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"Each generation needs
to figure out what they want
their Singapore to become."

- Sheila Pakir, The Birthday Collective 2017



The Future is Ours

Thrust into independence, we started with little
to our name and even less in our favour.

For we had hardly any resources, not even land.

But in one lifetime, we grew from a newly born nation
into a bustling city-state.

Our pioneers overcame the odds to attain
what we have today. Now, it is up to us to
build our nation's tomorrow.

The things that define who we are, the stories about
the communities around us that inspire us to be
better - these are all ours to create.

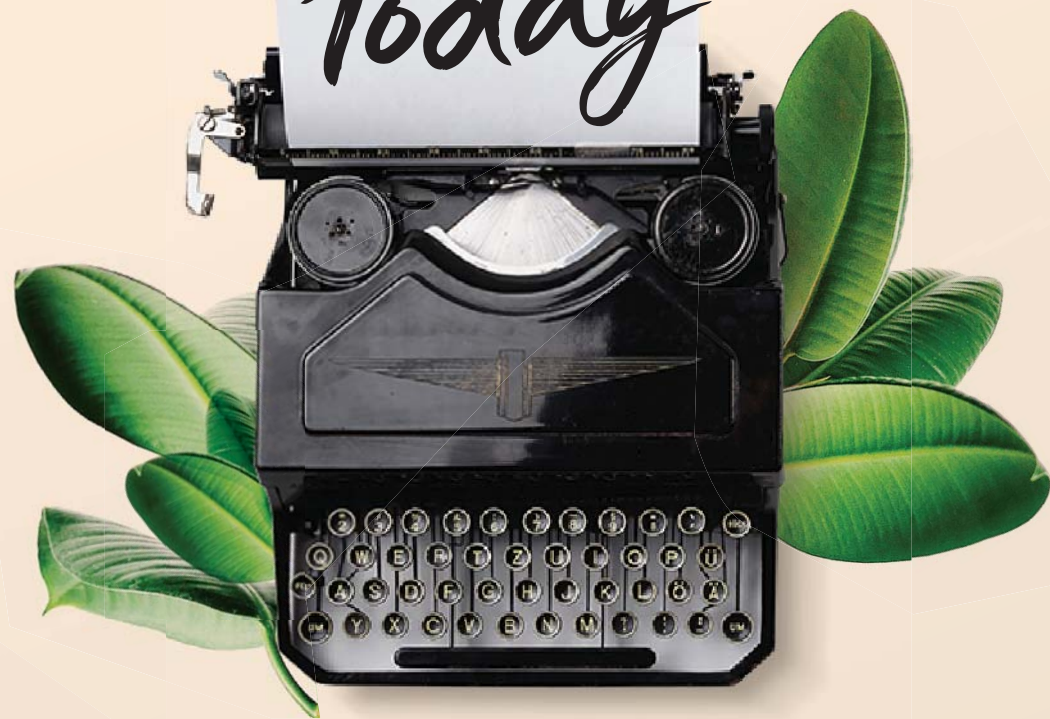
And some among us have already pursued ideas
that help shape our community.

Through these community projects, we've glimpsed the
vision, hopes as well as aspirations we share as a people
- and we are inspired by the possibilities.

Everyone can be a part of this. Will you join us?



Building tomorrow, today



Our home of tomorrow is defined by what we make of it today. Find out what other Singaporeans have done for the community, to help shape the future they want.

Making a difference together ⁰⁵

As a little red dot that punches well above its weight, our story is one that's defined by a pioneering and can-do spirit. Learn how some of us are seizing opportunities to pursue our passions as we make bold strides towards a common future together.



Drawing strength from one another ⁰⁸

Strength multiplies when it's shared. Find out how we are building a resilient community to face whatever the future may hold.

Building caring communities ¹¹

In good times and bad, families and communities are the bedrock of our nation. Discover how some Singaporeans are creating intriguing new ways to help us look out for one another.



Fostering a climate of trust ²¹

In a fair and inclusive community, every voice counts. Learn how we are finding ways to create a conducive environment where everyone can speak up and have constructive discussions, even over issues we may not agree on.



Forging common bonds ¹⁶

As a nation comprised of diverse cultures, harmony is something we should never take for granted. Read more about the innovative approaches our fellow Singaporeans have taken to build the bonds that unite us.

"In our changing society, there are large social needs and gaps that need to be dealt with. It would be nice if all of us could do something."

