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More than 50,000 people have contributed to the SG Youth Plan

Saturday, 6 September 2025 – As part of SG60, the Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth (MCCY) and the National Youth Council (NYC), together with their partners, have been organising engagements with youths to co-develop the SG Youth Plan. ***From November 2024 to July 2025, more than 200,000 responses were gathered from over 50,000 youths and stakeholders***, covering topics that matter most to youths – from education and career pathways to well-being, interpersonal relationships, and civic action. Collectively, these will shape the SG Youth Plan – a five-year plan by youths and for youths, which will support their aspirations, needs, and interests, so that they can grow into the best versions of themselves.

2 Another 1,000 youths and stakeholders came together at the SG Youth Forum, an SG Youth Plan milestone event organised by NYC and supported by MCCY. Guest-of-Honour Mr David Neo, Acting Minister for Culture, Community and Youth, and Senior Minister of State for Education, exchanged perspectives and ideas with youths during a panel dialogue, on how youths can play a part in leading conversations and driving change, and how the whole-of-society can support youths to be active citizens who are passionate about making a difference. ***He shared that a key priority for MCCY was to enable youths to have the courage and confidence to pursue their diverse aspirations and to have the opportunities to shape our shared future.*** Beyond the dialogue, the SG Youth Forum also featured a marketplace showcasing youths in action, workshops centred on youth interests, and participatory budgeting for youth-led projects, where youths directly decided how much funding these projects would receive.

Youths' Hopes and Aspirations for Singapore

3 Across the SG Youth Plan engagements since November 2024, youths from all walks of life have shared their hopes for the future, how they wish to be supported to pursue these aspirations, and how they want to contribute to building our shared future.

Youths have a strong sense of purpose

4 **Over 2 in 3 youths polled want to find fulfilment and purpose in their work.**

While youths are pragmatic and are still concerned about issues such as careers and finances, they want to chart their own paths, desiring to explore different career pathways, redefine what success looks like, and thrive in an evolving and ever-changing world. 6 in 10 youths engaged wish for Singapore to be a society that celebrates wider definitions of success, and encourages pushing new frontiers, risk-taking, and learning from failures. They recognise that this requires courage, and they want more support in navigating societal expectations and pressures, and bouncing back from failures.

Youths desire to contribute to the community and nation

5 **More than 50% of youths whom NYC polled desire to make a positive impact on the community, and close to 50% hope for Singapore to have more platforms for youths to contribute.** They want to make a positive impact in their community and wish to have more support and platforms to contribute and be civically active. Over 1 in 2 youths aspire to be active volunteers and will give their time to help others and their communities regularly. NYC has been supporting youths to exemplify this “We First” spirit – since the start of the year, NYC’s Young ChangeMakers (YCM)¹ initiative has supported more than 150 projects involving close to 1,400 youths.

¹ The Young ChangeMakers (YCM) empowers youths to turn ideas into meaningful action for the community by providing grants, mentorship and support.

Youths value connections

6 **Over 6 in 10 polled envision Singapore as a cohesive society, with diverse and inclusive communities where people care for one another and treat each other with kindness and empathy.** Youths recognise that living in a digital age shape both the strength and diversity of their friendships. The idea of connecting through nurturing communities strongly resonates with youths. They wish to build strong, meaningful and lasting relationships, and want to spend time with their friends and family.

Continued Support for Youths to Have Courage and Confidence for the Future

7 Beyond the SG Youth Forum, MCCY and NYC will continue to co-develop the SG Youth Plan with youths. The SG Youth Plan will build on existing initiatives for youths to pursue their aspirations and passion, such as the Youth Expedition Project (YEP)², YCM , and the Mentoring SG movement. Collectively, these efforts and initiatives provide youths with the platforms, networks, and resources to develop life skills in their various pursuits and life transitions.

8 **The SG Youth Plan is a collective effort – it will take all of society, including youths themselves, to help this generation of youths succeed and build a better Singapore.** To encourage the whole-of-society to rally together for this purpose, NYC will continue collaborating with partners from across the public, private, and people (3P) sectors, such as Halogen, IMYouth, and Bold@Work, to expand youth development opportunities for youths, and to co-develop the SG Youth Plan. NYC encourages youths and stakeholders to continue participating in the SG Youth Plan engagements, contribute their views and ideas, and take action to build our Singapore

² This year, the Youth Expedition Project (YEP) celebrates its 25th anniversary. The YEP supports youths to participate in service-learning journeys in the region, nurturing confident and resilient youths who are active citizens with the desire to make a difference to Singapore and the region. Through YEP, youths lead community projects in areas such as education, infrastructure and skills-building with regional partners, focusing on long-term community impact.

together. The list of upcoming SG Youth Plan engagements is available at www.youthplan.gov.sg.

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About the National Youth Council

At NYC we believe in a world where young people are respected and heard and have the ability to influence and make a difference in the world. Together with our partners, we develop future-ready youth who are committed to Singapore by instilling in them a heart for service, resilience and an enterprising spirit.

About the Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth

The Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth seeks to inspire Singaporeans through the arts and sports, strengthen community bonds, and promote volunteerism and philanthropy. Since its inception in November 2012, MCCY has been actively engaging the arts, heritage, sports, community and youth sectors. The Ministry aims to bring into sharper focus the efforts to build a more cohesive and vibrant society, and to deepen a sense of identity and belonging to the nation. MCCY will work with its stakeholders to create an environment where Singaporeans can pursue their aspirations for a better quality of life and together, build a gracious and caring society that we are proud to call home.

About the SG Youth Plan

SG60 is about Building Singapore Together, and how each of us can contribute to a Singapore that we will proudly call home. MCCY and NYC, together with our partners, are organising a year-long series of engagements for youths to connect with others who are just as passionate about making a difference and taking action to build our shared future. The engagements will culminate in an SG Youth Plan – a five-year action plan created by youths, for youths, and supported by all of us, so that we collectively do our part for Singapore and fellow Singaporeans.

About the SG Youth Forum

The SG Youth Forum is a milestone event of the SG Youth Plan. It is an opportunity for youths and stakeholders to reflect on how far we have come as we commemorate 60 years of nation building.

Through key components such as a panel dialogue, marketplace of people, private and public partners, participatory budgeting exercise for youth projects, and workshops driven by youths' interests, the Forum brings together youths from all walks of life to gain awareness of the SG Youth Plan as a national platform where they can shape their future, find out what their peers have contributed to the SG Youth Plan, and how they can play their part in contributing towards a refreshed social compact.

The Forum exemplifies youths-in-action and serves to empower more youths to be part of the journey to contribute towards a democracy of deeds.