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For the second year, the local eco community comes together to Celebrate and Accelerate Environmental Solutions at the “Singapore Eco Film Festival” **September 1st-3rd 2017** presented with the ArtScience Museum.

There will be 9 Film sessions and discussion, along with a series of inspiring workshops from regional filmmakers and community partners, that will run in parallel to the films. The event is once again powered by volunteers and **completely free to the public!**

Through a unique and uplifting program, the Singapore Eco Film Festival aims to engage the public, private and creative sectors to collaborate together for a greener future.

We can't wait to see you there!





Pictured:

Nicolás Gómez known as “Cola”: Luthier and garbage picker from Landfill harmonic which is having it’s Singpaore Premiere at SGEFF!

OCEAN

FRIDAY
1ST SEPT

10.30AM

FRONTIER BORNEO CORAL RESTORATION SHORT FILM

CHASING CORAL

Coral reefs around the world are vanishing at an unprecedented rate. A team of divers, photographers and scientists set out on a thrilling ocean adventure to discover why and to reveal the underwater mystery to the world.

1:00 PM

BEING HEAR + BRILLIANT DARKNESS SHORT FILM

SONIC SEA

Sonic Sea is a 60-minute documentary, narrated by Rachel McAdams, about the impact of industrial and military ocean noise on whales and other marine life. It tells the story of a former U.S. Navy officer who solved a tragic mystery and changed the way we understand our impact on the ocean.

4:00 PM

WILDLIFE CRIME UNIT + FRONTIER BORNEO SHARKS AND TURTLES SHORT FILM

FREIGHTENED

The Real Price of Shipping reveals in an audacious investigation the mechanics and perils of cargo shipping; an all-but-visible industry that relentlessly supplies 7 billion humans and holds the key to our economy, our environment and the very model of our civilisation.

CONSUMED

SATURDAY
2ND SEPT

10.30AM

POACHERS TO PROTECTORS + PANGOLIN APPEAL SHORT FILM

EXTINCTION SOUP

Extinction Soup follows documentary filmmaker Philip Waller on his quest for adventure as he sets out to tell the story of his larger-than-life friend and extreme sports legend, Jimmy Hall. The film quickly takes a surprise turn when Waller finds himself consumed with exposing to the world an environmental catastrophe in the making – the extinction of the oceans' shark population through the mass slaughter of these magnificent animals for their fins. Waller documents the efforts of conservationist Stefanie Brendl as she fights to educate lawmakers and help pass ground-breaking legislation that will curb the consumption of shark fin soup, considered a delicacy in many Eastern cultures, and the impetus behind 70 million sharks being killed per year.

1:00 PM

WILD SEVE SHORT FILM

THE LAST OF THE LONG NECKS

Last of the Longnecks is a documentary highlighting the plight of giraffes in decline and the implications in our rapidly changing world. The film seeks to celebrate what makes these majestic animals so unique, shed light on their struggle, and further explore what hope can be found in the tangled relationship between humanity and nature. As the tallest animal on the planet, the giraffe is one of the most iconic representatives of our beautifully diverse planet. It seems fitting then, that in uncovering their quiet demise, we discover humanity's greatest challenge. The dedicated contingent of giraffe researchers and scientists across the globe labor restlessly, knowing that the diligent study of these animals may unlock solutions for their coexistence with humankind.

4:00 PM

BORNEO JUNGLE DIARIES: BUGS, BOLD, BEAUTIFUL AND BIZARRE SHORT FILM

WASTED

Every year 80% of the world's water, 40% of the world's land, and 10% of the world's energy is dedicated to growing the food we eat, yet in the same year 1.3 billion tons of food is thrown out. That's a third of all food grown around the world being wasted before it even reaches a plate. WASTED! The Story of Food Waste sheds a light on the pressing issue of food waste. Executive Produced by author and chef Anthony Bourdain, the film doesn't simply focus on the problem, but offers solutions like reorienting consumer perspectives on the food that is normally cast aside, and what changes we can make to our food production chain to create a more sustainable food system.

