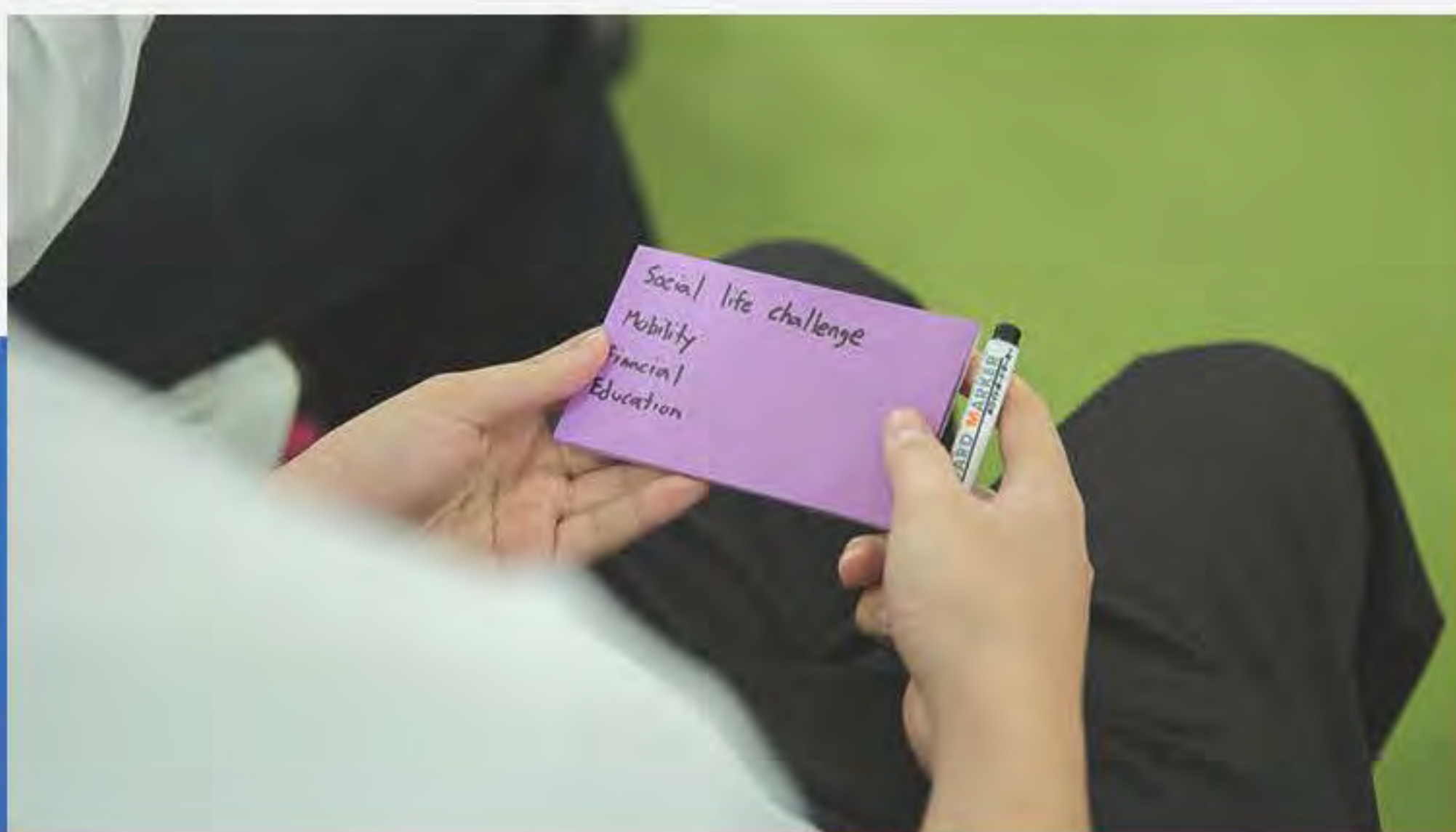
Participants then discussed how technology can be used to address social issues facing communities. From aiding individuals with special needs to upgrading the skills of seniors in the workforce, groups shared their ideas to help Singapore evolve into a smart nation.

"A vast range of technology is being developed for the mass market, so some smaller groups like those with special needs may feel left out," said Leonard Loo, 25, who works in the infocomm sector. In response to how technology can foster inclusion and understanding between people, he suggested roping in student volunteers to develop apps as programming can help build empathy."

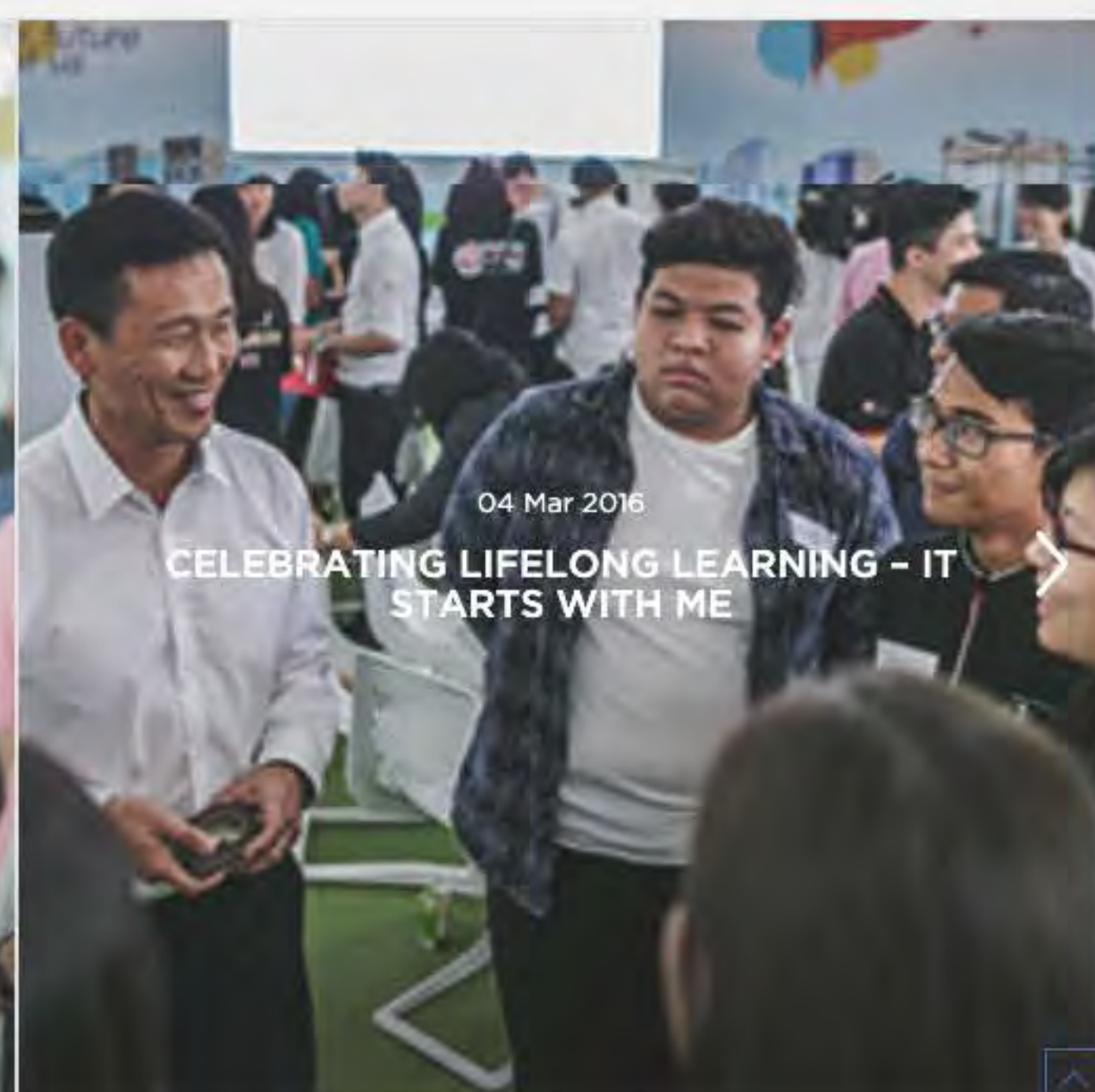
Retiree Ong Han Min, 61, applauded efforts to encourage IT-savviness amongst communities, "A smart nation is dependent on each individual. I am very glad that the Infocomm Development Authority of Singapore (IDA) has taken the initiative to reach out to seniors and encourage the usage of IT in the community."

Dr Puthuchery ended the engagement session by sharing some of his takeaways: "A lot of what we are talking about already exists. But we want to do it better, in more places and we want to keep on doing it for everybody."

"I think that even as people are optimistic about technology and its potential, we need to acknowledge that it is not the only solution to issues we face. Also, a lot of technology is being developed for the mass market so some smaller groups may feel left out. One way to address this is to have student volunteers to develop apps when in school and this can also help to build empathy in them for people they are helping through programming." - Mr Leonard Loo, 25, who works in the infocomm sector.



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## FUTURE OF AGEING

24 FEB 2016

— AUTHOR  
NA

— LOCATION

The Marketplace, Future of Us  
Exhibition, Gardens by the Bay  
(10:00AM - 9:00PM)



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What is the future of ageing? What kind of support would you hope to receive as you are ageing?

On 24 Feb, at the SGfuture engagement session titled 'Future of Ageing', MOH shared the key initiatives of the Action Plan for Successful Ageing and engaged Singaporeans in a discussion on what else was needed to help Singaporeans age well, as well as how the community can contribute to realise different aspects of the Action Plan.

"One of the points of discussion is the terms that we use such as 'elderly.' There's a connotation of ageism there so in terms of discourse, we can use terms like 'seniors' or 'older adults' as language use bears implications on social attitudes." - Ms Cheryl Lim, a teacher.



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# FUTURE OF GIVING & LAUNCH OF GIVING.SG

02 DEC 2015

— AUTHOR  
Yang Huiwen

— LOCATION

The Marketplace, Future of Us  
Exhibition, Gardens by the Bay  
(9AM - 4:30PM)



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It's common to catch a Singaporean beaming with pride when talking about our garden city, airport, efficiency and local food culture. But what else makes up the heart of Singapore? Can we turn into a city of good?

On Dec 2, giving influencers, corporates and the non-profit sector gathered for a dialogue at The Marketplace at Gardens by the Bay to envision the Future of Giving and how they could turn it into reality.

"We want to leave behind legacies, not just a series of fireworks and concerts. We want to make this really, a change in the world," said Minister for Culture, Community and Youth Grace Fu to a room of social change-makers. "That change cannot be directed by the government, it has to come from the heart and from the people."