- Desmond Wong, Constellations



Making a difference together

We believe that Singapore should be a place for everyone, where our people progress together and achieve our aspirations, however diverse.

All it takes, is a spirit of enterprise to seize opportunities and write the next chapter of the Singapore story.

Meet the Farmers

PROJECT: KRAANJI COUNTRYSIDE FARMERS' MARKET



Promoting food sustainability and the local farming community.

To help garner awareness and support for the local agricultural industry, the Kranji Countryside Association held a special edition of the quarterly 'Kranji Countryside Farmers' Market'. Its aim was to connect the public with the pioneer as well as next-generation farmers making the most of the land under their charge – which spans less than 1% of Singapore's total land area.

Through the project, Manda Foo wished to showcase the importance of local farmers to our nation's food sustainability, while fostering conversations about Singapore's agriculture and farming practices.

Apart from drawing visitors with the rare chance to see, touch, smell, taste and buy a range of local farm produce and artisanal food products, the market also included an exhibition featuring farms and farmers in the Kranji Countryside. A seminar was also held to crowdsource new ideas and solutions that could better utilise Singapore's limited space for farming.

Beyond highlighting the importance of local agriculture, Manda hopes to showcase the can-do spirit and kampung camaraderie that allow not just a small community of local farmers, but every Singaporean, a chance to thrive.



FARMERS COME TOGETHER TO GET THE PUBLIC THINKING ABOUT LOCAL AGRICULTURE.



Sharing by Uncle William.

Tasty, healthy, fresh!

"People want authenticity. What we're selling isn't just food, but real purpose."

- Manda Foo, Kranji Countryside Farmers' Market



School of rock

PROJECT: CONSTELLATIONS

Equipping vulnerable youths with social skills through music lessons.

In addition to picking up a new craft, there are many soft skills vulnerable youths can learn from music classes – as childhood friends Desmond Wong and Travis Minjan came to realise while volunteering at an autism centre.

Keen to make a bigger difference, the two musicians then conceptualised music lessons that doubled up as social-emotional learning sessions for vulnerable youths from homes, social services, as well as autism schools. Through group classes, the youths learnt crucial skills such as self-awareness, relationship management and responsible decision-making.

By giving these youths the unique opportunity to perform at The Esplanade, the duo also hopes to help the larger Singaporean community learn about and connect with the vulnerable. To the team, placing these youths in jobs, or just volunteering to help them, isn't nearly enough – it's the opportunity to be part of a community that is truly vital.

"The experience of community is key to rehabilitation, more so than intervention," said Desmond.



Empathy by design

PROJECT: THE DESIGN CULTIVATION



Working towards an inclusive society with the next generation of designers.

Having witnessed how design can serve to either limit or open up new possibilities, a group of students came together and got their fellow youths to explore how community issues can be mitigated through design solutions.

In place of conventional processes that focus on function and aesthetics, the team showed participants how to apply a 'design thinking' approach – one that begins with empathy. They were first required to identify a problem, interview the people who faced it, then create a prototype that benefits or raises awareness for the community's needs.

This unique process brought forth a range of prototypes, from a board game simulating the life and challenges of a foreign worker, to a lightweight food cart that enables entrepreneurship amongst the elderly.

An exhibition showcasing the stories behind the youths' designs was then put together; to let the public learn more, as well as spark conversations about how design can give anyone a role in creating an inclusive society for all.



Learning about design thinking.



"Innovation is most valuable when designers get in touch to understand what the community really needs."

- Desiree Ng, The Design Cultivation



Drawing strength from one another

A resilient community is made up of individuals that can count on one another.

But whether it's navigating medical emergencies or winning battles in the psychological and emotional spheres, the grit required to react, support and empower isn't always a given.

Learn how some Singaporeans are helping us to build the strength we need to forge forth – through sharing stories, skills and more.

Life-saving games

PROJECT: CODE BLUE

Building community resilience with zombies, mad scientists and a burning maze.

For third-year medical student Kee Ga Jing, having an efficient healthcare system isn't enough.

"A lot of us are too dependent on the healthcare system. We call 995, and we just wait," said the 21-year-old doctor-in-training.

Her project, 'Code Blue', seeks to increase the number of first aiders within our community. With more trained responders, there is a greater chance that a timely intervention can be made when an emergency situation arises.

As a young person herself, Ga Jing understands that a fun and innovative experience is needed to draw the

attention of her generation, even if they are sharing skills to help the community stand strong.

Applying gamification concepts, Ga Jing and her team imparted basic first aid knowledge through scenarios involving a zombie apocalypse and casualty rescue missions.