RISE UP

SUNDAY
3RD SEPT

10.30AM

ORANG RIMBA SHORT FILM

THANK YOU FOR THE RAIN

Five years ago Kisilu, a Kenyan farmer, started to use his camera to capture the life of his family, his village and the damages of climate change. When a violent storm throws him and a Norwegian filmmaker together we see him transform from a father, to a community leader and activist on the global stage.

1:30 PM

LOST IN LIGHT SHORT FILM

RACING TO ZERO

Racing To Zero examines our society's garbage practices in terms of consumption, preparation, use and production, and discovers some amazing solutions in San Francisco, which is successfully taking the necessary steps to reach zero waste. Cities all over the United States have instituted zero-waste policies of their own, and it is through these mandates that we are challenged to think differently about not only how we handle our garbage, but what it can become. Note for SGEFF: "Cities all over the United States" could easily be changed to "all over the globe".

4:00 PM

EVOWARE AD + ETHER ANTENNA SHORT FILM

LANDFILL HARMONIC

A film about "The Recycled Orchestra", a group of children from a Paraguayan slum who play instruments made entirely of garbage. It is a beautiful story about the transformative power of music, which also highlights two vital issues of our times: poverty and waste pollution. The world generates about a billion tons of garbage a year. Those who live with it and from it are the poor – like the people of Cateura, Paraguay. . And here they are transforming it into beauty. Landfill Harmonic follows the orchestra as it takes its inspiring spectacle of trash-into-music around the world.

WORKSHOPS

FRIDAY
1ST SEPT

11.00 AM FILMMAKING WITH VICTOR TANG

Learn about the skills of Filmmaking for wildlife- braving the elements, seasickness and soggy muesli bars, to bring home the money shots!

1:30 PM UNDERWATER PHOTOGRAPHY

What does it take to become an Award winning underwater cameraman? Join Simon Enderby from Scubazoo Images to find out how he got into the industry and how it has changed over the past 20 years. Come along and join the conversation.

4:30 PM KIDS WORKSHOP: MARINE ANIMALS ARTS & CRAFTS

Artist Jacquelyn Soo has created a humorous marine theme art and craft activity for little ones using recyclable and biodegradable materials. In the 2 hour long workshop, our young children will be able to learn three simple art & craft activities that were inspired by the film screenings of whales and coral reefs.

WORKSHOPS

SATURDAY
2ND SEPT

11.00 AM KIDS WORKSHOP: HOW TO UPCYCLE WHAT WE CONSUME

Engage in our fun and exciting recycled craft workshop while minimising environmental impact! Complete your film festival experience by trying your hands at planning and fitting your interesting stories within a tissue box using eco-friendly materials, and bring home your unique tissue box theatre!

1:30 PM SEMINAR: HOW TO CHANGE THE WORLD THROUGH WHAT YOU EAT

Ever wondered what is the impact our food choices on our home planet?

Can we fight climate change by making smarter choices? Come and listen to an empowering talk to learn how you can be a hero in your every day life and make a difference.

4:30 PM ACTIVITY: FOOD WASTE & FOOD SECURITY SESSION

Come learn about the Foodscape Collective, a group of Singaporean residents who have come together with a shared interest in our local foodscape. Explore ways to collaborate and refresh ways of understanding and doing in our food system, and support initiatives that cultivate resilient and just communities.

WORKSHOPS

SUNDAY
3RD SEPT

11.00 AM KIDS WORKSHOP: RECYCLED ROBOTS

Come learn about robotics mixed with Art! His devices empower and translate closed systems into tangible medium; a flooding river is given a voice, a goldfish is at the mercy of a cocktail party, colours shine never visible... let your creativity take over and come explore new possibilities!

1:30 PM ACTIVITIES: TAKING CLIMATE ACTION!

Join Climate Action leaders from Up2degrees in exploring how you can be part of the cool action. Understand Climate Action through taking them!