A nationwide movement is on its way to encourage philanthropy and spread the spirit of giving and caring. It's vision: To turn Singapore into the City of Good, where graciousness, compassion and generosity are shared traits of Singaporeans. #GivingWeek, from 1 to 7 December, hopes to inspire people to collaborate in improving local communities, give back in impactful ways to the causes they support and to be a game changer in their own rights.

We asked some participants to share their views on what a City of Good means to them and how they see their role in the future of giving.

"I'm an optimist so inherently I see the good in all people. A city of good is a place where you see the good in people. I see myself as a small little piece of the puzzle, just trying to do my part for something bigger." - Local singer Nathan Hartono, who shot a music video with beneficiaries from Club Rainbow, who will donate \$1 each time the video is shared online.

"A City of Good is one where the whole community moves forward together supporting each other by addressing the needs of today to build a stronger future. With so many social narratives and needs, I see myself helping to build connections that inspire meaningful social impact." - Nadim van der Ros, Founder of Be An Idea, a platform and consultancy that works with social impact organisations and brands.

"A city of positive vibes, especially online there's a lot of negativity. Before we even start about volunteering or donating we need to have a positive mindset. It will reflect in our actions. We are all in a way tiny, but without all these tiny parts we cannot form a city of good. It is not about one foundation making a large sum of donation to all the beneficiaries in town. It is a ground-up movement that needs to be sparked off by individuals or small groups." - Andrew Tan, co-founder of The Shiok Collective, a social enterprise that supports local communities.

"Singapore always wants to be best in the world, and even as we continue to strive to be as such, a City of Good means that we also want to be best for the world. That's why I believe that we can harness the power of stories and digital media in an innovative way that brings the global community to do good, so this becomes an initiative born from Singapore for a global audience. Singapore can't be a global city without a heart." - Rebecca Lim, head of Our Better World, a digital storytelling initiative of the Singapore International Foundation.

To find out more about how you can help non-profit organisations in Singapore, please visit [giving.sg](http://giving.sg)



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# THE FUTURE OF PLAY

26 DEC 2015

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**LOCATION**  
The Marketplace, Future of Us  
Gardens by the Bay  
(5:00PM - 6:00PM)

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Your childhood may be over, but that doesn't mean playtime is. Humans are born with an instinct to play. Play is in our nature and at the heart of our emotional well-being and mental health. But more than we'd like to admit, we do play less as we get older.

In a series of Singapore conversations about the Future of Play which took place on December 26, some 80 participants from the community brainstormed a number of issues including how we could create new physical or even virtual landscapes for sports and play, as well as strengthening communities and inspire social harmony through play.

Participant Ray Ng, 66, said: "Sports and play encourage shared values and the importance of teamwork. It is during the process towards achieving excellence and building cohesiveness that we realise we need mutual support."

Under the guidance of a group of facilitators from different sports organisations, participants broke into eight small groups to come up with ideas for the future of play.

Some of these included creating multipurpose sports halls and spaces at HDB blocks. Injecting play elements along common routes, such as installing basketball hoops along the way to the bus stop, could break the monotony of the daily commute and everyday routines. Schools, with existing sports facilities and playgrounds, could possibly be opened up for public use.

Participants also agreed that play could be a way to deal with stress and to achieve a better quality of life, improved health and more happiness. It has immense social potential to bring together different races, athletes of different abilities, the special-needs community and neighbours in the same district.

To address the lack of a work-life balance, some participants also suggested bringing play into work and classrooms, as well as the possibility of outdoor classrooms and increasing outdoor education, where students experience learning and can take part in activities in outdoor environments.

Teacher Ong Wen Hui, 25, hopes the future of play will be one based on the spirit of volunteerism. "I hope to see volunteerism through play and it'd be great if everyone comes together to be involved. We have already benefitted from society a lot, so I think it is time for us to give back," she said.



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# THE FUTURE OF PLAY

26 FEB 2016

— AUTHOR  
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SportSG offsite (6:00PM - 9:00PM)



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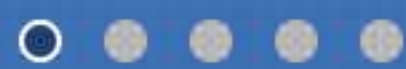
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# THE FUTURE OF PLAY

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— LOCATION

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Exhibition, Gardens by the Bay  
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On 12 Dec, at the SGfuture engagement session titled 'Future of Play', some 80 participants brainstormed on a number of issues including how we can create new physical or even virtual landscapes for sports, play, and to strengthen communities.



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# GREENING OUR CITY - INNOVATION, IDEAS AND SOLUTIONS FOR THE FUTURE

12 JAN 2016

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— LOCATION

The Marketplace, Future of Us Exhibition, Gardens by the Bay (10:00AM - 9:30PM)



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As we become increasingly urbanised, how can we ensure that our greenery is preserved to fulfill our City in a Garden vision? With limited land resources, Singapore will increasingly have to seek innovative methods to green our city beyond the traditional boundaries of parks and streetscapes.

On 22 Jan, Singaporeans gathered to explore new possibilities for greening - greening skywards; rooftop; indoors; beneath traffic overpasses; and even underground - through innovation and technology.



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# MATCHBOX MAYHEM - THE SOCIAL CANVAS

04 DEC 2015

— AUTHOR  
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— LOCATION  
The Marketplace, Future of Us  
Exhibition, Gardens by the Bay  
(7:00PM - 9:00PM)



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Art could be a vehicle to bridge distances between different segments of society, as frequent and positive interactions among communities would lead to a more tightly-knit social fabric.

This was the general consensus agreed upon by participants of Matchbox Mayhem: The Social Canvas, a networking platform for young artists and enthusiasts to know others in the scene.

Held at The Marketplace at Gardens by the Bay on Dec 4, three speakers of different artistic disciplines shared their ideas on how the arts could cultivate meaningful engagement through a short panel discussion and brainstorming session with participants in small groups.

"The whole point about socially engaged projects is getting people to think differently about life, to open up minds and be creative. It is not mandatory to do good or feel good, it could just be something that invites participation in any form," says artist Ng Xi Jie, 28, who was one of the speakers.

Ng thinks art makes a person "more human than they were, as art experiences is about connecting with souls, ideas and energy". As such, art has the potential to turn the world into a better place.

Theatre practitioner Julius Foo, 50, is interested in using art to engage the hearing impaired. He said: "Community art is about life. You need to consider what the community needs and use your creativity to inject a form of life to cater to their needs."

Participant Kristine Ng, 21, an arts management student from Lasalle College of the Arts, did not think that Singaporeans were receptive to art until she worked on a few community art projects. She feels that art can also function as a laboratory for others to test ideas and possibilities.

"If we reframe failure as a way to learn more about ourselves instead of looking at it as a death sentence, and allow for testing and prototyping, the arts would provide a safe space for us to try out all kinds of things."



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# OUR BIODIVERSITY, OUR FUTURE

14 JAN 2016

— AUTHOR  
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— LOCATION

The Marketplace, Future of Us Exhibition, Gardens by the Bay (10:30AM - 9:30PM)



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Despite rapid urbanisation, Singapore is home to a large variety of animal and plant species, which can be found in their natural habitats. Be it dry land tropical rainforests, mangroves or coral ecosystems, there is a rich biodiversity to be found in our City in a Garden. Our biodiversity exists around us; not just in our Nature Reserves, but also in our parks, gardens, and neighbourhoods.

On 14 Jan, Singaporeans gathered to discuss how we can work to understand our biodiversity and their needs, create and enhance habitats, and yet at the same time be mindful of the potential human-wildlife conflicts.



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# PROMOTE READING AS A TOOL FOR LEARNING

03 MAR 2016

AUTHOR  
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LOCATION  
Library@Orchard (7:00PM - 8:00PM)



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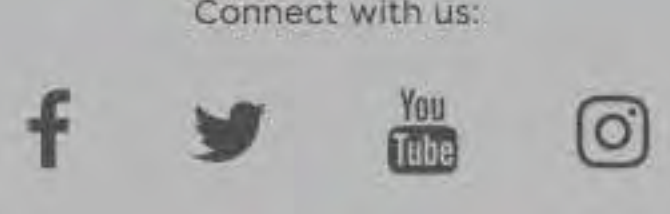
How can we encourage Singaporeans to read more?  
 Minister Yaacob Ibrahim joined us yesterday for our 4th #SGfuture engagement session held at the library at orchard. 35 participants came together to discuss how we could encourage reading in the community, and build a strong reading culture in Singapore.  
 Fresh new ideas included a 24 hours/7 days-a-week library space, book recommendations customised for each individual, and more talks with local publishers and writers to promote Singaporean literature.  
 "The purpose of libraries goes beyond just being a place to read. From the design of library spaces to the programming of activities, libraries and reading can help bring people together and stir interests in topics that we may not have much insight into initially." - Lee Ming Hui, 18, a student at the Institute of Technical Education (ITE).



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# RAIL CORRIDOR: BUILDING COMMUNITIES THROUGH PUBLIC SPACES

23 JAN 2016

AUTHOR  
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LOCATION

The Marketplace, Future of Us  
Education, Gardens by the Bay  
(10:00 AM - 5:00 PM)



SGfuture is a new citizen engagement series to provide Singaporeans with a platform to come together to share their views, aspirations and ideas for the future.

On 23rd Jan, as part of the SGfuture engagement series, Singaporeans from all walks of life gathered at the Rail Corridor for a site visit and workshop. There they shared their views on the types of trails and landscapes they would like to see along the Corridor, as well as ideas on how Singaporeans can be meaningfully involved in future activities that transform the Rail Corridor into an inspiring and extraordinary community space.