Recognising the need to build community resilience across the island, the team is working to bring the 'Code Blue' experience to more Singaporeans at community centres, libraries and public spaces.

"A community made up of people with life-saving skills can be more resilient during emergencies."

- Kee Ga Jing, Code Blue

WHEN A MEDICAL EMERGENCY OCCURS, IT IS UP TO THE NEAREST PERSON TO MAKE THE BIGGEST DIFFERENCE.





The strength of our past

PROJECT:
MY SINGAPORE
LOVE STORY

Inheriting grit from our pioneers.

When he became a dad, filmmaker Mohamad Zulcifli (Zul) began to see how important it is to ensure that we pass on the right values to tomorrow's generations. While talking to senior citizens at a nursing home, Zul realised that there's a lot we can learn from our pioneer generation's resilience during the early years of independence.

With his film 'My Singapore Love Story', Zul recounts the touching story of Uncle John, who never gave up hope while fighting as a soldier during World War II – despite the tough conditions and many uncertainties.

Through Uncle John's story, Zul hopes to help Singaporeans uncover and celebrate our past, while showcasing the strength, courage and tenacity of our pioneer generation.



"It is up to us to create better content that inspires resilience in our future generations."

- Mohamad Zulcifli, My Singapore Love Story



PROJECT:
YOUTH IN ACTION

Let's go, team!

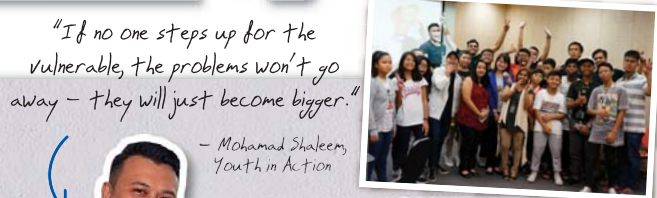
Minding the gaps

Helping youths with the lesser-explored tribulations of adolescence.

Having experienced the many struggles of growing up, Mohamad Shaleem, Nurul Salbiah, Nor Sharizal and their friends started 'Youth in Action', a series of programmes dedicated to setting up a support community for youths, where they can look to each other for strength.

To help youths develop social skills, the team organised sports events to inculcate self-awareness, sportsmanship and communication skills, and also ran workshops to address several issues young people face – such as bullying and cyber addiction.

Through their efforts, the team seeks to equip young people with the soft skills they need to fit into society, along with the resilience to overcome setbacks and take on positive perspectives in their everyday lives.

