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**PEOPLE'S ASSOCIATION YOUTH MOVEMENT EXTENDS ITS
SERVICE LEARNING CHAMPIONS PROGRAMME TO INSTITUTES
OF HIGHER LEARNING**

In conjunction with the annual Service Learning Festival (SLF) on 27 August 2017, the People's Association Youth Movement (PAYM) will announce the extension of its Service Learning Champions (SLC) programme to institutes of higher learning, with the Singapore University of Social Sciences (SUSS) as the first institute coming on board. The extension aims to encourage these university students to continue to contribute and be active in the community even after they leave the school system. Minister for Education (Higher Education and Skills), Mr Ong Ye Kung will also be present to recognise the 21 Project Accolade and 12 STAR Award winners their exemplary impact to the community and leading peers to undertake meaningful projects.

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2 Initiated by the Ministry of Education and PAYM in 2006 to help strengthen the students in character development and acquire useful values and skills beyond classroom, the SLC programme has attracted 40,000 students from 103 schools thus far, including six junior colleges and a Pre-university institute. The award-winning projects by the SLCs will then be showcased at the annual PAYM SLF to encourage a supportive environment for students to learn best practices and share project ideas with one another. A new component at the SLF includes bringing in service learning activities that not only offer participants a hands-on experience, but to spark off ideas on how they can roll out service learning projects such as these in future.

3 One example is Neighbourhood Health Service (NHS), where students from Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, National University of Singapore, have been identifying residents-in-need and reconnect them back to the healthcare system through free health screenings. At the SLF, they will be conducting free health screenings for the elderly from Sree Narayana Mission, including checks for blood pressure, capillary blood glucose, height and weight, and basic eye test.

4 For Siti A'dlina Bte Md Yusoff, STAR Award winner from Springfield Secondary School, shared that it was through volunteering and being involved in community projects that she learnt to be more gracious, empathetic and more responsible, not just towards others but herself and her family members as well. It has shaped her to be the better person she is today, having helped needy households give a new coat of paint to their homes, educating residents on environmental tips and bringing joy the beneficiaries from Jamiyah Home for the Aged. Inspired by her efforts, her peers not only look up to her as a role model but followed in her footsteps to be involved as well.

5 Similarly for Phoebe Lam Yu Qi, STAR Award winner from Holy Innocent's High School and also Project Accolade winner for Community YOUTHsparks, under the mentorship of Punggol CC YEC, she learnt how to organise a community event such as Community YOUTHsparks, to revive the 'gotong rayong' spirit in amongst the residents while even taking the step further to join the YEC so as to continue her service learning journey.

6 Your journalist and photographer are cordially invited to **People's Association Youth Movement Service-Learning Festival 2017 on Sunday, 27 August 2017, 10.45am at the Singapore University of Social Sciences, Block D, Performing Arts Theatre Foyer** (Address: 461 Clementi Road, Singapore 599491). Interviews with the award winners can be arranged prior to the event. The programme is attached at Annex A for your reference. Please RSVP your attendance to the media contact persons below by Friday, 25 August, 6.00pm.

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About People's Association

The [People's Association](#) (PA) is a statutory board established on 1 July 1960 to promote racial harmony and social cohesion, and to bring the Government and people closer. We offer a wide range of community [programmes](#) and volunteering opportunities for Singaporeans from all walks of life. Our network includes more than 1,800 [grassroots organisations](#) (GROs), over 100 Community Clubs, five Community Development Councils, National Community Leadership Institute and Water-Venture. More information at www.pa.gov.sg.

About People's Association Youth Movement (PAYM)

The PAYM was set up in 1971 as a core youth movement in Singapore to engage youth in meaningful pursuits and support the Government in nation building. Through our strategy of 'Youth for Youth, Youth for Community', PAYM provides diverse and holistic activities for our youths to develop into responsible and active citizens. Involving 102 Youth Clubs based at the Community Clubs/Centres (CCs), PAYM's various programs and activities create a common space for youth to bond and contribute to their local communities regardless of race, religion and educational backgrounds. Over at PAYM, we proactively create opportunities for our youth to unleash their potentials and fulfil their aspirations.

Find out more about PAYM at www.paymyouths.sg and www.facebook.com/PAYMyouths.