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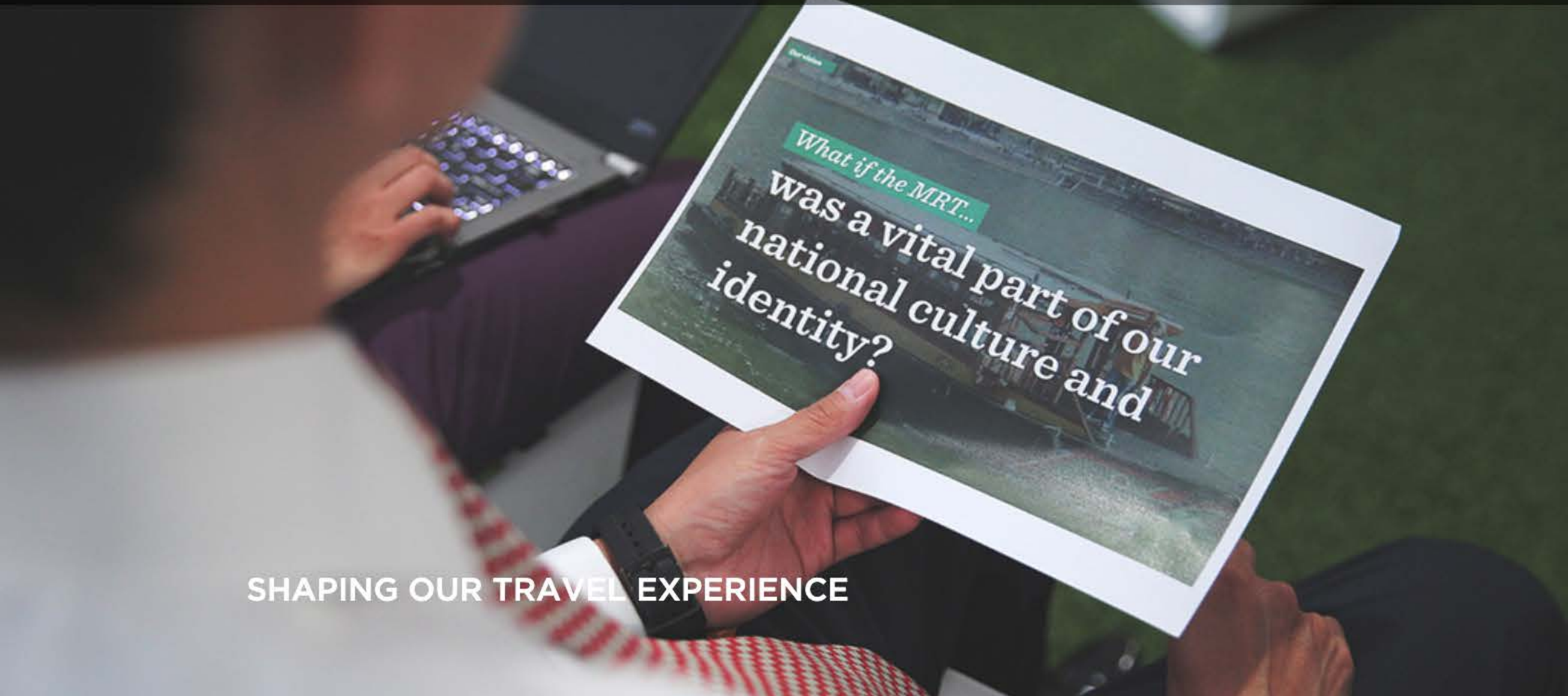


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# SHAPING OUR TRAVEL EXPERIENCE

29 JAN 2016

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Exhibition, Gardens by the Bay  
(6:00PM - 9:00PM)

SGfuture is a new citizen engagement series to provide Singaporeans with a platform to come together to share their views, aspirations and ideas for the future.

How can technology and commuter behaviour shape the future of our travel experience? Just imagine a Singapore with hybrid buses, self-driving vehicles, electric car-sharing and bike-sharing facilities. The possibilities are endless!

At the 'Shaping Our Travel Experience' SGfuture engagement session on 29 Jan, Singaporeans shared with us their dreams, aspirations and ideas for a better and more enjoyable travel experience.

"I hope the Singapore in the future will be able to acknowledge that changes will take time to happen, but at the same time, to be accepting of these changes. In doing so, we move together as one community like we have done in the last 50 years, and hopefully in the next 50 years as well." - Abhishek Bajaj, 20, student at SUTD.

"Patriotism is not trendy. But you don't love our country for the land, you love it for the people. The community has supported me to where I am today, and it is only natural for me to feel like giving back." - Pan Ju Khuan, 25, engineer.

"When you are on the train, you usually just use your phone and not interact with people. However, I hope that we can start talking to the people around us that are not using their devices, so everyone will have a happier experience commuting." - Lim Sing Yiing, 20, student at Nanyang Polytechnic.



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# SMART COMMUNITIES

22 JAN 2016

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— LOCATION

The Marketplace, Future of Us  
Exhibition, Gardens by the Bay  
(6:00PM - 9:00PM)



SGfuture is a new citizen engagement series to provide Singaporeans with a platform to come together to share their views, aspirations and ideas for the future.

Technology has changed the way people communicate; it can also spark possibilities and bring people together to co-create new and innovative solutions and content for a better future.

On 22 Jan, Singaporeans gathered to explore new ways of using smart communication technology to build active and engaged communities in our journey towards a Smart Nation.

Participants also got to experience Google's augmented reality technology - one that unlocks boundaries and distances to bring people and places closer together, and be inspired by our young Singaporeans' shared vision for the future of smart living.

"Singapore has already achieved a lot and possesses sound and reliable infrastructure. Still, I hope that that we will continue to encourage innovation and effectively use technology to tackle important issues like the current state of the environment." - *Joel Ong, 19, student.*

"I want Singapore to be a self-sustainable society where we are able to efficiently make use of resources and become self-sufficient. For me, a smart community is where we are able to optimally harness technology to bring people together and make life simpler." - *Kalyan Mynampati, 32, director of a consultancy firm.*



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# THE SINGAPOREAN DNA

15 FEB 2016

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LOCATION

The Marketplace, Future of Us  
Exhibition, Gardens by the Bay  
(6:00PM - 9:00PM)



SGfuture is a new citizen engagement series to provide Singaporeans with a platform to come together to share their views, aspirations and ideas for the future.

What does the future hold? Will Singaporeans always have the values, attitudes and beliefs that give us the will to prevail?

On 16 Feb, at the SGfuture engagement session titled 'The Singaporean DNA', participants joined Mr Tong Yee from The Thought Collective in a lively discussion on how far we have come as a nation and what it means to be Singaporean.

"Today's session really emphasised the importance of ground up initiatives and the need for personal input in effecting social change. Through such initiatives, I hope that it will inspired more gratitude which will come about when people are cognisant of the current measures in place and how far Singapore has come." - Lynette Teo, 18, student.

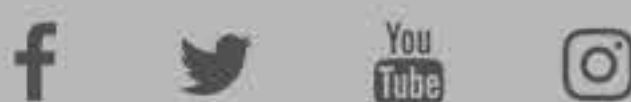
"I'm very heartened to see so many people sharing their thoughts on how we can build our resilience and security so that in times of crisis, we will be able to react and respond effectively. In sharing the messages and ideas here, I hope that it will be made digestible and accessible to all members of society." - Zeus Chiam, 17, member of the Singapore Youth Corps.



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# TOTAL DEFENCE AND THE CHANGING FACE OF THREAT

15 FEB 2016

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— LOCATION

The Marketplace, Future of Us  
Exhibition, Gardens by the Bay  
(12:00PM - 6:30PM)



SGfuture is a new citizen engagement series to provide Singaporeans with a platform to come together to share their views, aspirations and ideas for the future.

With the rise of terrorism around the world, it has become more important for Singaporeans to be ready for any challenges that may come our way, especially in these unpredictable times.

On 15 Feb, at the SGfuture engagement session titled 'Total Defence and the Changing Face of Threat', participants discussed how every Singaporean can play their part to keep our country safe and strong.

"I'm very heartened to see so many people sharing their thoughts on how we can build our resilience and security so that in times of crisis, we will be able to react and respond effectively. In sharing the messages and ideas here, I hope that it will be made digestible and accessible to all members of society." - Julia De Silva, a retired MINDEF employee.

"I think one of the main challenges facing Singapore is complacency. Many of us hope to be spoon-fed but we need to be proactive about issues like Total Defence. For example, a lot of people don't understand what the Community Emergency Preparedness Programme (CEPP) is so I urge people to find out more about what they can do." - Nicholas Ng, 37, Founder of The Food Bank Singapore.



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# TOTAL DEFENCE AND THE CHANGING FACE OF THREAT II

17 FEB 2016

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LOCATION

The Marketplace, Future of Us  
Exhibition, Gardens by the Bay  
(6:00PM - 9:00PM)



SGfuture is a new citizen engagement series to provide Singaporeans with a platform to come together to share their views, aspirations and ideas for the future.

With the rise of terrorism around the world, it has become more important for Singaporeans to be ready for any challenges that may come our way, especially in these unpredictable times.

On 17 Feb, at the SGfuture engagement session titled 'Total Defence and the Changing Face of Threat', participants discussed how every Singaporean can play their part to keep our country safe and strong.

"When talking about national security, everyone has their own concerns. As a lecturer, I can go back and share more with my students on the different issues related to national security and the sentiments of the general public." - Fu Lingchen, 46, a lecturer.



## OTHER ENGAGEMENT SESSIONS



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# WATER FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

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The Marketplace, Future of Us  
Exhibition, Gardens by the Bay  
(2:00PM - 5:00PM)

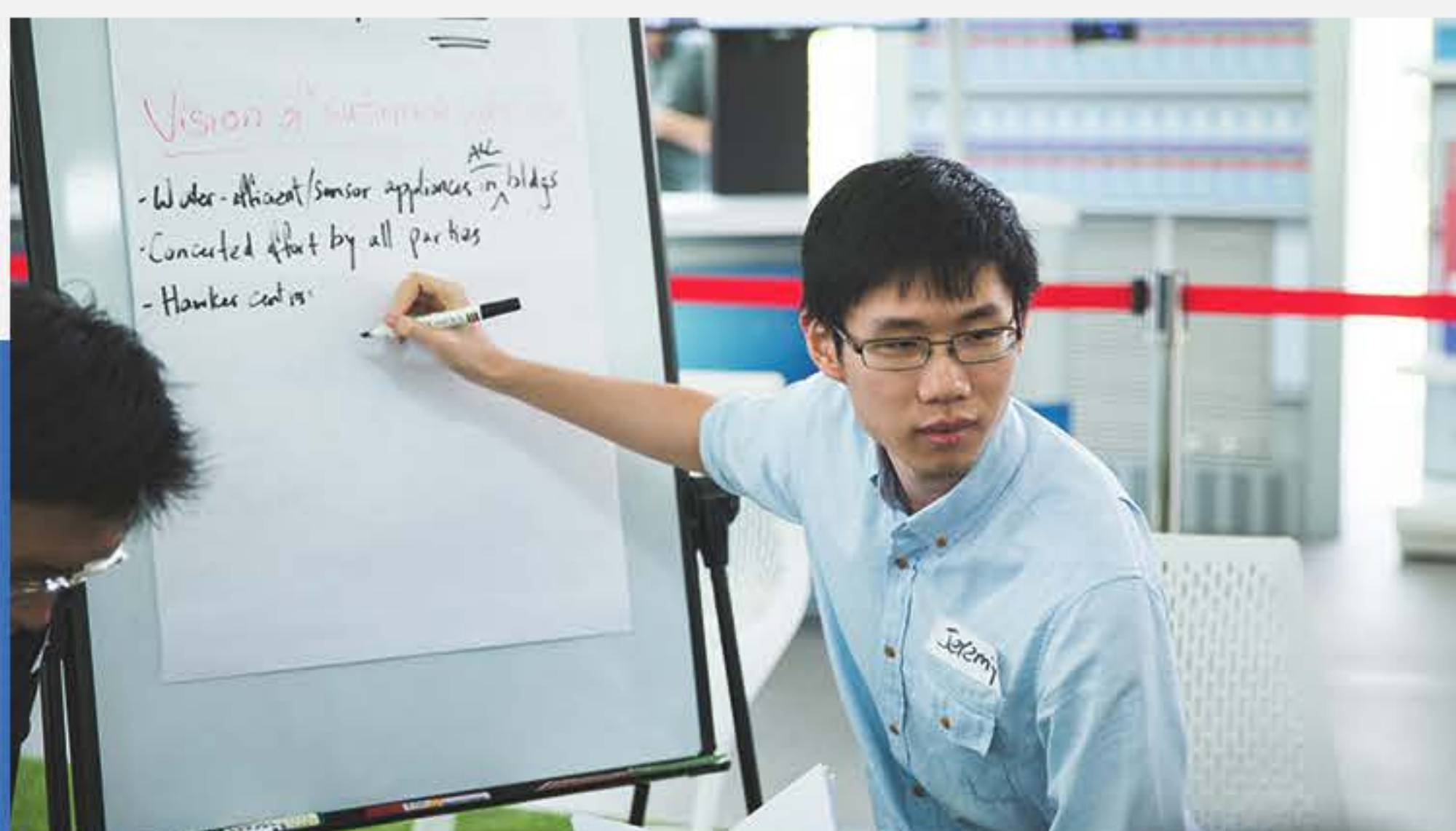
SGfuture is a new citizen engagement series that provides Singaporeans with a platform to come together to share their views, aspirations and ideas for the future.