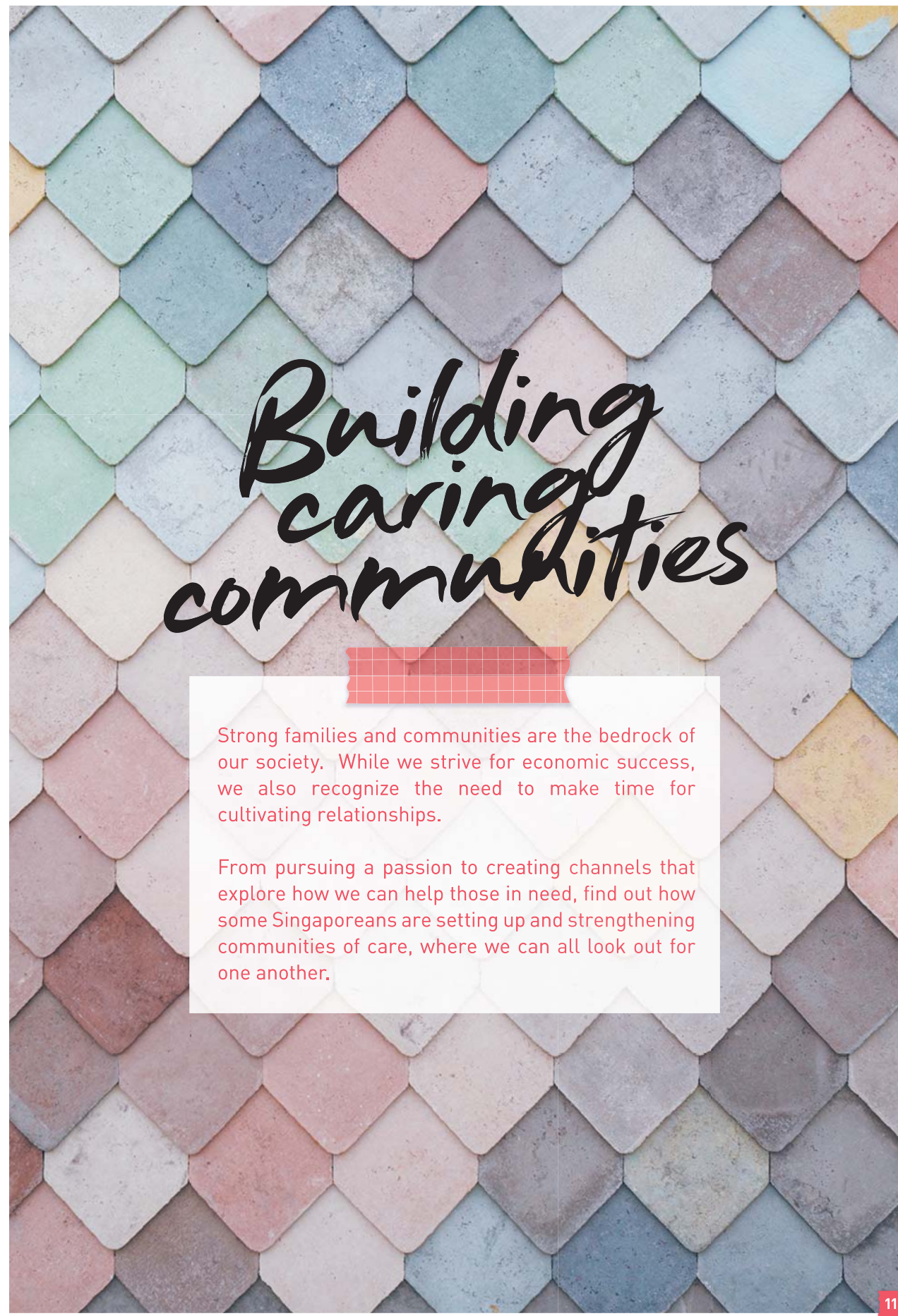


"If no one steps up for the vulnerable, the problems won't go away – they will just become bigger."

- Mohamad Shaleem, Youth in Action



Committee members



Building caring communities

Strong families and communities are the bedrock of our society. While we strive for economic success, we also recognize the need to make time for cultivating relationships.

From pursuing a passion to creating channels that explore how we can help those in need, find out how some Singaporeans are setting up and strengthening communities of care, where we can all look out for one another.

Community rhythm

PROJECT: SILVER ENSEMBLE

Setting up a community of care through music.

One is never too old to learn music, as demonstrated through the project 'Silver Ensemble'.

A group of young full-time musicians, Goh Wei Hong, Benjamin Boo and Tan Qing Lun wanted to provide senior citizens with the opportunity to learn music and use it as a common language to bring the community together.

Working with various community partners, they brought senior citizens from different organisations together to form a drumming ensemble.

"We weren't so confident at first. In the first session, they were not even talking to each other, but we were surprised to see them chatting and showing up together for the second session," said Wei Hong, a full-time flautist and music instructor.

Today, the 'Silver Ensemble' is able to showcase their skills and perform at community events.

However, it is not just the love for music, but a sense of community that the project team hopes to promote. By setting up these 'pods of care', they hope to encourage the senior citizens to look out for one another, and to bond as a community while preparing for performances and working towards a common goal.



HELPING SENIOR CITIZENS FORM A COMMUNITY OF CARE THROUGH MUSIC.

"It's not just about making music, it's about creating bonds between the seniors, and giving them a role within our community."

- Benjamin Boo, Silver Ensemble



Cot in conversation



PROJECT: I'VE GOT YOU SAYANG, SARONG BABY

Unravelling childhood stories to build bonds across the family unit.

Like many Singaporean babies, Zinkie Aw slept in the traditional yao lan, or the sarong cradle. Curious about a childhood cot that she was too young to recall, she decided to find out more.

When a search on the internet and books led to little information, the full-time photographer turned to her mum for answers. This led to an interesting conversation about childhood memories, and Zinkie thought sarong cradles would be a great topic to help other families spark intergenerational conversations about their childhood days.

She decided to start a photo project featuring other families that used the traditional sarong cradle. As she went about her photography sessions and interviews, she was warmed by the conversations that transpired in each family.

"Even though a lot of families live in the same home, it's getting harder and harder for everyone to get together and have in-depth conversations because of their different schedules," said Zinkie.