Sharing knowledge of Climate change, Our World's Air Conditioner Antarctica and Energy Efficiency through our awesome Up2Degree's Challenge.

4:30 PM KIDS ACTIVITIES: WILDLIFE IN SINGAPORE

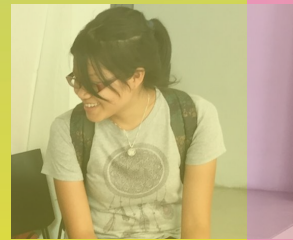
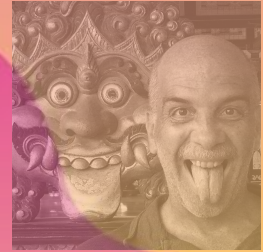
Reticulated python in the drain? Sunbird nesting in your flowering plants? What should you do when you encounter our wild neighbours? Find out about our native animals and wildlife rescue at our booth! For kids and the young at heart, we have interactive games and colouring sheets on native wildlife.



Pictured:

Director Jeff Orlowski filming on the GBR Photo by Richard Vevers © Chasing Coral - which is having it's Singapore Premiere at SGEFF!

Come hear from
inspiring panelists
from the region...



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OCEAN Track 01

Friday 10.30 - 13.00



Simon Enderby (Moderator)

Simon has production-managed and filmed from Malaysia to Mexico, Papua New Guinea to Vancouver and Maldives to New Zealand! Over the years Simon has faced many unique and incredible situations whilst filming – wild saltwater crocodiles, bull Stellar & Californian Sea Lions, killer whales, predatory Humboldt Squid in the Sea of Cortez, South Africa’s incredible “Sardine Run”, great white sharks, feeding tiger sharks, giant octopus, six gilled sharks, humpback whales, wild dugongs & manatees, deep water wrecks and some of the world’s remotest sea mounts have all been covered.



Karenne Tun

Karenne is a Coral Reef Biologist specialising in Coral Reef Monitoring, Restoration Ecology and Management. Currently the Director of the Coastal and Marine Environment Branch, National Biodiversity Centre, National Parks Board, her work at NParks covers issues related to the management and conservation of Singapore’s coastal and marine environment.

She leads a team that serves as Secretariat for the Technical Committee on Coastal and Marine Environment, an inter-agency committee that undertakes studies, provides technical inputs for policy making, and builds capacity in CME related issues.



Michael Kwee

Michael is the Managing Director for YKnot Sustainability, a sustainability advisory firm providing strategic and implementation expertise to organizations seeking to enhance their sustainability efforts. Prior to setting up YKnot Sustainability, Michael led the Banyan Tree Holdings’ efforts to formalize and expand its sustainability commitments. Some of these commitments included setting sustainability strategy; evangelizing sustainability by creating and delivering training and outreach opportunities and collaborating with representatives to create innovative solutions and approaches that enhance the social, environmental and economic well-being of all stakeholders.”

OCEAN Track 02

Friday 13.00 - 15.45



Dr. James Karl Fischer PhD

James is the Executive Director of The Zoological Lighting Institute, a non-profit organization that supports wildlife sensitive lighting for animal welfare and wildlife conservation. He also operates Zoological Lighting Services (a lighting design firm with a focus on fine art and animal welfare related aims) and was the elected President of the Royal Institute of British Architects Board of Trustees.



Vanessa Pirotta

Vanessa's PhD research is focused on identifying conservation gaps for cetaceans within Australian waters. She is investigating the types of threats faced by cetaceans and will draw upon international examples of cetacean interactions with anthropogenic activities. Vanessa is currently investigating the use of emerging technologies such as drones for marine megafauna conservation.



Stephen Beng

Stephen is Chairman of the Marine Conservation Group, Nature Society (Singapore), & previous President of the Singapore Underwater Federation. A prominent contributor to the Singapore scuba diving industry and to its involvement in national marine conservation efforts, his team at NSS sits on an IUCN SSC Specialist Group. His company Sea Hounds focuses on eco-tourism & youth development, winning the Singapore Environmental Achievement Award 2012, & the National Geographic Dive Centre award for 10 years (allowing the company to conduct effective citizen science program).