Singaporeans today enjoy clean, safe water at a simple turn of a tap. We are here because we have worked hard and made this a priority. However, as our population and economy grow, we need to use water even more wisely to ensure sustainability.

On 24 Jan, Singaporeans gathered to share their views on encouraging Singaporeans to take joint ownership of our water and how to promote water conservation habits.

"I envision Singapore to be a more inclusive and selfless society that places greater emphasis on the community and the environment. Specifically in the case of water, I hope that we will exercise greater discernment in making use of our valuable resources and continue to push for further innovation." - Ghina Natasha, 21, student executive.

"I'm refreshed and encouraged by the invigorating discussion thanks to the range of individuals attending these events and it does value-add to your thoughts and experiences." - Florence Tan, 68, retiree.



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## WHAT CAN WE DO TO KEEP SINGAPORE SAFE, SECURE AND STRONG?

03 FEB 2016

— AUTHOR  
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— LOCATION

The Marketplace, Future of Us  
Engagement, Gardens by the Bay  
(11:30AM - 9:30PM)



SGfuture is a new citizen engagement series to provide Singaporeans with a platform to come together to share their views, aspirations and ideas for the future.

For the past 50 years, Singapore has enjoyed peace and prosperity. So how can we, as Singaporeans, continue to stay vigilant and alert to safeguard our way of life?

On 3 Feb, at the SGfuture engagement session titled 'What can we do to keep Singapore safe, secure and strong', Singaporeans discussed how we could continue building these capabilities in our society.

"I look forward to a Singapore where people possess a genuine interest in one another and a society that is less divided by labels, whether race or religion. Hopefully this can enable us to be united in the face of challenges." - *Faizah Ishak, a deputy director at a local polytechnic.*

"I envision a Singapore where people are able to live together, not just in the same space but really being a community. I'm from a generation that won't have the chance to experience kampong living but I hope we can reignite that spirit to give a sense of ownership and brotherhood." - *Matt Liu, 26, trainer.*



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# WHAT CAN WE DO TO KEEP SINGAPORE SAFE, SECURE AND STRONG?

31 JAN 2016

— AUTHOR  
Gaby Jeyaseelan

— LOCATION  
The Marketplace, Future of Us  
Exhibition, Gardens by the Bay  
(12:00PM - 5:00PM)

SGfuture is a new citizen engagement series to provide Singaporeans with a platform to come together to share their views, aspirations and ideas for the future.

With a multicultural population such as Singapore's, promoting mutual understanding between various citizen groups to foster social cohesions has remained a key national priority even as the years pass by.

Passionate individuals from a range of backgrounds and industries attended an engagement session at The Marketplace at Gardens by the Bay on Feb 3 which focused on discussing topics on national defence and what it means to be Singaporean.

"Singapore's size make its vulnerable to many challenges so it is important to think about the future and plan diligently. It is easy to take things such as safety and security for granted until our peace and way of life are threatened," said Mr Desmond Lee, Senior Minister of State. He shared how individuals from previous engagement sessions warned against complacency brewing amongst members of society and its detrimental nature towards ensuring a secure Singapore.

Many of the suggestions brought up revolved around ground up initiatives to promote understanding between one another and forge stronger relationships with fellow Singaporeans. From community events celebrating cultural festivals to encouraging students to learn about topics like regional and global security in school, participants were glad to share their ideas to develop a more inclusive and cognizant society.

"I'm from a generation that won't have the chance to experience kampong living but I hope we can reignite that spirit to give a sense of ownership and brotherhood," mentioned Matt Liu, 26, a trainer.

Faizah Ishak, a deputy director at a local polytechnic shared her vision for a more cohesive Singapore, "I look forward to a Singapore where people possess a genuine interest in one another and a society that is less divided by labels, whether race or religion. Hopefully this can enable us to be united in the face of challenges."

Mr Lee also talked about the key ingredients to strengthening Singapore's defence: "Some may say tough laws, impartial enforcement and strong institutions but beyond that, the strength of the social fabric, multiracialism and volunteerism lead up to the safety and security of our country."

"Relying solely on deterrence is something we cannot do so we need to also channel our energy into improving our response in emergency situations. I hope that every Singaporean will be vigilant and proactive in maintaining a safe country for all to live in." - *Mohammad Aqil, 21, National Serviceman.*



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# Our **SG** future

W H E R E   W I L L   W E   T A K E   I T ?



## 01 / **TOMORROW STARTS TODAY**



**JOURNEY  
TO SG100**

**FOUR AREAS OF  
ENGAGEMENT**

COVER PHOTO  
*A beneficiary of  
the Superhero  
Me ground-up  
initiative*

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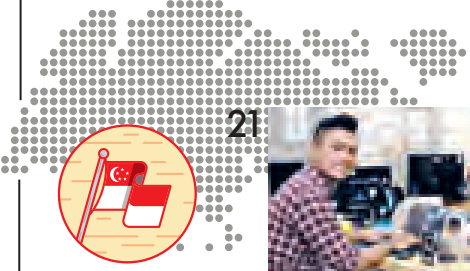
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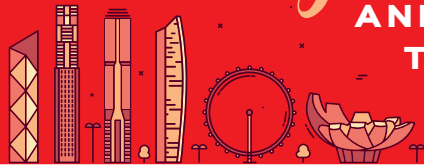
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"COMMIT TO WHAT YOU BELIEVE IN,  
ROLL UP YOUR SLEEVES,

*get involved,*

AND COME TOGETHER  
TO MAKE THINGS  
HAPPEN."



Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong  
1 October 2015



*Tomorrow*  
**STARTS TODAY**

**FOR A PLACE WE ARE PROUD TO CALL HOME**

We came from different lands. We spoke different languages, practised different beliefs. Against all odds, we became one nation. We brought our collective experiences and heritage, our unique traits and quirks, our shared values and ideals — and made Singapore our home.

Together, we will make a better Singapore where we can fulfil our aspirations, where every Singaporean matters and where we look out for one another. A Singapore we want to live, work and play in. A Singapore to raise our children, and our children's children, in.

Through the spirit of partnership and co-creation, we share this responsibility of shaping Singapore's future.

We are inspired by the possibilities. Everyone can be a part of this. Will you join us?





The *Future of Us*, these engagement sessions gave Singaporeans a platform to share their aspirations and vision for the next chapter of our nation's story. The *SGfuture* sessions also encouraged participants to go one step further, by providing them with opportunities to turn their ideas into action.

The *SGfuture* engagement sessions were overseen by Minister for Culture, Community and Youth, Grace Fu, and Minister in the Prime Minister's Office, Chan Chun Sing. Engagement sessions were organised along four themes: A Caring Community; A Cleaner, Greener and Smarter Home; A Secure and Resilient Nation; and A Learning People.

From November 2015 to July 2016, 121 engagement sessions involving more than 8,300



Singaporeans were organised. The *SGfuture* engagements reached out to people of diverse ages and from various communities, including youths and seniors; persons with disabilities; and families. Some engagements were conducted in the vernacular. The engagement sessions provided a springboard for many Singaporeans to participate in national movements, volunteer with non-profit organisations for causes close to their hearts, or initiate their very own ground-up projects to benefit the community.

*SGfuture* is just the beginning. As Singaporeans come together to chart our nation's future together, the Government will continue to engage Singaporeans and create more opportunities for Singaporeans to contribute.



# OUR JOURNEY towards SG100

WRITING THE NEXT CHAPTER OF THE SINGAPORE STORY TOGETHER

Text by Wanda Tan



Singapore's 50<sup>th</sup> year of independence saw Singaporeans coming together to celebrate in many different ways — from the Jubilee weekend festivities, to celebrations in their own communities, neighbourhoods and homes. *The Future of Us* — an immersive and multi-sensory exhibition that offered a glimpse into life in Singapore in the decades to come — ran from 1 December 2015 to 8 March 2016 at Gardens by the Bay. Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong announced the start of the *SGfuture* engagement sessions, in conjunction with the launch of the exhibition on 29 November 2015.

Taking their cue from the possibilities presented at



MORE THAN

# 8,300

Singaporeans were involved in the sessions, with many going on to participate in government-led initiatives, volunteer with government agencies or non-profit organisations, or initiate ground-up projects to benefit the community.



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OUR SG FUTURE

# CITIZENS' VOICES

CITIZENS OF ALL AGES AND WALKS OF LIFE REFLECT ON WHAT MAKES THEM PROUD TO BE SINGAPOREANS, AND ON THEIR HOPES AND DREAMS FOR THE FUTURE.