Through her project, Zinkie hopes to inspire a sharing of 'what I grew up with' stories to help Singaporeans foster their own family identity and tighten cross-generational bonds. She believes that when families share more stories across the generations, they will learn to appreciate their families and the bonds they share even more.



Thanks to everyone for their support!



Various springs used over the years.

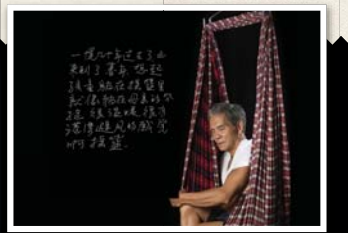


"Stories have this ability to bond. Identity and bonds tend to grow when you dig deeper into each family's story."

- Zinkie Aw, I've Got You Sayang, Sarong Baby



With the 'yo-mam', the baby cooies sleep side by side in the same room, and I can spend a longer time cooking in the kitchen, or simply having 'me-time' before the kids wake. To see this is a safer option than the bed and you can just use laundry pegs to secure the sides of the cot, after the babies have dozed off. The cloth that I use here has been used, and re-used since once upon your time.
- Ma Lin, 60 yrs old



A PHOTOGRAPHER SPARKS FAMILY CONVERSATIONS THROUGH HER PURSUIT OF SARONG CRADLE STORIES.

Empowering Women Since 2007

PROJECT: JOINT SYMPOSIUM ON THE GRAND GENERATION

Celebrating The Grand Generation

Exploring intergenerational ties and active ageing.

With longer lifespans, better education and the rise of nuclear families, growing old is becoming a different experience from prior generations, especially for the 'modern grandmothers' who are more likely to hold careers till retirement and lead an active lifestyle.

Bringing together academics and active senior citizen role models from various walks of life, Society for Women's Initiative for Ageing Successfully (WINGS) and the new Singapore University of Social Sciences (formerly known as SIM University) organised a 'Joint Symposium on The Grand Generation' to discuss the future of Asia's grandparents.

The participants explored the opportunities and challenges of active ageing, such as lifelong learning, social relationships and emotional wellbeing of the elderly. They also discussed the special roles played by grandparents in keeping the family together and imparting values to the younger generation.



"Being closer to the ground gives us more in-depth knowledge of what people really need. Having these community-initiated discussions are important, as you need to be close to the ground to understand what the people really need."

- Ms Janice Goh, Joint Symposium on The Grand Generation

Activating the community

Inspiring and equipping Singaporeans to give.

PROJECT: BE A GIVER

To advance their community building cause, non-profit organisation BLESS started 'Be A Giver', a social movement that empowers people with opportunities to come together to volunteer and give back to society.

Members of the public got to attend workshops or participate in food trails whenever they contribute towards the organisation's work with rental communities. After picking up skills such as terrarium-making and coding, they 'pay it forward' - by volunteering their time for BLESS and other social organisations in the community, or using their newly-learned skills to conduct workshops for others.

Through this, the project team hopes to promote the spirit of giving - not just through cash contributions, but also in kind, with their time and abilities. Their vision is to grow a community of givers in Singapore that will look out for and serve others who are in need.

"No one can do everything, but everyone can do something. You can only understand the difference you can make when you step out and do that something. Every action counts."

- Francesca Wah, Be A Giver



Learning new skills.



On a food trail!



Terrarium-making class!



PROJECT: CURIOUS! COME ON AN UNFORGETTABLE READING JOURNEY WITH US!

Tales that bind

Building cross-generational bonds.

Although Lydia Lok believes that intergenerational bonding is important and impactful, she was unsure about how she could interact meaningfully with seniors at first.

"People had this perception that the elderly were difficult to talk to," said Lydia, "and I was one of those who steered clear initially."

Lydia and her husband Yao Shuo Han felt that Singaporeans sometimes just needed an icebreaker to get started. Therefore, they came up with the idea of using reading as a bridging activity to bring together the young and the old. The project also aims to develop confidence, empathy and EQ amongst our young.

A total of 5 mass reading sessions were held, where young children were invited to read their favourite storybooks to groups of elderly from senior activity centers. These sessions brought much joy to the old folks, who enjoyed the presence of the energetic young children in their midst. The sessions also provided a platform for the elderly to share interesting life experiences.

A SINGAPOREAN COUPLE HELPS CONNECT THE YOUNG AND OLD THROUGH READING SESSIONS.



Good times! Auntie smiled so much that day.

Exchanging of stories, past and present.



"Education should not always be about grades. We should think more about the impact we can make on society."