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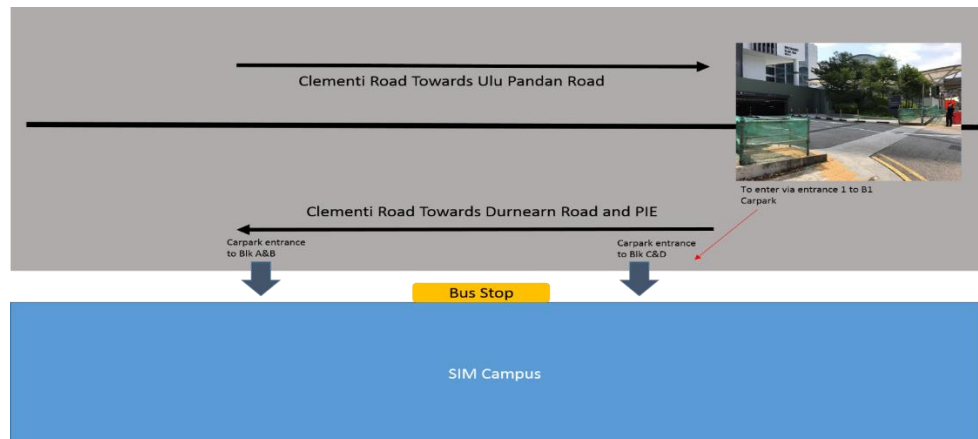
PROGRAMME

<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>
10.30am	- Commencement of Service-Learning Activities
10.45am	- Arrival of Media
11.00am	- Arrival of Mr Ong Ye Kung Minister for Education (Higher Education and Skills) Second Minister for Defence Grassroots Adviser to Sembawang GRC GROs
	- Address by Mr Ong Ye Kung
11.15am	- Commencement of Service-Learning Awards Ceremony Mr Ong Ye Kung to present awards to winners of Project Accolades and S.T.A.R Awards
11.40am	- Mr Ong Ye Kung to participate in the Service-Learning Activities to interact with the activity volunteers and beneficiaries
12.15pm	- Mr Ong Ye Kung to leave at his convenience Reception
1.00pm	- End of Programme

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LOCATION MAP

Route to SUSS Blk D, Performing Arts Theatre Foyer



Upon alighting from B1 car park, to take lift C2 to proceed to Level 1



At Level 1, to turn right (Starbucks on the left) to Performing Arts Theatre



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LIST OF WINNERS FOR PROJECT ACCOLADES

The Project Accolade affirms and recognise outstanding projects undertaken by Service Learning Champion programme which have successfully integrated students' learning objectives with meaningful community service projects to meet real community needs.

S/N	Projects	School	Award
1	Block Party at Block 162	Admiralty Secondary School	Gold
2	Family Day at Gardens by the Bay	Admiralty Secondary School	Gold
3	Go Green for Community 2016	Bukit Panjang Government High School	Gold
4	Community YOUTHspark	Holy Innocents' High School	Gold
5	Project ACE (Active Care for the Elderly)	Raffles Girls' School	Gold
6	Project Bluetick: Staying Safe from Online Predators	Raffles Girls' School	Gold
7	CNY Celebration 2017	Bukit Panjang Government High School	Silver
8	Prevention of Bicycle Theft & Illegal Money Lending	East Spring Secondary School	Silver
9	Project Dough	Holy Innocents' High School	Silver
10	Healthy Living, Active Aging	Nan Hua High School	Silver
11	Project Integrate	Hwa Chong Institution	Silver
12	Project K1ndling	Hwa Chong Institution	Silver
13	Project Reinvigorate	Hwa Chong Institution	Silver
14	Project Varietas	Hwa Chong Institution	Silver
15	The Artism Puzzle	Raffles Girls' School	Silver
16	Project Gardening	Yuying Secondary School	Silver
17	Project Nourishment	Dunman High School	Bronze
18	Project Edelstein	Hwa Chong Institution	Bronze
19	Project Platinum	Hwa Chong Institution	Bronze
20	Values in Action Project with Youth Guidance Outreach Services	Meridien Secondary School	Bronze
21	Children's Cancer Foundation Fundraising Project 2017	Paya Lebar Methodist Girls' School	Bronze

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LIST OF WINNERS FOR S.T.A.R AWARDS

The S.T.A.R Award acknowledges exemplary student leaders who have led their peers to undertake meaningful projects and made a positive impact to the community.