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*We have not just built a successful nation but have also nurtured a beautiful home . . . a space where we can hope, love and play — and this will always push us further and make us stronger.”*

SURAJ PRAKASH UPADHIAH  
27 YEARS

“

*“Singapore is a safe country to live in. Universal values are upheld and respected, and law enforcement agencies are effective and just.”*

LILY LEONG  
70 years

“

*In 50 years, Singapore managed to transform itself into a developed nation . . . through the sheer tenacity and foresight of its founding fathers and the hard work of its Pioneer Generation.”*

JOYCELYN LIM  
42 YEARS

“

*“More can be done to make Singapore a more inclusive and cohesive society, not just a multiracial country.”*

SUHAIMI ZAINAL  
SHAH  
26 years

**Q: WHAT IS ONE IDEA**

**THAT YOU HAVE FOR SINGAPORE'S FUTURE TO MAKE THIS A BETTER HOME FOR ALL OF US? HOW CAN WE ALL PLAY A PART IN TURNING THIS IDEA INTO REALITY?**



“

*“The conservation and preservation of our built-up heritage is crucial . . . to keep us grounded and to remind us of our roots and of our journey.”*

MARILYN GIAM  
29 years

**Q: LOOKING AT SINGAPORE TODAY, WHAT ARE YOU MOST PROUD OF?**



“

*Engaging others in lifelong learning is everyone's job. Community projects of all kinds — small or large — can improve the lives of individuals, families and those who have fallen behind in health and happiness.”*

MEI LIN FUNG  
60 YEARS

*“Singapore has to constantly reinvent itself to stay ahead of the pack. For that to happen, we have to embrace change.”*

MAH WEI SIANG  
33 years

“

*Immerse ourselves in our country and interact with others who make up our communities. Only by stepping out of our comfort zones can we broaden our mindsets.”*

SHAHRIL HASSAN  
28 YEARS

“

*“I am proud of our country's willingness to listen to the people, and to work together to make it a better home for all of us.”*

KHAIRIL  
SIANIPAR  
27 years

“

*We continue to persevere and hold high standards for ourselves no matter how much we have achieved as a nation.”*

WINSTON TAN  
19 YEARS

“

*“Having previously lived in four continents, I am proud of our rooted traditions and culture, and yet forward-thinking, progressive society.”*

NUTAN SHAH  
50 years



**WE NEED TO INSTIL A SENSE OF CREATIVE CONFIDENCE AMONG OUR YOUNG . . . TO HELP THE NEXT GENERATION DRIVE SUCCESS FOR SINGAPORE IN THE COMING YEARS.”**

KRISH IYER  
52 YEARS



## A CARING COMMUNITY

Our SGfuture journey

BY PRIYANKA CHAND AGARWAL | PHOTOS TAY KAY HIAN &amp; ERIC CHUN

A caring  
community

# A culture of : giving

Amid our busy lives, it is easy to live in one's own bubble. Yet there are individuals who have dedicated part of their lives to help the less-fortunate.

Through the SGfuture engagements, participants reaffirmed their pride in Singapore's racial and religious harmony, and expressed a commitment to build a more caring and inclusive society. They felt empowered to take ownership for the community and work together to enhance a culture of giving. This is the foundation on which we aim to grow Singapore Cares (SG Cares) as a national movement to rally Singaporeans, and make sure no one is left behind, even as our nation progresses towards SG100.

SG Cares will tap on the diverse strengths of individuals, community partners and government initially to support three causes that resonated strongly with Singaporeans during the SGfuture engagements — supporting children and youths from disadvantaged families; aiding the elderly; and assisting the disabled.

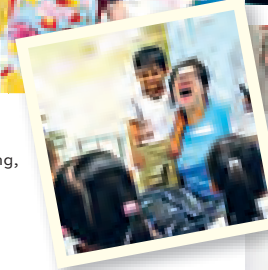


*Tan Chuan-Jin*

Minister for Social and Family  
Development



THROUGH ART, kids enjoy creating, persevering and working together for a common outcome



## 1 WE CAN BE HEROES

Realising the difficulties preschoolers from disadvantaged homes faced in receiving quality preschool education, 32 year-old Jean Loo, founder of content creation studio Logue, was spurred into action. In 2014, together with the Lien Foundation, her friends Yang Huiwen, Chen Weiyan and Joyce Li, Jean piloted *Superhero Me*, a ground-up, volunteer-driven initiative that empowers children from less-privileged backgrounds to discover their inner heroes through costume-crafting. Now in its third run, the 2016 edition included 50 children from three special education schools and an inclusive preschool catering to both able-bodied children and children with special needs, as well as 50 volunteers and a 10-person creative team. Altogether, the initiative reached out to over 2,100 visitors during an interactive art show from 18 June to 17 July at visual arts centre Objectifs.



*Jean Loo*  
Founder,  
*Superhero Me*

01

**Superhero Me uses costume crafting to ...** inspire kids to build resilience. In the future, a child's sense of identity, purpose, courage and confidence to turn disabilities into abilities will be what helps him or her through tough times.

02

**Some interesting costumes this year are ...** Mohamed Aiman Bin Abdullah (aged 12)'s 'Burger Ham', who makes burgers and fries for the hungry; and Syed Amsyar (aged 11)'s 'The Flaming Car', which zooms to the rescue when people are in trouble.

03

**While expressing themselves through art, the kids taught me and my team that ...** even though some of them have physical and behavioural challenges, everyone has a sense of identity and should be given the space to express themselves.

04

**My advice to others who want to establish a ground-up community project is ...** be resourceful. You are a community-builder, journalist, artist, event planner, team leader, student and human all rolled into one.



# Joe Tan

Founder, Love Action Project

## HITTING THE RIGHT NOTES

After 11 years as an army regular, it was an epiphany of sorts that prompted Joe Tan, 33, to found social enterprise Love Action Project. "I had been volunteering for various causes, but the desire to do something bigger — something that makes use of my skills — took over," he says. With the objective of empowering individuals and bringing volunteers and social causes together, Love Action Project was set up in 2013.

Joe attended the inaugural SGfuture engagement session on 29 November 2015, during which the idea for a social-cause music festival was mooted. He subsequently hosted a session and discovered like-minded people who could help make his project a reality. This resulted in *Music for a Cause* (MFAC), a two-day concert on 3 and 4



June 2016 at \*SCAPE to raise awareness and funds for social causes.

The festival saw 10 local artists performing to benefit five non-profit organisations: Silver Ribbon (Singapore), Causes for Animals (Singapore), Canossville Children's Home, Daughters of Tomorrow, and Migrant Workers' Centre. Representatives from each were at the scene, to explain to concertgoers how they could get involved as volunteers. Food and drink from homegrown businesses were also on offer.

With success in the bag, Joe hopes MFAC will become an annual event that grows each year. "I want to revolutionise the giving landscape in Singapore," he says.

*"I had been volunteering for various causes, but the desire to do something bigger — something that makes use of my skills — took over."*



CLOSE TO  
**\$20,000**  
IN DONATIONS WERE RAISED AT MFAC.



VISITORS TO MFAC enjoyed performances by local talents in a relaxed setting

# 4 A COMMON PURPOSE

Common Space for Common Good (CS4CG) is a signature initiative by Youth Corps Singapore that encourages youths to plan and organise community projects at common spaces to reach out to those in need or the public-at-large. As part of this island-wide community service movement, YCS piloted 'A Walk to Remember' on 17 June 2016 — a programme which bonds youth volunteers and children from less-privileged families through the National Heritage Board's SG50 Jubilee Walk, a commemorative trail of Singapore's iconic landmarks. Valarie Teo, 20, is on the programme planning committee.

- This project has given me the privilege of interacting with children from diverse family backgrounds and channel my event-management skills towards a worthy cause. We plan to create a sustainable project by holding the event regularly.

- My passion lies in the social service sector; working on the project has given me greater insight into the possible career options and education routes I can pursue. I will be entering university to obtain a Bachelor of Social Work later this year.

- Joining YCS provides young people with a platform for stepping out of their comfort zones, meeting new people and making a positive difference to someone's life, even if just for a day.



*Valarie Teo*  
Intern (Community Collaborators team), Youth Corps Singapore

"I have been playing football with SportCares for three years. Having received free coaching as a player, I am now returning the favour by teaching football to kids thrice a week at Jurong East Stadium. I want them to experience the best values of sport just as I have."

PRAVIN RAJ, 18, Volunteer Coach, Play It Forward



VINCENT TEE 32, Volunteer Coaching Assistant, Play It Forward

"I am a firm believer in education through sports. Apart from teaching children technical skills, we focus on imparting three key values: honour, resilience and teamwork."

# 3 MORE THAN A SPORT

SportSG organised four engagement sessions in the SGfuture series, and *Play It Forward* was born in a February 2016 discussion with underprivileged youth from SportCares who wanted an opportunity to give back to their communities. This is a certification programme that equips aspiring coaches with the skills and knowledge to join the coaching team at ActiveSG's Sports Academies and Clubs. In exchange for full training subsidies, trainees coach boys and girls in a voluntary capacity as a way of giving back to the sport while gaining practical experience. The programme kicked off with intakes at the new ActiveSG Football Academy, which opened in April this year.

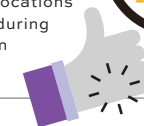


"Sports is a great way to build friendships, improve social skills, increase physical activity and build mental resilience."

KENNETH MCGEOUGH, 31, Volunteer Coaching Assistant, Play It Forward

**1,000** »

youths served close to 600 beneficiaries at 9 locations across Singapore during CS4CG's launch on 12 March 2016.





## Keh Eng Song

CEO, Movement for the Intellectually Disabled of Singapore (MINDS)

# 5 ROADMAP FOR INCLUSIVITY

The upcoming Enabling Masterplan 3 (EMP3) will outline the Government's initiatives, policies and programmes to support people with disabilities and build a more inclusive Singapore. Ahead of its launch in 2017, focus group discussions were held with members of the public and representatives from voluntary welfare organisations and private-sector bodies from April to July 2016. Keh Eng Song, 61, was among the participants.

**01** *Have the past two EMPs made a significant impact in creating an inclusive society?*

Baby steps have been taken, like the inclusive playground at Bishan-Ang Mo Kio Park and the national 'See the True Me' campaign. I believe EMP3 will focus on caregivers and on the problem of what will happen to

their charges when they pass on.

**02** *Are you optimistic that people with disabilities will one day be considered an integral part of society?*

Yes. But it's uncertain how long this will take. My hope is that one day we won't need to single out persons with disabilities through a special Enabling Masterplan — that they will be a part of the National Masterplan.

**03** *What advice would you give to young persons looking to make social services a career?*

Make sure your heart is in it. The job is emotionally challenging but so fulfilling, with a lot of gratification.