- Lydia Lok, Curious! Come on an Unforgettable Reading Journey with us!



Forging common bonds



We are a nation made up of people from different origins as well as generations that grew up in vastly different conditions. Amidst our diversity, we share many things in common – our love of food, memories embedded in familiar places and faces, and stories passed down across generations.

In our shared experiences, Singaporeans are discovering new ways to build relationships that bind us together, regardless of race, language or religion.

Dishing out history

PROJECT: REVIVING OUR FOREFATHERS' DISAPPEARING FOODS

Imparting values across the generations.

As heritage enthusiasts Charlotte Lee and Lynn Wong have found, Singapore's obsession with food provides a delicious array of opportunities to tell new stories – or even a few older ones. The duo's project takes a particularly ingenious approach, of using food as a medium to help the younger generation discover their roots.

Fuelled by the belief that elderly clan association members are treasure troves of our past, they embarked on a project tapping into the seniors' knowledge about the lesser-known histories, traditions and customs behind our food.

Spanning four intergenerational cooking sessions, 'Reviving our Forefathers' Disappearing Foods' sought to document and revive our untold food heritage. As youths prepared a selection of traditional dishes, the seniors would guide them along while sharing values and stories passed down by their forefathers.

Ai Jiao *Tang Bu Shuai*

While every dish was chosen for its cultural significance, some have become lesser-known with the passage of time. These include *ai jiao*, a traditional Hakka winter solstice staple and *tang bu shuai*, a Cantonese dish eaten at a festival to honour the hardships of our forefathers.

Lynn, an aspiring film director, also shot a documentary that served up the stories behind the dishes, along with heart-warming interactions across different generations.

Through their efforts, Charlotte and Lynn sought to inspire greater curiosity about our roots and raise awareness of Singapore's clan associations, while encouraging people to talk to their grandparents to discover all that they can learn.

"The older generation has so much to share, having lived through a lifetime of experiences. We should take the chance to learn from them before it's gone."

– Lynn Wong, Reviving our Forefathers' Disappearing Foods

TWO HERITAGE ENTHUSIASTS WORK TO PRESERVE AND REVIVE OUR DISAPPEARING FOOD TRADITIONS.

All-access joy

Connecting the community to persons with disabilities.

It all started with a chance encounter, when one wheelchair user asked Dennis Quek for assistance in going to the bathroom. Little did he know, agreeing to the favour took Dennis almost two full hours.

This experience got Dennis thinking about the difficulties Persons With Disabilities (PWDs) might face. After discussing the issue with his friend, Wilson Ang, the duo started 'Wheels@Ubin' together with a bigger team of sports enthusiasts.

For the event's 2018 edition, over 600 volunteers were gathered by the team to help 120 wheelchair users explore the unique rustic charms of Pulau Ubin – one of Singapore's least accessible locations. They even managed to enlist the help of the Republic of Singapore Navy, which provided vessels to take these wheelchair users to and from the island.

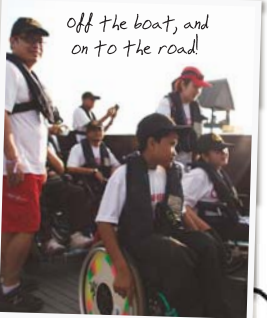
The team hopes to create awareness about the accessibility challenges faced by PWDs, and inspire Singaporeans to take things a step further – via helping PWDs to experience what the rest of the community enjoys.



"The more we get different groups of Singaporeans to come together, the more we can empathise with one another."
- Dennis Quek, Wheels@Ubin



Great time with the boys



Hidden in plain sight



PROJECT: TREASURE UBIN

Uncovering new bonds from the past we share.

Keen to challenge the perception that Singapore offers little to do, Joseph Sng started a novel treasure hunt that had participants uncovering the cultural and historical nuggets that we often overlook.

Through 'Treasure Ubin', participants explored the lesser-known stories of Pulau Ubin, a location chosen for its rustic nature and storied past. The treasure hunt played out in an innovative format, with clues released via a chatbot platform that allowed for live interaction and tracking of participants' photos and responses.

The project's inspiration stemmed from Joseph's passionate belief that we should treasure what we hold dear, before they disappear for good. He also hopes to help grow a deeper sense of belonging amongst the community, as people learn to appreciate the hidden gems in our shared history.