S/N	Name	School
1	Lim Wen Jun	Bukit Panjang Government High School
2	Samuel Khor Chun Sung	Bukit Panjang Government High School
3	Phoebe Lam Yu Qi	Holy Innocents' High School
4	Jaynielle Claire Tan Pineda	Holy Innocents' High School
5	Lim Jun Kai Jordan	Hwa Chong Institution
6	Lee Chun Wan	Hwa Chong Institution
7	Ong Cheng Kiat	Millennia Institute Youth Diplomats Society
8	Lai Jun Yang	Nan Hua High School
9	Goh Rui Si	Nan Hua High School
10	Gan Jia Xin	Nan Hua High School
11	Kwek Yan Ling Jaseline	Springfield Secondary School
12	Siti A'dlina Bte Md Yussoff	Springfield Secondary School

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INFORMATION ON SELECTED AWARD RECIPIENTS

Project Accolade – GOLD:

Community YOUTHspark by Holy Innocents' High School



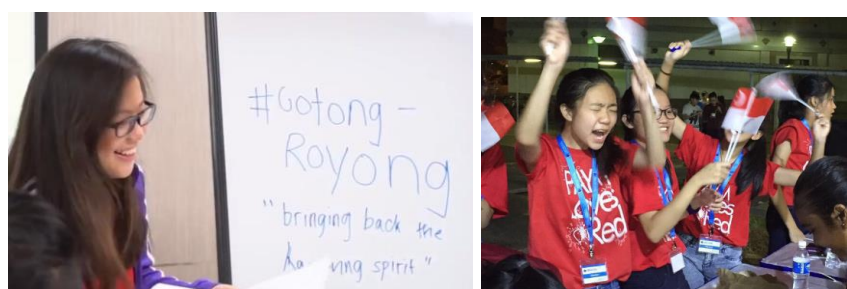
Reviving the 'gotong rayong' spirit in neighbours

Kampungs may be long gone from Singapore but bringing back the kampung spirit was the prime motivation of the Community YOUTHsparks team from *Holy Innocents' High School*.

With technological advancements and widespread use of smartphones, the students felt that the bonds between neighbours were weaker than before as people spent more time on their gadgets than socialising with their neighbours and families.

Aimed at all age groups, 300 residents participated in the carnival organised by HIHS students and it featured games that were frequently played in the kampung. The project proved to be a huge success under the mentorship of Punggol Community Club (CC) Youth Executive Committee (YEC) who guided the students from the start till end, including how to approach residents to find out their needs and how to go about organising a community event.

S.T.A.R Award Winner: Phoebe Lam Yu Qi, Holy Innocents' High School



Being part of the organising committee in projects such as Community YOUThspark Carnival 2016 has not only broaden Phoebe's mindset and knowledge of the community, but also honed her leadership and project management skills. She actively shares her volunteering experience with her fellow schoolmates to inspire them to serve and to continue doing her part for the community, Phoebe even joined her mentors as a member of Punggol CC YEC.

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Project Accolade – GOLD:

Project ACE (Active Care for the Elderly) by Raffles Junior College



Continuing Caring for the Elderly from Secondary to JC

With ageing taking as a rapidly evolving phenomenon in Singapore, students from *Raffles Junior College* conceptualised Project ACE (Active Care for the Elderly) in an effort to keep the elderly mentally and physically active.

Working alongside Lion Befrienders Senior Activity Centres (SACs), the students took the time to gain a better understanding of active ageing and the needs of the 150 elderly residents; they did simple exercises with the elderly, played bingo with them or engage them in arts and crafts.

In fact, they started the journey since their secondary school days back in Raffles Girls' School. With the extension of the Service Learning Champion programme to Junior Colleges last year, they continued Project ACE. Seeing how the elderly residents look forward to their sessions, the students were motivated to continue the efforts and would be organising a healthcare event in next 2 years to educate the elderly on the need for active ageing and how they can do so.

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Project Accolade – SILVER:
Prevention of Bicycle Theft & Illegal Money Lending by
East Spring Secondary School



Looking out for one another with hands on assistance and education

With the rise in the number of bicycle thefts and reported cases of illegal money lending in the neighbourhood, students from *East Spring Secondary School* and Changi Neighbourhood Police Centre (NPC) joint efforts to advise residents on the methods to lock their bicycles securely and educate them on the implications to be involved with illegal money lending activities.