## A SAFE SPACE FOR THE ELDERLY

To lend support to the elderly with dementia, the Agency for Integrated Care (AIC) is working with grassroots organisations and community partners around the island to build *Dementia-Friendly Communities* (DFCs). At the heart of each DFC is a support network of dementia-aware volunteers including grassroots leaders and volunteers, students and business employees who will be trained to serve as community lookouts to assist the elderly. To date, three *Dementia-Friendly*

*Communities* have been launched in Yishun, Hong Kah North and MacPherson, and three more DFCs are planned.

Patrick Lee, 49, was motivated by personal experience to contribute to the initiative, as his mother-in-law has dementia. As a trained volunteer, he is active in outreach programmes and visits homes of the elderly to identify those with dementia and involve them in activities to help their condition. He has also encouraged some 30 volunteers to do the same.

Patrick Lee

Volunteer, DFC

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## A CLEANER, GREENER AND SMARTER HOME

Our SGfuture journey

BY KOH YUEN LIN, SIHUI LI & DAPHNE TAN | PHOTOS  
JERRY NORFOR, ERIC CHUN & WILSON PANG



A cleaner, greener and smarter home

# Beautiful Spaces



Masagos Zulkifli

Minister for the Environment and Water Resources

Singapore is widely known and admired for our clean environment and lush cityscape — yet beyond the work of our city planners, everyone has a part to play in building a cleaner, greener and smarter Singapore. Through the SGfuture engagements, participants applauded the Government's

efforts in creating a liveable and endearing home, and voiced a willingness to champion their own ground-up initiatives that contribute to a sustainable Singapore.

Participants took pride in calling this "City in a Garden" their home, and expressed a keen interest to play an active role in preserving greenery and the natural environment. They also shared their ideas to promote community bonding and bring vibrancy to shared community spaces. Lastly, they shared on innovative technologies we could tap on to create 'smart' towns which promote an eco-friendly lifestyle and gracious living.



Lawrence Wong

Minister for National Development



# Nichol & Nicholas Ng

Co-Founders, The Food Bank Singapore

## WASTE NOT, WANT NOT

While running their family's food-distribution business, siblings Nichol and Nicholas Ng saw first-hand the amount of food wastage accumulated by the industry. This inspired the young duo to set up The Food Bank Singapore in 2012, a charity that collects surplus food and provides it to those in need of food. "A lot of food destroyed by food manufacturers or supermarkets is not rotten or expired, but just doesn't fit corporations' aesthetic and quality specifications," explains Nichol, 37.

Most of The Food Bank's food donations come from food companies. Other donors include people who contribute through food drives, as well as corporations, schools and shopping malls that adopt its Bank Boxes; these

“Our ultimate goal is to be the central coordinating body for food in Singapore”



1 CO-FOUNDERS, of the Food Bank Singapore

containers allow adopters to store unwanted edible packaged food items, for collection by The Food Bank. Items which are left over after distribution to the needy are managed in two ways — food close to expiry date is sold at significantly-reduced prices at its newly-opened shop, The Food Pantry, while expired dry food items are redistributed to animal shelters and farms.

Indeed, the charity supports any and all efforts to minimise food waste, such as community composting projects and jarring methods that extend the shelf life of food products. "Our ultimate goal is to be the central coordinating body for food in Singapore," says Nicholas, 36. "As long as it's food-related, we're happy to handle it."

AN AVERAGE OF **60 tonnes** of food per month were redistributed in 2015, shared among 168 beneficiaries.



FOOD DONATIONS come from multiple sources, including Bank Boxes (far left) or food drives (left)

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# Farah Sanwari

Designer and Programme Consultant, Sustainable Living Lab

## 2 DON'T NIX IT — FIX IT!

To combat Singapore's pervasive buy-and-throw-away culture, social enterprise Sustainable Living Lab launched a ground-up initiative called *Repair Kopitiam* in November 2014. Through monthly community meet-ups, trained volunteers or 'Repair Coaches' help residents with repair of all kinds of faulty products like electrical appliances, clothes and household items. Farah Sanwari, 27, is Project Lead for this initiative, held on the last Sunday of each month at the void decks of Blk 425 Jurong West Avenue 1 and Blk 819 Tampines Street 81.

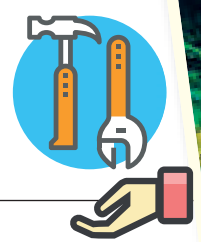
As someone with a background in product design, I felt compelled to stand up for sustainable innovation and fight against excessive consumption. *Repair Kopitiam* is a way to prevent waste from happening.

Besides training and helping residents with repair work, we also volunteer at welfare homes to repair their items as part of our on-the-job training.

On average, around 80 people visit during each session. Many participants feel a sense of satisfaction from repairing or helping to repair their own items.

Those who came from other parts of Singapore have mentioned they would love to have *Repair Kopitiam* near their residential areas as well. We hope we can get there, and we encourage other communities to initiate their own sessions together with us!

>90 volunteers have joined *Repair Kopitiam* to date, including a pool of 35 regular Repair Coaches.



# Han Jok Kwang

Chairperson, Friends of Park Connector Network

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## A GREEN COMMUNITY

Chief Information Officer of high-tech design and manufacturing firm Venture Corporation by day, Han Jok Kwang, 62, plays another leadership role outside of his job. The long-time NParks volunteer chairs the Friends of Park Connector Network (PCN) community, made up of regular PCN users and stakeholders. This is part of the larger *Friends of the Parks* initiative, launched on 2 April 2016 in response to calls by participants at *SGfuture* dialogue sessions for greater stewardship and responsible use of our parks and nature reserves.

- I have been volunteering with NParks for more than eight years. It started with me using the PCN as a cyclist. I've since been involved in multiple charity rides, and also initiated a community-driven project to build a concrete pathway linking Tampines Ave 10 to Bedok Reservoir Park to improve connectivity for pedestrians and cyclists.
- I have two goals as community chairperson. One is to inculcate a greater sense of civic-mindedness in the use of shared spaces. Another is to create a sense of ownership so that facilities remain in good condition.
- The 'greening' message is for the long haul. I enjoy acting as a catalyst, a cheerleader to inspire others to do their best.

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# 4 A WINNING IDEA

Jeffrey Lau, IT consultant



JEFFREY LAU and his family (top) were among the winners at the hackathon



**'Project Helen'**  
IS A VOICE-ENABLED TECHNOLOGY TO BE INSTALLED IN HDB LIFTS FOR EVERYONE'S USE

Information and communications technology (ICT) has opened up opportunities to enhance our living environment. The Housing and Development Board (HDB)'s inaugural Cool Ideas Hack competition from 24–26 June 2016 was held with this in mind. Members of the public came together to create innovative ICT-based solutions to enhance neighbourliness, encourage eco-friendly living and improve information sharing in HDB estates. One of the prize-winning projects came from a team led by Jeffrey Lau, 36.

**01 How did you come to enter the competition?** My wife Gloria and I love hackathons; we've participated in more than six hackathons together. This event caught our attention, as we live in Bendemeer estate. Our son Gabriel, 6, joined us this time, too.

**02 What is 'Project Helen'?** It is a voice-enabled technology, to be installed in HDB lifts. Anyone in a HDB estate can ask Helen for useful information, such as the expected arrival time of the bus you are catching.

**03 Why address this issue?** The Smart Nation initiative could be more inclusive. Whether or not you own a smartphone, you should be able to access helpful technologies.



## Opening up the Corridor

**A**s a 24km-long open space stretching through Singapore from north to south, and with almost one million residents living nearby, the Rail Corridor offered an excellent opportunity for the Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA) to work with the public to create a more inclusive community space. By actively collaborating with civil society, URA hopes to encourage community stewardship of the Rail Corridor, and foster a constructive partnership between the Government and community to create a better living environment. URA engaged the public at an early stage on their aspirations for the Rail Corridor, and captured views from diverse segments of society, including interest groups, nature and heritage enthusiasts, as well as residents.

Suggestions ranged from the creation of multi-functional spaces for community-based activities such as gardening and fishing, to more natural and quiet areas to provide respite from the hustle and bustle of city life. These ideas will be taken on board to help guide the refinement of the Concept Master Plan for the Corridor.



- ▶ JANUARY TO APRIL 2016 roving exhibition of the Concept Master Plan + series of community workshops at various neighbourhoods along the Rail Corridor
- ▶ 1<sup>ST</sup> HALF OF 2017 URA will publicly share the updated Plan



« KENNETH LEE transforms old, unwanted pianos into art pieces

Public spaces are areas vital for citizen bonding. These are places where people from all walks of life gather and interact, and where shared memories of the community are forged. The URA's *Our Favourite Place* programme supports projects initiated and implemented by the community to enliven public spaces across Singapore. One project that has taken off supports local artists and designers like Kenneth Lee, 29, to transform old, unwanted pianos into art pieces and place them in public spaces for everyone to enjoy.

*"I got involved with the project because of my interest in using my training in Architecture to engage the community. I personally have no background in music, but the piano is an instrument I've always wanted to learn. Making these pianos available for people to use in a public space combines art, music and my passion for architecture.*

*The piano I designed is called Melissa, the name of an old love. It is aligned with the Art Deco style and I had a musical score, The Little Mermaid's 'Part of Your World', laser-cut on acrylic and attached to the piano to reflect how much I want to be part of the musical world.*

*It's wonderful to observe kids tinkering on the piano and couples playing duets. When you see and hear someone playing the piano, it brightens up your day. The universal appreciation for art and music is inherent in us, and helps to bring the community together."*

Kenneth Lee

Artist, Melissa piano for Play It Forward Singapore

# 5 BRINGING LIFE TO COMMUNAL SPACES

10 REFURBISHED PIANOS

have moved around 18 public locations in Singapore, since Play It Forward Singapore started in September 2015

## A SECURE AND RESILIENT NATION

Our SGfuture journey

BY ASHUTOSH RAVIKRISHNAN | PHOTOS TAY KAY HIAN

A secure  
and resilient  
nationSafe and  
Secure

With the rise of extremism, international terror attacks and political upheavals, it can be said that we live in uncertain times. Given our globalised world, Singapore is not immune to danger. When an attack happens, our community must be prepared to deal with it, stay united, and have the resilience to bounce back quickly and carry on with life.

The SGfuture engagements showed that Singaporeans saw the importance of safety and security as the bedrock of our nation's stability and economic growth. Singaporeans wanted to play their part in keeping Singapore strong and resilient through Total Defence and remaining vigilant in their daily lives.

Singaporeans also recognised National Service as an

essential component of nation-building, and our source of pride and strength. They expressed gratitude to all National Servicemen for their contributions towards our nation's defence.