"A country can change, but the stories must remain."
- Joseph Sng, Treasure Ubin



Community Asset Map

TEBAN MARKET AND FOOD CENTRE

COMMONWEALTH SECONDARY SCHOOL

AYER RAJAH COMMUNITY CLUB

PROJECT: MAGIC AMBER BUS



The project founders

"I will be truly proud if Singapore could one day, beyond our cleanliness, efficiency and financial robustness, be defined by how loving our population is."
- Suraj P. Upadhiah, Magic Amber Bus

A SINGAPOREAN COUPLE HELPS PEOPLE OF DIFFERENT GENERATIONS TO BUILD BONDS THROUGH CO-CREATION.

Bonding journeys

Helping generations love one another better.

How can we love better as one nation? That was the question that drove Singaporean couple, Suraj P. Upadhiah and Tiziana Tan to start 'Magic Amber Bus', a project that brought the elderly and youths together.

Having run the social enterprise Air Amber for close to a decade, Suraj hoped to pioneer a new project with a different approach. Rather than getting people to donate or volunteer, he founded a platform where different generations could connect on the same level by creating something together.

First, participants came together for an ice-breaking session, where they got to know each other as well as learn basic filmmaking skills, so that they could create video clips to document their bus journey.

Following that, participants would embark on immersive learning journeys to places of historical significance in Singapore. But it didn't end there – elderly and young participants then shared and contrasted their unique interpretations of each experience, through activities such as clay sculpting and co-creating a documentary video.

"When the elderly and kids came together to work on something they had not done before, they forgot their age difference. They became completely engrossed in their common goal, and everyone just had fun together," shared Suraj.

The couple hopes that this project can help path a way to spark friendships across different groups in the community. To them, building bonds, rather than just giving and receiving, could be the way to elevate community love to the next level.

Poetry in motion

Finding common ground through artistic explorations.

Inspired by their shared love of poetry and a desire to try something different, Eric Valles and Michelle Loh started 'Poetry Festival (Singapore)'. With 'Regardless of Race' as its theme, the festival focused on navigating Singapore's race relations and explored how living in a multiracial society shapes our identity.

To reflect the diversity of perspectives across communities, poems were translated into Singapore's four main languages as part of the festival. Fringe events such as workshops, competitions and poetry-music-dance performances helped reach out to a larger audience.

One particular moment on the opening night left an indelible impression on Eric and Michelle. As poems were read in different languages, accompanied with a Chinese flautist playing Indian music, the Indian cleaners and Chinese labourers in the area stopped what they were doing and listened intently. It was a spectacle that reflected their purpose of using artistic explorations to bridge different groups of people.

"When you take the language barriers aside, you will find that at the heart of it, our interests and worries are the same, we are not that different from each other."

- Michelle Loh, Poetry Festival (Singapore)

PROJECT: POETRY FESTIVAL (SINGAPORE)



Pitching in together

Creating a sense of inclusiveness through 'Bags of Love'.

Project owners Susanti and Lin Rong Jie started the 'Forward It! SG' project to encourage fellow Singaporeans to do good for others in the society.

Through the project, every \$10 donated from the public provided an elderly beneficiary with a bag of food. The project team also managed to get corporate sponsors to contribute instant beverage packages to the 'Bags of Love'. Volunteers helped pack these bags and distribute them to elderly in need.

During the distribution process, the volunteers also spent time listening to the elderly beneficiaries' life stories. The volunteers, in turn, shared fun technology tips and entertained the elderly with cheerful songs.

Through this project, Susanti and Rong Jie hope to create a greater sense of inclusiveness within the community.

PROJECT: FORWARD IT! SG



"One person can only achieve so much. But if that one person can activate others to pitch in, we can achieve much more together."

- Lin Rong Jie, Forward It! SG

Fostering a climate of trust

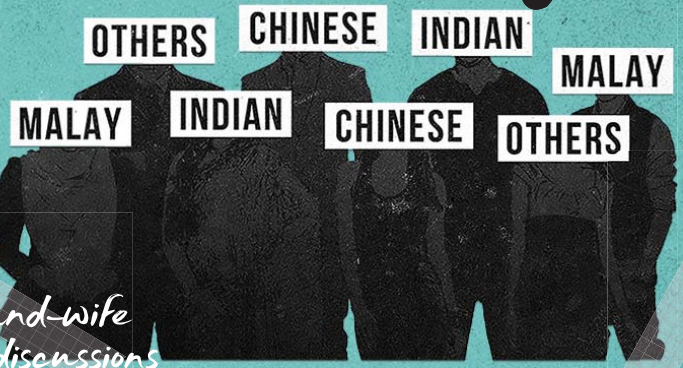
As a Malay saying goes – *tak kenal maka tak cinta* – you can't love what you don't know. Taking the effort to know our fellow Singaporeans is how we begin to understand, respect, and come to trust one another in an atmosphere of openness, where everyone feels safe to share their perspectives.