Crime prevention is a community effort. While engaging in conversations with the members of public, the students are able to create the awareness of prevailing crimes and it has thus, built their self-confidence and communication skills.

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S.T.A.R Award Winner:
Ong Cheng Kiat, Millennia Institute Youth Diplomat Society



Cheng Kiat is a person who takes initiative in doing things and he was responsible for introducing the Service Learning Champion (SLC) programme to Millennia Institute. Having graduated from Kranji Secondary School where he was also actively involved and benefitted from the programme, together with PAYM, he introduced SLC to the Millennia Institute Youth Diplomats Society and has played a pivotal role in bridging communication and partnerships between Millennia Institute and Yew Tee CC YEC.

Eager to foster the spirit of volunteerism, he would do his utmost best to involve as many students as possible whenever there are service-learning opportunities available in school, leading in projects such as Community YOUThCare Festival where the youths take the lead in caring for the needy and vulnerable communities.

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S.T.A.R Award Winner:

Siti A'dlina Bte Md Yussoff, Springfield Secondary School



Siti A'dlina has always been eager to get engaged in Values-In-Action activities to serve the school and the community, and would proactively seek more opportunities to work together with Tampines West CC YEC.

Through her active involvement with the YEC, she has helped several groups of people such as the residents in Tampines by increasing their awareness on environmental concerns, spreading joy to the beneficiaries from Jamiyah Home for the Aged or helping needy households by refurbishing and giving the houses a new coat of paint.

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INFORMATION ON SERVICE LEARNING ACTIVITIES

S/N	Activity Description
1	<p><u>Neighbourhood Health Service (NHS) by Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, National University of Singapore</u></p> <p>Neighbourhood Health Service (NHS) is one of NUS Medicine's flagship community health service projects initiated by NUS Medicine, Nursing and Social Work students. Started in 2008, NHS aims to identify residents-in-need, especially the elderly and needy residents, and reconnect them back to the healthcare system through free health screenings.</p> <p>At the Service Learning Festival, these students will be providing health screenings to the beneficiaries attending. They include checks for blood pressure, capillary blood glucose, height and weight and basic eye test.</p>
2	<p><u>Regular Service Project for the Deaf Community (RSP DC) by Nanyang Technological University Welfare Services Club</u></p> <p>The Regular Service Project for the Deaf Community (RSP DC) aims to help the deaf community through weekly tuition programme for deaf children and teenagers, and enrichment courses held for the deaf adults.</p> <p>Sign language is one of the main means of communication between those who are deaf; to learn about the importance of communication through gesturing for a more inclusive community, students from the Deafening Interest Group will teach basic sign language gestures.</p>
3	<p><u>Painting of Surgical Gown by Republic Polytechnic Smile Asia Interest Group</u></p> <p>Smile Asia is a non-profit organisation that serves to help children and young adults in developing countries who are born with cleft issues or other facial deformities. As part of the Smile Asia Interest Group, students from Republic Polytechnic hopes to create greater awareness to the public through the painting of surgical gowns for children to wear during their surgeries, as a form of encouragement before they go through the surgery.</p>

4	<p><u>Intergenerational Learning Programme (ILP) by Nan Hua High School Service Learning Club</u></p> <p>Students from the Nan Hua High School Service Learning Club has been running Intergenerational Learning Programme – including cooking classes and computer lessons for the elderly to equip them with healthy living tips and also keeping up with technology.</p> <p>They also observed that the elderly can find enjoyment through hobbies such as floral arrangements and gardening, potentially reducing depression, improving memory and inculcating a sense of community. At the Service Learning Festival, students from Nan Hua High School will be using pandan leaves to do a simple flower arrangement.</p> <p><i>Nan Hua Secondary School is also a winner of Project Accolade (Silver) for “Healthy Living, Active Ageing”.</i></p>
5	<p><u>Bags of Hope</u> by Millennia Institute Youth Diplomats Society</p> <p>30 students from Millennia Institute (MI) Youth Diplomats Society will be drawing personalised tote bags together with elderly from Sree Narayana Mission. Inside the tote bags, there will be food items and encouragement notes that the elderly can bring back. Bags of Hope will be piloted during PAYM Service-Learning Festival and the MI students are planning to reach out to more elderly and the less-privileged community.</p>