*Maliki Osman*

Senior Minister of State for Defence  
and Foreign Affairs



*Desmond Lee*

Senior Minister of State  
for Home Affairs and  
National Development

1 AN ODE TO NATIONAL  
SERVICEMEN

As Singapore prepares to mark 50 years of National Service (NS) next year, it's important to share its history and legacy with future generations. I attended the SGfuture engagement session on 6 March 2016, during which proposals to boost appreciation for NSmen were raised. One called for a physical space to raise community awareness and understanding of the NS journey.

I think NSmen would appreciate having such a platform to share NS — a formative experience in their lives — with their families. As an NSman with a young son myself, I've learnt that children enjoy stories about NS. Such a space would bring these stories to life. NSmen would also gain a better sense of purpose about the sacrifices we make.

Ideally, the space should tell the stories of all NSmen. It should be a child-friendly space that kids can immerse themselves in through activities such as dressing up in military uniforms. It should also appeal to older Singaporeans by providing things for them to touch, hold, smell or taste, so they can say, 'Ah, this is NS. This is what my son, brother, husband or father went through.'

CPT (NS) JAMIN TAN, 32, COMPLETED HIS FULL-TIME NS IN 2009 AND NOW SERVES AS A NS COMMANDER IN THE SINGAPORE ARMY.

THE MINISTRY  
OF DEFENCE

will explore the  
development of an  
NS-themed physical  
space and share these  
plans in the second  
half of 2017.



*Jamin Tan*

CPT (NS) Jamin Tan,  
NSman and Managing  
Director, MoMo Singapore  
(Financial Services) Ltd.

2 BRINGING FIRE SAFETY MEASURES  
TO THE COMMUNITY

*Muhammad Safwan bin Salim*

Member, CD Lionhearter  
Club, ITE College  
Central



On 12 June 2016, members of ITE College Central's and Nanyang Polytechnic's CD Lionhearter Clubs joined hands with the Ministry of Home Affairs, the Singapore Civil Defence Force and grassroots organisations in Toa Payoh West-Balestier to install battery-operated smoke detectors in the homes of vulnerable and low-income Singaporeans. Altogether, smoke detectors were installed in 58 homes. The smoke detectors will allow home owners and their neighbours to detect residential fires early and promptly get out of harm's way. Members also imparted basic fire safety tips to residents — many of whom

are elderly — to prevent fires from happening. The co-creation project follows from earlier SGfuture engagements where participants had suggested ways to help the community become more prepared for emergencies.

**01** *I got involved in the CD Lionhearter Club four years ago because I wanted to learn how to help people in times of disaster. Since then, I've learnt about CPR, AED and first aid. I'm now confident that I know what to do in case of an emergency.*

**02** *During our latest outreach effort, we reminded residents to stay calm in case of a fire.*

**Wan Junyan**

Deputy CEO,  
Gateway  
Entertainment



**NOT JUST AN ADULT MATTER**

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**T**errorism and national security are not just adult matters; and media professional Wan Junyan hopes to spread this message to students across Singapore. He realised teenagers are largely unaware of the important role they play in keeping Singapore safe when he read articles about what youths had said online.

Junyan, 41, participated in an SGfuture engagement session in February 2016 and wanted to continue contributing towards efforts to remind the younger generation of their responsibility to keep Singapore safe. His passion and experience with strategy games made him realise that role-playing activities could help young Singaporeans gain a better

understanding of the complex threats facing the country.

“Games allow you to make choices and see the consequences of the choices that you make,” he says. While games have been a part of the national education fabric for a while, Junyan stresses they have to be better created to appeal to teenagers.

He has been invited by the Ministry of Defence to take part in the conceptualisation and development of a new Total Defence crisis simulation game, to be rolled out in schools next year. The package will consist of realistic scenarios and role-playing activities designed to highlight the importance of the social and psychological aspects of Total Defence in Singapore. Some of these scenarios were trialed at a co-creation workshop with students from Dunman High School on 15 July 2016.

“Games allow you to make choices and see the consequences of the choices that you make”



STUDENTS FROM DUNMAN HIGH were involved in a co-creation workshop



**A COMMUNITY OF LIFESAVERS**

**Y**oung people are spreading the message of being prepared for any emergency. The idea of co-creation projects by youth groups first came about during one of the SGfuture engagement dialogues in February 2016. After some brainstorming and planning with their club advisors and representatives from SCDF, members of the CD Lionhearter Club of Nanyang Polytechnic (NYP) began to materialise the idea. On 28 May 2016, members of the club participated in the revamped Emergency Preparedness (EP) Day at Chong Pang, where they taught residents basic lifesaving skills. NYP CD Lionhearter Raahgini Chandrasegaran, 20, speaks about her experience.

**01 Why did NYP's CD Lionhearter Club take part in the EP Day at Chong Pang?**

We thought it would be a good way to raise awareness of the importance of acquiring basic lifesaving skills and to impart these skills to Chong Pang residents. It was also an opportunity to tell the community about the CD Lionhearter Club and our activities.

**02 What did you teach residents?**

We educated them on three important emergency skills: fire safety, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and the use of automated external defibrillator (AED).

**03 How did the event go?**

It was definitely a success, as many residents of all ages attended. We hope that through this event, every household in Chong Pang now includes a member trained in important emergency preparedness skills.

**04 How does NYP's CD Lionhearter Club reach out to youth?**

Recruiting new members can be a challenge! To overcome this, we organise regular camps which students find fun and appealing. We currently have 150 members and hope to grow this further.



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**Raahgini Chandrasegaran**

Vice-President,  
CD Lionhearter Club,  
Nanyang Polytechnic

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CONSTITUENCIES WILL ROLL OUT THE REVAMPED EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS DAY, WITH ITS NEW FOCUS ON TERRORISM



CD LIONHEARTER CLUB MEMBERS teaching residents how to perform CPR

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**MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS AND LAW**  
K Shanmugam attended an SGSecure event at Nee Soon South on 17 July 2016

## GETTING EVERYBODY INVOLVED

**S** GSecure is a national movement spearheaded by the Ministry of Home Affairs to sensitise, train and mobilise Singaporeans to play a part to prevent and deal with a terrorist attack. The movement aims to foster a vigilant, cohesive and resilient community. As part of SGSecure, volunteers from the People's Association together with Home Team NS officers, are spreading its message to residents in the neighbourhoods.

Farah Atiqah Binte Nor Shaidi, 22, is one such volunteer. She was eager to get involved in the movement after learning about it from a grassroots leader, and is confident of its success.

"We're getting everyone involved, from the older generation through house visits and community outreach events, to the younger generation through mobile apps," she says. The central themes,



"Stay Alert, Stay United and Stay Strong", and the 'Run, Hide, Tell' advisory for firearms attack complement basic lifesaving skills taught by other groups such as the SCDF and CD Lionhearter Clubs.

The SGSecure movement in the Neighbourhood has been piloted at three constituencies so far, namely Chong Pang, Jurong Spring and Toa Payoh West-Balestier. The movement will be implemented progressively in other neighbourhoods — including in Nee Soon South, where Farah is a resident, in October 2016. Through their efforts, Singaporeans like her are building a community of prepared citizens who are ready to deal with any possible emergency.

**GRASSROOTS VOLUNTEERS** encouraged residents to get involved



**Farah Atiqah Binte Nor Shaidi**

student and grassroots member

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*We're getting everyone involved through house visits, community outreach events and mobile apps*

**9.2016** ✨

September 2016, SGSecure will be officially launched.



## A LEARNING PEOPLE

*Our SGfuture journey*

BY KOH YUEN LIN, SIHUI LI & DAPHNE TAN | PHOTOS ERIC CHUN



A learning people

# : A lifelong habit



**L**ifelong learning is imperative in these ever-changing and volatile times. With the advancement of technology and the changing economic structure, staying in the same career from graduation to retirement may no longer be possible. Beyond tests and exams, learning is a continuous pursuit of skills, knowledge and mastery that will allow us to be adaptable, and to tackle life's challenges with resilience and optimism.

*Ong Ye Kung*  
Acting Minister for Education (Higher Education and Skills)

Through the SGfuture engagements, participants embraced the notion of lifelong learning, where all individuals — regardless of their starting point — will have opportunities to deepen their knowledge in different ways, such as through reading clubs, peer teaching of skills, volunteering to gain hands-on experience, or building up shared information resources. Many proposals to make learning a way of life arose organically from the sessions. These initiatives tap on the abundant assets and knowledge within the community, exemplifying the opportunity for greater community-based learning with technology as an enabler. These learning-based projects and ideas bring us closer to becoming a Learning People, where learning takes place across all ages, as a community, for a better tomorrow.



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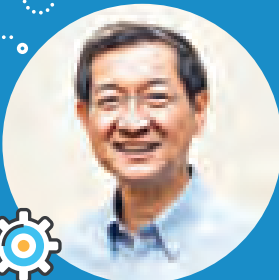
**“THE RESOURCE CONTAINS THE BEST, TRIED-AND-TESTED PRACTICES, WITH PSG LEADERS AND VOLUNTEERS FROM DIFFERENT SCHOOLS POOLING THEIR RICH AND VALUABLE EXPERIENCES TOGETHER.”**

*Tio Chong Heng  
COMPASS Member*

# 1 BY PARENTS, FOR PARENTS

Parent Support Groups (PSGs) play a crucial role in strengthening school-home partnerships and bolstering children’s education. To share best practices in starting and sustaining PSGs, a *PSG Online Resources* is currently being developed by parent representatives of the National Advisory Council, COMMunity and PArnts in Support of Schools (COMPASS).

*“Through my PSG work, I have become more connected with my children in our conversations about their school experiences, programmes, friends and teachers.”*



*TAN MOON CHONG,  
COMPASS Member*

*“The idea for this online resource came up in a conversation I had with a fellow COMPASS member three years ago. We want other PSGs to be effective and help schools better engage parents.”*

*NAFISAH BTE MD MA’MUN SUHEIMI  
COMPASS Member*



**“WORKING ON PSG ONLINE RESOURCES HAS BEEN AN EYE-OPENER. I HAVE RECEIVED TIPS FROM PSG MEMBERS BASED IN OTHER SCHOOLS, AS WELL AS FEEDBACK ON THE IDEAS I CONTRIBUTED.”**

*Christine Sim  
COMPASS Member*



*“By sharing experiences with fellow parents from other PSGs, we can learn from one another, benefiting both PSGs and schools. Sometimes new ideas are generated.”*

*DENNIS CHAN, COMPASS Member*



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*“I’ve always encouraged self-directed learning in my kids and I’m excited to bring this to the community.”*

**Kiruthika Ramanathan**

*with daughters Anjali and Sophia,  
Founders, Come and Make*



## 2 GROUND-UP LEARNING

When Kiruthika Ramanathan’s daughter, Anjali Curic, had to raise funds for her kindergarten class a few years ago, Kiruthika suggested she organise a fundraising craft party for her friends. That effort saw Anjali raise the largest amount of money in her class.

