



Republic Polytechnic launches pilot series of career guidance workshops in partnership with Workforce Singapore

The Designing Your Life workshops will support around 1,000 individuals in planning for their later-stage careers and life goals

Singapore, 8 April 2025 – Republic Polytechnic (RP) and Designing Your Life Institute (DYLi), in partnership with Workforce Singapore (WSG), has launched a pilot series of career guidance workshops titled “*Designing Your Life – The Next Chapter*” to support individuals in planning for their later-stage careers. This complements the Career Health SG, a nationwide initiative to help individuals take charge of their careers and achieve their career aspirations.

2 Starting May 2025, this workshop pilot will benefit approximately 1,000 individuals and support the goals and plans for their later-stage careers and life while empowering them to be productive and employable. For a start, it will be open to those who are 50 and above. The two-day programme will equip participants with practical design thinking tools to craft meaningful career and life transitions, balancing continued contribution with personal fulfilment. The workshops adopt a research-backed design thinking framework that comprises proven methodologies developed by Bill Burnett and Dave Evans, co-founders of Stanford Life Design Lab and authors of the book, *Designing Your Life*.

3 Through interactive exercises, participants will explore their aspirations, reframe challenges, and develop actionable steps towards their next career and life chapter. Following the workshop, they will receive additional support through small group consultancy sessions with facilitators who will review their progress and personal action plans.

4 “Noting that *Designing Your Life* has helped students and young professionals worldwide gain clarity, resilience and adaptability in their early careers, this specially curated programme can likewise benefit those seeking to reframe their career paths, explore new career directions, and remain competitive and confident for their later-stage careers. As an institute of higher learning, RP is committed to support this segment of our workforce with skills to complement their years of experience. This way, they can pursue their goals with intention and clarity while continuing to be active contributors to society,” said Ms Jeanne Liew, Principal and CEO of RP.

5 Ms Dilys Boey, Chief Executive of WSG, said “This partnership between RP and WSG marks a significant step in supporting the career journeys of our mature workers. Through the “*Designing Your Life – The Next Chapter*” workshops, we are supporting individuals in charting meaningful paths for their later-stage careers. As part of the commitment to extend productive longevity of our workforce, WSG will strengthen collaborations with our partners to deliver targeted career guidance programmes. Through such a supportive ecosystem, we hope to help individuals enhance career adaptability and thrive in the next chapter of their professional lives while strengthening their career health.”

6 The programme will be fully subsidised by WSG for Singaporeans and Singapore Permanent Residents aged 50 years old and above. For more information, please visit for.edu.sg/dyl-next-chapter.

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About Republic Polytechnic

Established in 2002, Republic Polytechnic (RP) is Singapore's youngest polytechnic. RP offers over 40 full-time courses across diverse fields, including Applied Science, Business, Engineering, Hospitality, Infocomm, Sports and Health, and Technology for Arts, Media and Design. Through its "Becoming Greater Me" framework, RP endeavours to spark joy in learning by helping students discover their purpose and aligning their goals and passions with both academic and life pursuits.

RP adopts effective learner-centred pedagogies to equip students with a wide range of skills needed to thrive in an ever-evolving world. The polytechnic envisions its graduates as Articulate Self-Starters, Passionate Community Builders, and Purposeful Game-Changers. Additionally, RP's Academy for Continuing Education offers a comprehensive suite of lifelong learning programmes, providing graduates and adult learners with upskilling opportunities.

About Workforce Singapore

Workforce Singapore (WSG) is a statutory board under the Ministry of Manpower that promotes the development, competitiveness, inclusiveness, and employability of all levels of the workforce. Its key mission is to enable Singaporeans to meet their career aspirations, take on quality jobs at different stages of life, and help enterprises be competitive and manpower lean. WSG's focus is on strengthening the Singaporean core and ensuring that Singaporeans are able to have better jobs and careers. WSG, in partnership with key stakeholders, also provides support to business owners and companies to enable them to transform and grow, while building a future-ready workforce.

About Designing Your Life Institute

The Designing Your Life Institute Singapore applies Stanford's design thinking to help individuals create fulfilling careers and meaningful lives. We empower Singaporeans through methodologies backed by 20 years of teaching and the bestselling "Designing Your Life." Our evidence-based workshops build self-efficacy and creative confidence, improving career trajectories and wellbeing across key transitions: 20-Somethings launching careers, Mid-Careerists seeking renewal, and Golden Years individuals creating purpose-filled retirement. We expand our impact through trainer development and strategic partnerships.