

A Slice of S-L

Several firsts for Service-Learning in the months of September, October and November

Our Social Future: Innovating for Tomorrow

- A first-of-its-kind conference by NP to inspire and enable the social sector to be more future-ready
- 400 participants from government, social sector, education & business
- 8 impactful speakers
- 9 exciting exhibition booths

“ Inspired me to think about how else we can do things we are already doing and be more innovative. ”

Sheena Lim

“ Well organised, great participation and great sharing of insights and experiences! ”

S P Neo

Wish you had been there? Fret not. Recordings of the speakers' presentations will be made available soon.

Some highlights...



A human-robot hosting segment



A "tea-break" with worms, meatless jerky and fortified liquid food to challenge thinking about the future of food



"Is the Social Sector in Singapore Future-Ready?" - a thought-provoking discussion



The winning team comprising HMS, CLTE & OSL colleagues Angel Chan, Faith Ong, Jean Ong, Juliet Choo, Sangeeta Nair, Tiong Shiu-an Shiu-an, Tan Bee Yan & Tan Yew Kong

We won a research prize!

The S-L Research Team won the ERAS Conference Teacher Research Paper Prize Award 2018 (\$2000)! The only team to win in this category, their research was on "What Service-Learning design & delivery considerations were associated with students' civic responsibility and academic connections?"

Got a S-L research idea? Come chat with OSL. We'll also rope in our S-L consultants, Prof Bringle and Prof Oakes!

Our first "A Day with the Community"

This programme aimed to give non-acad staff a taste of S-L and how it differs from community service. It was held at Dignity Kitchen on 11 Oct.

Some 20 staff learnt to cook from Persons with Disabilities, then served the dishes they had made to a group of elderly. This was followed by a reflection session.

Our colleagues gave the experience a thumbs-up! Look out for other such programmes in 2019!



Non-acad colleagues became "hawkers" for a day

Our first Empathy cum Design Thinking Workshop

For the first time, we combined Empathy Challenge with a Design Thinking (DT) workshop! Some 90 teachers from De La Salle School attended this programme in which they experienced

- a mini Tour in the Dark
- wheelchair and elderly simulation exercises
- using sign-language to "order" their desert
- using DT techniques to address some school challenges

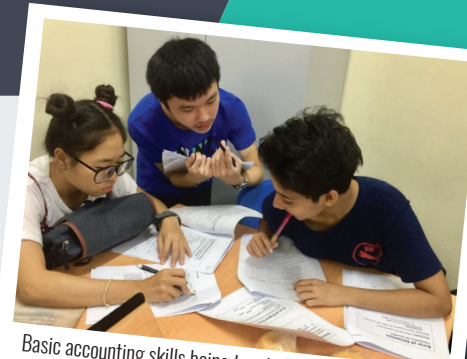
Thanks to IS colleagues Peter Phan and Max Lam for facilitating the DT session along with OSL trainers, and AA's Lau Ee Wun for teaching simple sign language.

Going beyond just S-L modules

To help refugee youth gain the London Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI) Level 1 & 2 qualifications, BA held intense coaching at Klang's El Shaddai Refugee Learning Centre in September. 10 BA student volunteers tutored over 20 refugee youth while BA lecturers gave tips to the local volunteer teachers on how to teach and motivate the refugee students better.

BA staff further exemplified S-L via a Diploma in Business Practice (International Supply Change Management) course for 16 prison inmates. NP's senior leaders had visited the Prison School in Feb 2017, as part of OSL's Senior Leadership S-L Programme. During the visit, Principal Clarence Ti had mooted the idea of an NP diploma for inmates which BA gamely took up.

This is the first time that a poly diploma is being offered to inmates, enabling them to benefit from better accreditation.



Basic accounting skills being taught by BA student tutors to refugee youth



BA staff Geok Kian, Steven and Jolene who coached volunteer teachers at ERLC



YEP Showcase of 12 trips to 4 countries

Our first YEP Showcase

A photo exhibition of the Sep/Oct 2018 YEP trips was held to inspire students to sign up for YEP. In just 4 days, over 500 students indicated their interest to go on YEP. OSL has informed schools who these students are.