Building on the success of that concept, sisters Anjali and Sophia, 9 and 7, embarked on an initiative called *Come and Make*, with the support of their mother, a 34 year-old Senior Manager at the Science Centre Singapore, who refined the project idea in an SGfuture engagement session on 19 February 2016. They then tapped on the Singapore Workforce Development Agency’s LearnSG Seed Fund, which supports ground-up learning projects, and aims to cultivate a spirit of curiosity and creativity in solving problems through doing and making.

The project comprises a series of 10 learning sessions held at the void deck of a block of flats in Bukit Batok, where she lives. At the inaugural



**THE COME AND MAKE INITIATIVE IS OPEN TO PARENTS AND CHILDREN**

session on 19 June 2016, 12 children learnt about gardening while huddling around styrofoam boxes and getting their hands grimy with soil and plants. Some bent over bits of polymer clay and constructed figurines to add to their miniature gardens.

“I’ve always encouraged self-directed learning in my kids and I’m excited to bring this to the community,” says Kiruthika. Open to both parents and children, future sessions may introduce activities such as building mechanical cars.



*A family, who learnt about circuits and batteries, with their newly-made lanterns.*

## 3 READ FOR LIFE, LEARN FOR LIFE

Reading is one of the key tools in learning. Readers of all ages could enhance their understanding of books and inspire others to become more curious learners, when they come together as a community to share insights from books and articles.

To develop a nation of readers, the National Library Board (NLB) launched the National Reading Movement on 3 June 2016. One of its key outreach efforts is *Read@Work*, through which NLB is working with organisations to encourage their employees to read regularly. NTUC's U Associate Programme — which assists the growing workforce of Professionals, Managers and Executives (PMEs) — has come on board as a keen partner. Vivek Kumar, 39, tells us more about *Read@Work*.

"I grew up in a household where books were stacked against the walls, all around. I guess that was where my love for reading started. But for me, reading is more than a hobby; it

is also a life skill and a means of continued learning.

Through *Read@Work*, more people will hopefully realise the power of reading. Representatives from the 32 professional associations under NTUC U Associate will work with NLB to curate a list of reading materials whose subject matter spans the areas of concern for different industries. The idea is to curate a holistic list that goes beyond industry-specific trade publications to cover developments in other areas, thus strengthening workers' current and future skills.

Mature workers are of special interest to me. Because the skillsets that are required of us are changing very rapidly, jobs to be created in the near future will be qualitatively different from jobs at present. How can we make sure we do not have a 'lost' generation who is fearful of changing their skillsets? I hope reading can be part of the solution."



**Vivek Kumar**

Director, NTUC U Associate



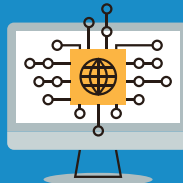
**Abdul Rahman**

Founder, PRISM

## 4 LEARNING A SKILL FOR TOMORROW

The Infocomm Development Authority of Singapore (IDA)'s *Code@SG* movement aims to expose students to coding and computational thinking from an early age. To complement Government-led efforts in this area, a *Code@SG* volunteers' community was conceived during an IDA-hosted *SGfuture* dialogue session on 8 March 2016. Civil Engineering student Abdul Rahman, 25, has joined this community.

- **I am a self-taught coder and founder** of PRISM, a youth-centric social enterprise that engages and connects less-fortunate primary school students to opportunities in technology.
- **The key to sustaining interest** in coding is to curate "fun-ducational" programmes that inculcate this skill. PRISM teaches children how to programme and build projects such as electric guitars.
- **I plan to leverage *Code@SG*** to augment PRISM's outreach efforts by partnering with schools nationwide and holding public exhibitions.
- **You are never too young to learn about** technology. As passionate volunteers, we work with students to ensure that everyone grasps the fundamentals of coding.



**YOUTH AT SGfuture** engagements joined Suhaimi to brainstorm project ideas

## 5 LEARNING THROUGH CARING

Learning to care, and learning through caring, matters. NTUC's youth wing, Young NTUC, is committed to building a more empathetic society. Its *Young NTUC U HEART* campaign from July to August 2016 had young working adults of the Labour Movement rallying volunteers to give back to society through ground-up projects helmed by the youths themselves. Suhaimi Zainal Shah, 26, is Project Lead for one such initiative, Project COLOURS.

**01 Why does serving the community mean so much to you?** In 2015, I attended a University Scholars Leadership Symposium in Hong Kong and was inspired by the various social enterprises and ground-up initiatives. Since then, I've been thinking of ways to raise awareness for and empower the disadvantaged.

**02 What can one learn from volunteering?** Working together improves planning and communication skills. Interacting with the underprivileged also builds empathy, as you come to understand the hardships others face.

**03 Can you tell us about Project COLOURS?** Palliative care patients are often overlooked or avoided, so we planned an outing with Assisi Hospice patients around National Day. We hope to secure more volunteers with specific skillsets in healthcare, and create greater outreach and awareness.

**Suhaimi Zainal Shah**  
Project Lead, Project COLOURS



## 6 GIVING IT A GO, NO MATTER YOUR AGE

Steps are being taken to help seniors be familiar with technology and continue their lifelong learning journey. The new *Seniors for Smart Nation* programme, established by the People's Association (PA) Senior Academy, allows seniors to take IT courses at community clubs (CCs). Participants also receive in-class mentoring from their peers like 65 year-old retiree, Fong Kwok Onn.

- **I first picked up IT skills** because they were useful for work. In 2006 I enrolled in classes to learn how to use Microsoft Word and Excel. Later on I went for Internet classes.

- **Through the Senior Academy**, I took classes on how to use WhatsApp and smartphone photography. I can now share photos taken on my phone with friends and family, and keep in touch with people through WhatsApp. In August I started classes on 3D printing.
- **I volunteered to be a Senior Academy IT Ambassador** because I feel IT is important for senior citizens. It enriches one's life and lends convenience, such as being able to Skype grandchildren abroad or find out via an app exactly when your bus arrives.
- **To seniors who think they are too old to learn** IT skills, I say you are never too old. A classmate in one of my classes was 85 years old!



**Fong Kwok Onn**  
IT Ambassador, Senior Academy

**1,000**

SENIORS FOR SMART NATION CLASSES WERE OFFERED AT 31 CCS ISLAND-WIDE AT THE PROGRAMME'S LAUNCH ON 30 MARCH 2016.



“  
*SGfuture is but one more step  
 in our ongoing journey to create  
 the environment for every  
 Singaporean to co-create our  
 future together and take charge  
 of our destiny as one people.*”

Chan Chun Sing

SGFUTURE COMMITTEE CO-CHAIR



**Singapore owes much to the Pioneer Generation's nation-building efforts. Looking back over the past 50 years, what would you say were their most impressive achievements?** The stability, peace and harmony that Singaporeans have enjoyed over the past 50 years are, in a big way, due to the contributions of our pioneers. Through their hard work and dedication, they have laid the foundations for our nation in the areas of economic development, healthcare, security and education, amongst many others. This has put our nation in good stead for the future. Most of all, it is the spirit of service, sacrifice and resilience of our pioneers that we want to continuously emulate today. We must remain good stewards of this legacy that has been entrusted to us, so that we have a Singapore that we can all continue to be proud of in SG100.

**What can we do to build on this legacy for SG100?** Our society has evolved and become more diverse, so how we deal with this diversity and remain an inclusive society will be crucial. It will determine the strength of our society as we face the future together. We have seen instances around the world where diversity has led to polarisation and in turn, tears apart the fabric of society. For Singapore, our unique multi-cultural identity has been built on communities of different races and religions living together in harmony. We must

work to grow our common space, guard against emerging fault lines and remain cohesive.

**What are your reflections on the SGfuture engagements and the path ahead?** I have been encouraged to see people come forward to share their ideas and take steps to translate their ideas into action. They have shown that they want to and can contribute to building our shared home. Some of the projects and movements that are taking shape reflect a great deal of passion, commitment and civic pride — I believe these are important characteristics to have as we look forward to our future. The way that we work as a Government is changing as well. We should continue to find different ways to understand citizen needs and to involve them. SGfuture is but one more step in our ongoing journey to create the environment for every Singaporean to co-create our future together and take charge of our destiny as one people. We are still learning and evolving this partnership. I believe this will only grow stronger and it is the way forward to making Singapore a better home for all.



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» Grace Fu  
 SGFUTURE COMMITTEE CO-CHAIR :



**Why was it important for us to embark on the SGfuture engagements?** As our SG50 year came to a close, it was a good time for all of us to look ahead to where the future will take us. Building on the momentum of *Our Singapore Conversation* in 2012 and the SG50 celebration, SGfuture invited Singaporeans to share their vision for Singapore's future and take action to turn their ideas into reality. SGfuture has affirmed who we are as a people, what our shared aspirations for the future are and how the spirit of partnership and co-creation between citizens and the Government can bring us into the future. Although SGfuture has since wrapped up, the canvas of the future is still for us to create. The engagement sessions have shown that Singaporeans are invested and committed in building our shared future together, and I look forward to where this journey will take us.

**What steps is the Government taking to ensure meaningful engagement with the public over the long term?** We recognise that more citizens aspire to play a bigger role in policymaking, as well as the design and delivery of services. As we see more Singaporeans coming forward to take shared responsibility to build our future together, the Government will do its part to deepen opportunities for citizen participation at different levels. We also want to support and facilitate citizens' efforts through providing seed funding, volunteer opportunities and platforms that actively involve citizens in shaping initiatives that directly affect how we live our lives.



**What kind of future would you like to see and what will it take to get there?**

I would like to see a Singapore that everyone calls home because they feel like it is a place that they have a stake in, where they have a sense of belonging to. I hope that the Singapore of the future is one that is inclusive — where we value one another and can find common ground in spite of differences, caring — to ensure that no one is left behind, and resilient — with people having the conviction that we have a common future worth fighting for. The vision of an inclusive, caring and resilient Singapore is one that has been articulated by citizens over the course of the SGfuture engagements as well. We want citizens to be involved in diverse ways, whether it is understanding the issues and trade-offs we face as a country, to being a part of national programmes or championing ground-up projects.

SGfuture is really just the start of this journey, an invitation to all Singaporeans to write the next chapter of the Singapore story with us. How the next 50 years and beyond will turn out lies in our hands — the journey to SG100 starts here and now.

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