Adeline Seah (Moderator)

Adeline is a biologist exploring creative methods for wildlife conservation and outreach. She founded Biodiversity Connections, a non-profit dedicated to building transdisciplinary and transnational collaborations between different conservation stakeholders to study & protect wildlife in Southeast Asia. The Pangolin Story is a project under her non-profit to raise awareness about pangolins. She is also co-founder and festival director of the Singapore Eco Film Festival, & loves turtles.

OCEAN Track 03

Friday 16.00 - 18.45



Simon Bennett

Simon started his career at sea in 1974 at age 17 as a Navigating Officer Cadet. He took a 3 year sabbatical in 1978 to take a degree in Environmental Science. 32 years ago he joined Swire Pacific Offshore (SPO); the arm of the HK based Swire Pacific Limited group that provides marine support services to the offshore oil and gas exploration and production industry. He now wears two hats: GM for Sustainable Development for SPO and The China Navigation Company, the Swire group's privately owned deep-sea container and bulk shipping company.



Passionate about the ocean, Youna later studied marine sciences and holds a Masters in Marine Affairs from the University of Washington. She is currently also pursuing a PhD with the Australian National Centre for Ocean Resources and Security at the University of Wollongong titled: 'Defining and mapping valuable and sensitive marine environments in the South China Sea'. Youna's dual expertise in law and marine sciences uniquely position her to integrate these fields for marine policy making purposes.



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Jacqui Hocking (Moderator)

She began her career sailing around the world to collect global solutions for climate change with a UN Global Climate Expedition. Now Founding & Managing Partner of VSSStory.com, to help visionary companies get more visibility. Also the co-founder of the Singapore Eco Film Festival, to bring together stakeholders to accelerate & celebrate solutions. Firmly believes that if we want companies to change, we need change-makers within companies! Her answer to most questions is ALWAYS POSSIBLE.

CONSUMED Track 04

Saturday 10.30 - 12.45



Madhu Rao

Madhu is the Regional Advisor of the Asia Program within the Wildlife Conservation Society. She is also the Development Coordinator of the Asian Species Action Partnership, an initiative committed to preventing the extinction of endangered species of vertebrates in Southeast Asia. Her expertise lies in deploying conservation solutions in countries with limited technical and financial resources to commit to such causes. In particular her research is interested in the governance of protected areas, the exploitation of wildlife, and conflict between humans and wildlife.



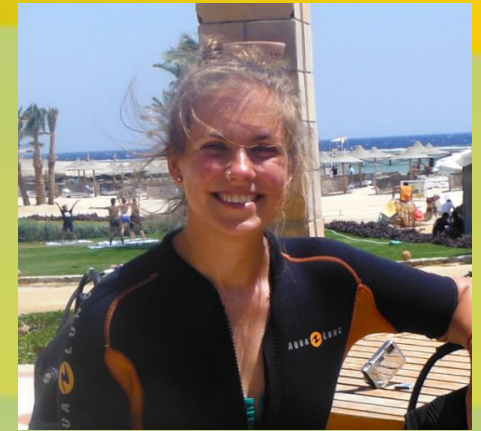
Kevin Teng

Head of Sustainability for Marina Bay Sands. He leads and guides his teams on: Water and energy resource management, sustainable purchasing policy and supply chain engagement, waste reduction, reuse and diversion and customer support for guests that want a green meeting or an eco-friendly hotel stay.



Jonn Benedict Lu

Jonn is an Economics & Political Science graduate from Columbia University (NYC) & has a MFA in film. He directs, produces, hosts, and leads expeditions on exploration-themed productions. He joined Shark Savers in 2010 as Volunteer Leader, and subsequently became Shark Savers' and WildAid's Regional Director. He runs the "I'm FINISHED with FINs" campaign. He also works on ASEAN wildlife conservation policy initiatives, mentors young activists, speaks at conferences and forms corporate, social enterprise and NGO partnerships.

