

Young Social Entrepreneurs

Inspire, Equip and Enable

The Young Social Entrepreneurs (YSE) programme seeks to inspire, equip and enable youth of different nationalities to embark on social enterprises in Singapore and beyond. The programme nurtures a network of social entrepreneurs, where the power of ideas, know-how and resources can be harnessed to enrich lives and effect positive change for a better world. Through the YSE programme, participants learn from and interact with leading social entrepreneurs, business professionals and other youth who are keen on social innovation, while expanding their networks for potential collaborations and partnerships to do good.

Who are our Young Social Entrepreneurs (YSEs)?

Our YSEs are committed social entrepreneurs who have been selected from a pool of aspiring young changemakers to join the YSE programme. They are either looking to launch, or have launched, enterprises that aim to provide sustainable solutions to address social challenges.

The social impact projects of the YSE alumni have been featured on Channel Newsasia's '*Friends for a Better World – On The Red Dot*' series. This TV series is a weekly current affairs programme that seeks to showcase the people and the communities that make up Singapore. It highlights efforts by different groups of Singaporeans who make a difference to people's lives. To watch some of the episodes which feature the YSE alumni's work, click [here](#).

YSE Mentorship

Mentorship is a structured and critical component of the YSE programme. Dedicated mentors help to shape the perspectives of YSEs, enhance their growth as changemakers and guide them towards achieving their goals. The YSE team's role is to facilitate the collaboration between the mentor and the YSEs. Applications are now open for the following types of mentors:

1. **Workshop Mentor:**

Workshop mentors must have:

- ✓ General business management knowledge or entrepreneurial experience
- ✓ At least 2 years of work/business experience
- ✓ Time commitment*:
 - 1-2 hours in January 2016 to help review YSE 2016 business plans
 - 4 hours at the end of March 2016

2. **Business Strategy Mentor:**

Business Strategy mentors must have:

- ✓ Strong business management knowledge in a business area like business strategy, financial management, leadership, etc.
- ✓ At least 3 years of work experience
- ✓ Experience in doing business within Asia will be an added advantage

- ✓ Willing to share contacts and networks with YSE mentees
- ✓ Time commitment*:
 - 1-2 hours in January 2016 to help review YSE 2016 business plans
 - 2-4 hours/month from April to October 2016

3. **Entrepreneur Mentor:**

Entrepreneur mentors must have:

- ✓ At least 2 years of entrepreneurial experience, and currently running a business
- ✓ Experience in social entrepreneurship is not necessary, but will be an added advantage
- ✓ Some experience in doing business within Asia will be an added advantage
- ✓ Willing to share contacts and networks with YSE mentees
- ✓ Time commitment*:
 - 1 -2 hours in January 2016 to help review YSE applications
 - 2-4 hours a month from April to October 2016

**The time commitment is a rough guideline and a more detailed timeline will be given to selected mentors.*

In general, all mentors must have:

- ✓ Desire and passion to support the impact work of youth by imparting not just knowledge and skills but also help to grow their networks
- ✓ Fluency in English
- ✓ Experience or interest in any of these sectors: Health & Healthcare, Education, Environment & Energy, Business & Livelihood, Public Services & Volunteerism, Arts & Culture

Mentors are paired with YSE teams based on the mentor's work/ business experience, area(s) of interest and the team's area of work.

How to join?

For workshop mentors, apply [here](#).

For business strategy mentors: Applications are closed.

For entrepreneur mentors, apply [here](#).

Selected mentors will receive a reply from the YSE team by January 2016.

For more information on the YSE programme, go to www.sif.org.sg/yse.