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Evolution V

Michelle

What is evolution? In its broadest sense, evolution is merely change and so it is all-pervasive; galaxies, languages and political systems all evolve. It is a process that results in heritable changes in a population, spread over generations.

In the past, most of the volunteers here in Singapore seemed to be either retirees or middle-aged people. There may be a group of young volunteers but they were probably the minority group. However, a change is happening right now. Adding to these middle-aged and retiree volunteers, are a handful of people called youths. Youth can be defined as the springtime of one's life. Youths are also characterized as energetic, idealistic and willing to explore life to the fullest. Increasing numbers of more youths today are addicted to volunteering. It is no longer an uncommon sight to see youths, even children as young as 12, helping out at homes, selling flags etc.

So, what caused the change? Why the sudden addiction? Well, if you want to find out, come on and try it out yourself. This is evolution. No, not in any galaxy, language or politics, but it is the evolution of volunteering. And this is only the beginning of Evolution V.

YVIP 2004 Attachment blogs

As you have read in 1st issue of VOLtage, the Youth Volunteer Involvement Programme is held annually during the December holidays. You've read all about what we did at YVIP'04. Interested to know what some of the groups did during their attachments and what the participants learnt? Then follow these links to their blogs to find out!

YVIP blog - <http://yvip.blogspot.com/>

Sundac Chai Chee - <http://sundacchaichee.blogspot.com/>

Pepsi Twist - <http://pepsitwisttwist.blogspot.com/>

Bishan Home - <http://forupektifs.blogspot.com/>

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The SVC Story : Youth Yarn

Daisy

This is the theme for the official launch of Student Volunteer Corps (SVC). When we first came out with the word “yarn”, many were surprised and questioned the use of this word. It brings to mind ideas of old wives’ tales and old-fashioned spinning of the yarn, wool and cotton, which are becoming a rare sight in our world populated by digital imaging and automation. How does that apply to Student Volunteer Corps? Well, Student Volunteer Corps has (over the last 15 years) accumulated a wealth of stories and massive experiences and inspired countless student volunteers who have made SVC a part of their lives. This year, we will gather to celebrate our history and embrace our future right at our doorstep – the Youth Park.



We believe that Student Volunteer Corps is unique, just like putting “youth” and “yarn” together. This combination gives us energy and enthusiasm, founded on solid experiences and clarity in our future direction. A yarn is a “continuous often plied strand composed of either natural or man-made fibers or filaments and used in weaving and knitting to form cloth”. Like a yarn, SVC will evolve, develop, and build new grounds of creativity. Like a roll of yarn, our youths will come together to weave altruism and extend our passion of giving.



SVC Launch* @ Youth Park

What to expect and what can you do?

- Play a part in forming a picture made from yarn,
- Watch Bishan Home play a game of Captain’s ball,
- Volunteer for our street sales, and remember to get a volunteer badge for you and your friends,
- Cheer and support your best youth team at our National Youth Captain’s Ball Tournament,
- Tour the SVC gallery and exhibition corner (you might just spot yourself in the pictures),
- Learn and share our Olympics dream,

And of course, catch up with old friends and meet new ones.

Come Launch Day*, everyone can expect an afternoon of fun and games, and a session of reminiscing the SVC journey that was once treaded by individuals like you and I. We have prepared a series of new initiatives for the year and activities leading to the launch. We welcome and sincerely invite all that were, are and potential SVC volunteers to come join us on this day.

If you like to be more directly involved in our launch event, we are more than happy to hear from you. Drop us an email at svc@pacific.net.sg . If not, just mark your diaries and come down dressed in your most sporty gear!

*Stay tuned to <http://www.svc.org.sg> for the Official SVC Launch Day date!

Participate in the Evolution of VOLtage!

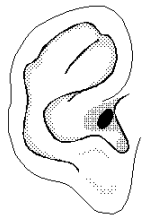
Here's **your** chance to participate in the evolution of VOLtage!

Put your creative skills to use and **design the VOLtage logo!** The logo can be made up of words, pictures, or even your own drawings – there are no restrictions, so it is all up to YOU to decide! **Attractive prizes stand to be won, don't hesitate anymore!**



Write for VOLtage! Did you just complete a community service project? How do you feel about this? In what ways do you think student volunteerism can be further promoted? Share your views with us!

Comment on VOLtage – feedback is of utmost importance – VOLtage is still in its budding stages, and we would greatly appreciate your comments! Tell us how VOLtage can be improved and you can even suggest topics for us to focus on.



Please send all entries to voltage.svc@gmail.com and include your name and contact no.

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