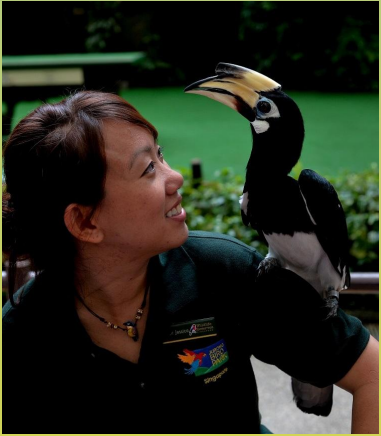


Naomi Clark (Moderator)

Naomi developed a strong interest (obsession) for sharks when she was 15, which drove her to get her diving license and eventually an MSc in Marine Science. She has conservation experience from various places - most recently, as a marine conservationist for The Dorsal Effect in Indonesia. She loves visiting countries to understand the 'real' conservation situation on the ground, and she also combines her passion for animals with communication; writing articles and working as a communications consultant for WWF.

CONSUMED Track 05

Saturday 13.00 - 15.45



Jessica Lee
(Moderator)

Jess manages conservation and research projects at Wildlife Reserves Singapore, but possesses a deep passion for all things avian. Jess started out on her feathered journey in 2007 downunder. When she is not out birding, Jess can often be found collaborating with local and international partners on the conservation of threatened birds in Southeast Asia and beyond.



Anbarasi Boopal

Anbu is the Deputy Chief Executive of the Animal Concerns Research & Education Society (ACRES), which established Singapore's first facility dedicated to the rescue and rehabilitation of injured native wild animals and exotic wild animals implicated in illegal wildlife trade. She lives full-time at the rescue centre to manage the operations in general, the wildlife rescue programme and animal crime investigation unit run by ACRES.



Rebecca Cappelli

Rebecca decided to quit a successful career to work in non-profit. Now a public speaker, she delivers talks for free to help people adopt a healthy and responsible lifestyle. A French citizen and a mandarin speaking professional, Rebecca has lived in Asia for over 14 years including Beijing, Shanghai, Hong Kong and now Singapore. She works with various non-profit organizations, founded the project Let Us Be Heroes to empower people to become a line of defense for their health, the planet and the animals, and volunteers with Animal Allies.



Sandor Weyers

Sandor spent more than 20 years in the Finance Industry working in Johannesburg, New York, Mexico City, and Hong Kong and most recently the Chief Capital Officer for Prudential Corporation Asia. Two years ago he decided to follow his passion of wildlife conservation and founded ElementZ Travel and iDOPT Wildlife. ElementZ is a luxury ecotourism-focused travel company specialising in Africa as a travel destination looks to provide truly meaningful journeys. iDOPT Wildlife is a technology based platform that helps raise funding and wildlife conservation awareness through its mobile app called "iDOPT" which allows a person to adopt an orphaned endangered animal.

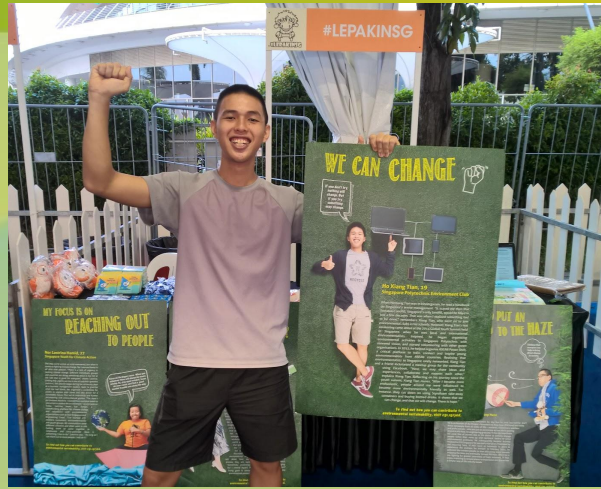
CONSUMED Track 06

Saturday 16.00 - 18.45



Daniel Tay

Daniel Tay is the Hero of Happiness of the Freegan in Singapore community. He had initially just wanted to save money by getting everything for free, little did he know that he would also end up helping to save the earth by doing so.



