

TURNING CONVERSATIONS INTO ACTION

Singaporeans have shared their aspirations during the Emerging Stronger Conversations. These conversations will lead to action.

Here are highlights of the Singapore Together partnerships and initiatives announced at the recent Committee of Supply (COS) Debate 2021. Together, we can emerge stronger!

STRENGTHENING SINGAPORE'S SOCIAL IMPACT



SUPPORTING FAMILIES AND YOUNG SINGAPOREANS

- The National Population and Talent Division in the Strategy Group, Prime Minister's Office, the Ministry of Social and Family Development (MSF) and the Ministry of Culture, Community and the Youth (MCCY) will organise a series of **Emerging Stronger Conversations on "Building A Singapore that is Made For Families" from April to September 2021**. The series aims to better understand the experiences and thoughts of Singaporeans, their partners, and parents of a Singaporean child, and how these may have changed due to COVID-19.
- The Ministry of Education (MOE) **extended the UPLIFT Community Pilot into Bukit Merah** in February and will continue to bring on board more community partners, work with them to curate suitable programmes, and connect them with schools whose students would benefit most.



SUPPORTING VULNERABLE SEGMENTS AND WORKERS

- The Ministry of Manpower and the tripartite partners have convened an Alliance for Action (AfA) for Lower-Wage Workers (LWW) to mobilise action-oriented individuals in a whole-of-society effort to uplift the wages and well-being of lower-wage workers. Over the next six months, **the AfA for LWW will generate ground-up initiatives in four focus areas:** (i) Strengthen respect and appreciation from the public (ii) Encourage supportive working environments to allow lower-wage workers to thrive mentally and physically (iii) Increase support for and returns from upskilling (iv) Support for progressive wages.
- MSF announced that the National Council of Social Service and SG Enable will form an **AfA on support for caregivers of persons with disabilities**.



DIGITALISATION EFFORTS

- With accelerated adoption of technology and digitalisation due to COVID-19, there is a need to support workers in upskilling so that they can remain employable and adaptable. Since June 2020, the **#SmartNationTogether online platform** has been offering talks, webinars and courses curated for seniors, working adults, young parents and children to advance their tech learning journey. The platform will be expanded to enhance online learning opportunities for all. Smart Nation and Digital Government Group will bring onboard more community partners, Smart Nation Ambassadors and skills providers to offer complimentary online courses to help Singaporeans learn about digital initiatives and emerging technology.
- MCCY shared that a **Smart Seniors Applied Learning Centre**, managed by RSVP Singapore and in partnership with Singapore Pools and CapitaLand Hope Foundation, will be set up in Q3 2021 to enable seniors to pick up digital skills and integrate the use of technology into their daily lifestyles. This is one of the initiatives under the AfA on Emerging Needs and Volunteerism.



SUPPORTING MENTAL WELLBEING

- As part of the AfA on Emerging Needs and Volunteerism, Loving Heart Multi-Service Centre, which is also an SG Cares Volunteer Centre @ Jurong East town, has piloted a **community initiative called "Sound Mind, Soft Heart" in Yuhua**. The centre will work with partners to equip volunteers with domain knowledge and soft skills to reach out to residents and execute mental wellness programmes and activities for service users.

MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARTNERSHIPS



- From April 2021, the Urban Redevelopment Authority will **conduct polls, workshops and focus group discussions with Singaporeans** on their aspirations for our future city, and seek input on land-use strategies and plans.
- The Ministry of Defence will hold more **engagement sessions in 2021 to reach out to more people on National Service and Total Defence**.
- MCCY shared that a new **AfA on Corporate Purpose** will grow partnerships between corporates, government bodies and non-profit organisations to anchor purpose at the heart of business strategy and processes. As of March 2021, 16 members from non-governmental organisations, multi-national corporations and smaller businesses have joined the alliance.
- MCCY announced that a new national football project **Unleash the Roar!** will call on a whole-of-society partnership and support to uplift Singapore football, and build a sustainable and resilient football ecosystem.

BUILDING A GREEN AND SUSTAINABLE SINGAPORE



- The Ministries* leading the **Green Plan** will organise a series of Green Plan Conversations. Singaporeans will be invited to share their views and insights on building a sustainable future for Singapore. The Ministries will create platforms and look for opportunities to work with partners and Singaporeans to co-create solutions to realise the Green Plan.

*These include MOE, Ministry of National Development, Ministry of Sustainability and the Environment, Ministry of Trade and Industry, and Ministry of Transport.