Being there for one another, not just on National Day but in our everyday interactions – this is how we nurture our treasured relationships and bonds.

@ripples

Tough conversations worth having

PROJECT: MORE THAN JUST



A Singaporean husband-and-wife team facilitates the honest discussions our community needs.

Artwork by Kevin Lau

For Lewis Liu and Chen Li Yi, witnessing one-sided racist comments online was not something they could simply ignore. It was clear to them that the online chatter was divided into various camps, where no one was listening to each other.

With the firm belief that proper civic discourse on race and racism is important in multiracial Singapore, the couple started 'More than Just'.

Over a series of three dinner conversations, they created safe spaces for people from diverse backgrounds to come together and explore their differences.

Putting his experience as a facilitator to good use, Lewis guided participants through touchy and uncomfortable topics, such as race and racism in Singapore, while exploring what micro-racism is.

Through these discussions, participants were invited to share their views and personal stories. While participants may disagree with one another, they were able to do so respectfully and see from one another's perspectives.

During the sessions, Lewis and Li Yi were surprised by how honest and curious the individuals would become in a safe and constructive environment. Participants were able to see beyond labels and build trust with people from other ethnicities, with some even continuing their conversations long after the event had ended.



"We hope Singaporeans can confront issues graciously. There will always be differences, but we can all strive a bit harder to have proper conversations about them."

- Chen Li Yi, More than Just



SILENCE ISN'T ALWAYS GOLDEN, ESPECIALLY WHEN IT STOPS US FROM ASKING THE QUESTIONS THAT NEED ANSWERING.



PROJECT: THE BIRTHDAY COLLECTIVE 2017

Sharing what we each hold dear.

Inspired by the momentum generated through SG50, a group of friends set out to gather a collection of essays exploring the things that matter most to Singaporeans.

As part of a multi-year project, the project team hopes to celebrate Singapore's birthday by publishing a new 'Birthday Book' every year.

'The Birthday Collective 2017' compiled 52 thought pieces - in celebration of Singapore's 52nd birthday. Based on the theme of 'What Should We Never Forget?', the team sought out contributors from all walks of life to present a diverse range of perspectives from different segments in the community.

Through this book project, the team hopes to encourage Singaporeans to engage in constructive and mutually respectful discussions, all while building trust in our society.



"Everyone has an opinion, but they don't always express it. It's good for each generation to explore what they want their society to be."

- Sheila Pakir, The Birthday Collective 2017



Building empathy amongst youths

PROJECT: LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

Helping youths take ownership of the issues faced by our community.

In a bid to engage and empower university youths to be part of a caring and compassionate society, the 'Let Your Light Shine' team empowered university students to organise a forum for their fellow youths; where they would come together and discuss how they can create solutions to meet our community's needs.

Centred around the theme of 'Social Services - Am I Relevant?', participants discussed the role of Voluntary Welfare Organisations (VWOs) in our society, the challenges they face, and how young people can do their part to help VWOs overcome these challenges.

As the university students got in touch with the VWOs to conceptualise and organise the forum, they were able to take a closer look at the issues that are present in our community, and better understand the roles they can play to shape a more caring society.



"It's about inspiring them to put society before self, and going that extra mile to take on more responsibilities."

- Sharon Chan, Let Your Light Shine



Have an idea For Our SG?

- 01 What can we do to build more socially inclusive communities in Singapore?
- 02 Do you have a project idea to bring our community together, as well as promote our Singapore Spirit and shared values?
- 03 How can we support you in this effort and turn your ideas into reality?

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What is an inclusive society?

It is one where everybody benefits from the progress of the nation. It is one where everyone has a say, a stake and a sense of belonging. And it is one where everyone aspires to do better through their own efforts and feels that he or she has a real chance to move up.

Why is this important?

Firstly, and most fundamentally, because we are one family, one Singapore family. Secondly, it reflects what we are: our values and what we stand for... And thirdly, it is a practical matter: If we are inclusive and work together, then we stand together and succeed. But if not, we will fall apart and fail.

- Lee Hsien Loong,
Prime Minister of Singapore



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reality at www.sg/oursingaporefund