Ho Xiang Tian

When not serving the nation, Xiang Tian is the Co-founder of LepakInSG. LepakInSG is an informal group, with the keyword being 'Informal'. The online environmental calendar is its sole reason for existence, but updating the calendar gets boring, so Xiang Tian plans events on the side to spice things up. His ultimate goal is to have all the environmental groups in Singapore hold hands and sing 'Kumbaya', but he'll settle for them working closer together because all environmental issues are inter-related (and also because he's sure they have no idea how to sing 'Kumbaya')



Huiying Ng

Huiying explores links between urban agriculture, open/welcoming spaces for new imaginations of urban life, and community resilience. She has worked in non-profit and research work and is currently developing research on agricultural knowledge mobilities and collective governance in Southeast Asia, as a Master's research candidate at the Department of Geography, National University of Singapore. She is part of the Foodscape Collective, a Singapore-based initiative that works to learn about and imagine different food systems, and TANAH, a green place-making collective. She is guided by ideas of ecological and activist citizenship, autonomy and human motivation, and works towards creating the social environments necessary to support these.

RISE UP
Sunday

Track 07
10.30 am - 12.55pm



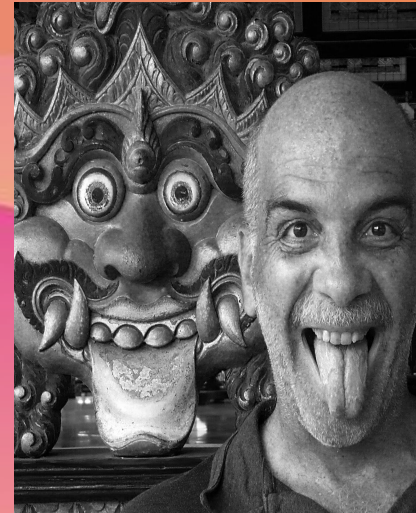
Chris Jensen (Moderator)

Chris is a founding member of Climate Conversations where they support people to have positive conversations with friends that deeply engage and inspire positive actions on climate change. In the past 8 years, Chris has led non-profit environmental outreach and engagement programs in Singapore & Australia that have tripled in size and reached thousands of people.



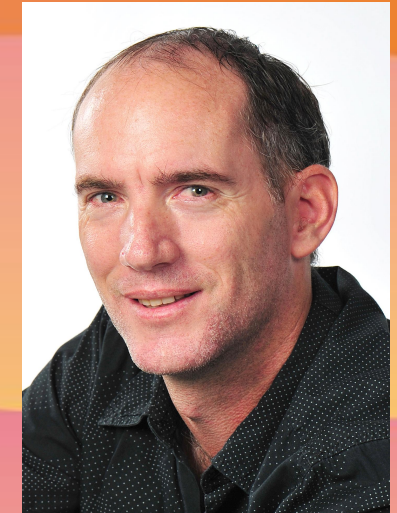
Nor Lastrina Hamid

Nor Lastrina Hamid is the Co-Founder of Singapore Youth for Climate Action and #LepakInSG. Both interest groups promote climate action and the environmental movement in Singapore.



Isaac Kerlow

Isaac is an independent filmmaker. His work typically deals with change and the human condition. He is currently Professor & the Art+Media Group Leader at the Earth Observatory, developing creative projects inspired by Earth science and natural hazards. Some of his recent films: Ichiro and the Wave (2016), CHANGE (2016), Time Rojak (2015) and SHADOWS (2014). He is one of the pioneers of computer animation and worked at The Walt Disney Company for 10 years. He is also the author of The Art of 3D Computer Animation and Effects.



