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Youth Corps Singapore: Youth Volunteer Numbers Reach Multi-Year High

Youth Corps Singapore (Youth Corps), a division under the National Youth Council (NYC) championing youth volunteerism, saw its highest number of volunteers in recent years, with over 10,000 youths contributing more than 75,000 hours of service and positively impacting over 6,500 individuals in 2025. With over 1 in 2 of youths aspiring to be active volunteers (NYC SG Youth Plan Engagement Polls; 2025), Youth Corps will continue to create even more opportunities for youths to serve meaningfully, exemplifying their vision statement “Ignite Change, Grow Good Together” and support a new generation of youths with a heart for the community and for Singapore, as part of the SG Youth Plan (2026 – 2030).

2 The Youth Corps Commencement Ceremony on 28 March 2025 recognised volunteers who give back to the community, with more than 240 Youth Corps volunteers conferred as Youth Corps Leaders¹. Since its inception in 2014, Youth Corps has trained 11,000 leaders and provided more than 76,000 volunteering opportunities through its various volunteering programmes locally and in the region. The Ceremony was graced by President Tharman Shanmugaratnam, Patron of Youth Corps Singapore; Mr David Neo, Acting Minister for Culture, Community and Youth and Senior Minister of State for Education; and Mdm Rahayu Mahzam, Minister of State for Digital Development and Information & Health, and Chairperson of Youth Corps Advisory Committee.

Youth Remain Civic-minded and Desire to Make a Positive Impact

3 Volunteerism is an important aspect of youth development. It brings about substantial benefits, such as building social connections across backgrounds, supporting national needs

¹ These youth volunteers include those who have completed the Youth Corps Leaders Programme and Youth Corps Community Internship (Leaders Track), and those who have stepped into leadership roles as Cluster leaders in Youth Corps Clusters and as Volunteer Coordinators in community service programmes.

and developing civic and societal leadership. A Youth Volunteer Aspiration Survey conducted by the Youth Corps in 2024 also revealed that youth volunteers are motivated by altruistic factors such as wanting to help others in need, making use of their free time meaningfully, and making a difference to society.

4 This was also one of the findings during the past year of engagements with youths and stakeholders, where youths voiced their desire to remain civic-minded and want to contribute to the community through volunteerism and community action. NYC is looking at providing more opportunities for youths to be civically involved, as part of the five-year SG Youth Plan.

5 To support this, Youth Corps will continue to train leaders through programmes like the Youth Corps Leaders Programme and NYC Leaders Course. These youth leaders will sustain their volunteerism through different developmental pathways such as mentoring new volunteers, facilitating programmes, leading volunteer teams, starting their own projects and rallying fellow youths to serve. Youth Corps will also scale by creating more impactful volunteering opportunities by re-engaging youth leaders to sustain their volunteering efforts and creating more collaborations with like-minded partners. This equips youths to be confident, actively contribute to our shared future, and build connections with people across all walks of life.

Building a Network of Partners in Areas of Societal Needs to Create a Stronger Volunteering Ecosystem

6 Partners expand the range of volunteering opportunities for youths and support youth volunteers to build up skills that are useful in volunteering and in their daily lives. Youth Corps has been growing partnerships with:

- Institutes of Higher Learning (IHLs), including offering more leadership training programmes such as Programme X, Youth Corps Leaders Programme, in-house developed online modules, and tailored volunteering opportunities that meet the needs of IHLs and their students, and,
- Other specialised sectors to strengthen and grow opportunities for youths to support areas of national needs such as:
 - Ageing population: Partnerships with Care Corner and Blossom Seeds focus on intergenerational programmes to bridge the gap between elderly and youth.
 - Health:

- *Healthcare and ageing population:* New collaborations with Singapore General Hospital and Trigen seek to build a healthcare volunteer ecosystem for youths to contribute to these needs.
- *Mental health:* Enhanced Project Re:ground promotes youth mental well-being through a peer support programme and a dedicated self-care space for youth, by training more peer supporters and expanding reach through partnerships with the Health Promotion Board and SHINE Children and Youth Services.
- Environment & sustainability: Partnerships with Passion Wave and Public Hygiene Council create more youth-led green initiatives.

7 Beyond Youth Corps, the effort to continue engaging our youths by providing them with platforms and opportunities will continue through the SG Youth Plan, a five-year action plan that will support our youths to be confident and connected citizens with a heart for the community. The SG Youth Plan will be launched later this year. More information on the SG Youth Plan and how whole-of-society can join us in this endeavour can be found 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 Youth Corps Singapore

Youth Corps Singapore (Youth Corps) is a division of the National Youth Council (NYC). Youth Corps was launched in 2014 to champion youth volunteerism to build active citizenry and a more caring and cohesive society. Youth Corps serves as a collaboration platform between youths, community service organisations, and the wider society to ignite positive change.

About the SG Youth Plan

MCCY and NYC, together with our partners, have embarked on a series of engagements since November 2024 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.