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# Yong-en News

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## ***Return on investment***

Yong-en invests in the next generation via our bi-yearly Internship programme through supervision on-the-job and experiential learning. Interns from NTU and Ngee Ann Polytechnic were greatly exposed to community needs and there were diverse opportunities for them to shine. We concluded our Internship Programme on 13<sup>th</sup> June, and Interns shared insights from project completion and learnings during their four months at Yong-en.



*Ms Yap Su-Yin, Tan Chin Tuan Foundation CEO (3<sup>rd</sup> from left) and her colleagues at our Interns' Presentation event.*

*Multi-sensory Board and Technical Board created for Dementia Day Care seniors by Allen Kwok and Chua Shi Jia from Psychology studies, NTU.*



The Interns contributed value-added service to our beneficiaries through creating Multi-sensory and Technical boards for seniors with dementia, curating carnival-cum-learning for lower income households, conducting ukulele classes for both active seniors and seniors with dementia, helping out at our children's camp, counselling seniors with depression, etc. We were wow-ed by our Interns' energy and creativity.

We are pleased to have special guests from Tan Chin Tuan Foundation (TCTF) join the event: Ms Yap Su-Yin (TCTF's CEO) and her colleagues, Ms Angeline Kwong and Ms Valerie Tan.

A big thank you to Tan Chin Tuan Foundation for supporting Yong-en's Internship Programme for the year - benefitting both Yong-en's beneficiaries and team!

# Highlights of Outcomes and Learnings

Hear from some interns on what they have gained from their internship experience:

"It really opens my eyes to the social work sector in ways that is beyond academic. I was able to learn much more by working and interacting with the clients. This experience taught me that every client is unique, and we should embrace this diversification if one is to pursue a career in social work."



**Freddy Ow, Psychology Studies,  
Ngee Ann Polytechnic**



"I learnt that social work isn't just about following a certain way or method, because everyone has different needs and wants. The reality is that we can't help every single person, but we can always work with the best of our ability to help those that we can."

**Giles Francis De Cruz, Psychology Studies,  
Ngee Ann Polytechnic**

"It has been a humbling and enriching experience. I have become more aware of my own privileged position as I help the needy and I have come to respect their stories of resilience."



**Chan Jun Ren, Sociology, NTU**

"The greatest gain is having first-hand experience with dementia. We learnt about the need to stay alert and the ability to react to potential outbursts, arguments and to also act as a mediator to problems due to the unpredictable nature of the clients. Ultimately, we are providing colour and diversity to the clients' otherwise repetitive days."

**Chua Shi Jia and Allen Kwok, Psychology, NTU**

"My main takeaway from this internship is the purpose and importance of serving the underprivileged in our society."



**Joanne Fu,  
Sociology, NTU**



## Pledge It Forward

Yong-en was 1 of 51 charities selected by The Social Co. to benefit from Pledge It Forward Campaign. It was a campaign period of eight months where technology and online fundraising platforms were leveraged upon, and Social Co and charities' network were rallied to participate.

Like-minded celebrities and corporates participated and the campaign concluded on 31 January 2018. \$4,714.10 was gifted to Yong-en as such.

Yong-en is grateful to The Social Co. and supporters in showing your care to folks in need. On behalf of our beneficiaries, Thank you!

If you wish to make a donation, please visit [www.yong-en.org.sg](http://www.yong-en.org.sg) for more information for non-cheque donations. For cheque donations please issue to "Yong-en Care Centre" and mail it to "335A Smith Street, #03-57, Singapore 051335", and indicate: •Organisation Name (for corporate donation) and contact person; •Name as in NRIC and NRIC number (for tax deduction for individual donors) •Mailing address (for us to send you the receipt) •Email address.

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