Adam Switzer

Adam is an Assoc Prof & Assoc Chair at the Asian School of the Environment, & PI at Earth Observatory of Singapore, NTU. His research concerns coastal change, which aims to improve understanding of the dynamics of the coastal system by quantitatively investigating the main drivers of past coastal change as a guide to the future. He was the project leader of International Geoscience Programme 588, a successful global project on coastal change. He is currently an Associate Editor of Geoscience Letters, and was the first Earth scientist to receive the NRF fellowship.

RISE UP

Track 08

Sunday

13.00 - 15.45



Robin Hicks (Moderator)

Robin has spent a decade living and working in Asia Pacific, including Hong Kong, Australia and Singapore, & has 17 years of experience in journalism, writing about business, government, environmental issues and the media. He is currently the Deputy Editor of Eco-Business, where he reports on sustainability news across Asia Pacific as well as manages Eco-Business's network of writers across the region. Robin has a degree in Zoology from the University of Bristol in the UK, & volunteers for Singapore animal welfare charity ACRES.



Raye Padit

Raye started his career in fashion 4 years ago. Discovering that the fashion industry is highly pollutive, he founded Connected Threads Asia, a non-profit organization that promotes and advances sustainable fashion, bringing awareness around the social and environmental impacts of fast fashion. He is also a team member of Fashion Revolution a global movement that started in London, to call out for more transparency in the fashion industry.



Cheryl Lee

Cheryl is a Youth Environmentalist and advocate, awarded the HSBC NYAA Youth Environmental Award by the Singapore National Youth Achievement Council and HSBC in 2016 and a recipient for a full scholarship for a Youth Leadership in Environmental issue Fellowship program by the US State of Department. She believes that doing good is contagious & takes action by working closely with the community for environmental and gender equality rights. She is enthusiastic in taking Climate action, women empowerment and educational equality. #Up2degrees - Community Engagement Lead



Eugene Tay

Eugene is the Executive Director of Zero Waste SG, a NGO dedicated to help Singapore accelerate the shift towards zero waste and the circular economy. Zero Waste SG aims to promote education and engagement on the 3Rs (Reduce, Reuse and Recycle) among individuals and households; advocate waste minimisation and recycling among businesses and organisations; and reduce specific waste such as plastic disposables and food waste.

RISE UP
Sunday

Track 09
16.00 - 18.45



Mayur Singh (Moderator)

Mayur is the cofounder of Coopita. With almost a decade of experience in investments, turnarounds and building new businesses for corporates, Mayur's passion to create a business with social and environmental impact combined with his love for Asian crafts prompted him to co-found Coopita.



David Christian

David Christian is an innovative entrepreneur with a business background in Canada. He is passionate about sustainable and impactful business on environmental issues. Currently, he is the Head of Micro Business and Creative Industry in Indonesian Local Entrepreneur Organizations chapter Central Jakarta and Head of Natural Resources, Energy & Environment in Indonesian Young Entrepreneur Organization chapter West Jakarta. He also cofounded and Chief of Sales, Marketing and Impact for Evoware, a socially responsible enterprise that elevates environmentally friendly lifestyle.



Ng Pei Kang

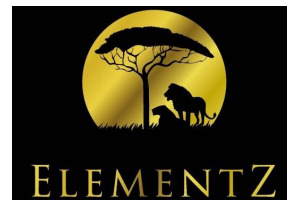
Pei Kang believes design has the ability to inspire change. He runs a design consultancy firm, Geometria, and is also the founder of TRIA, a packaging house specialising in innovative and sustainable food packaging. TRIA's breakthrough technology, Bio24, is a closed-loop system for disposable foodware and food waste. The system turns disposable foodware and food waste into fertiliser in just 24 hours, a world's first.



Olivia Choong

Olivia is the President and Co-founder of Green Drinks (Singapore), and sits on the board of advisors at youth environmental NGO, Avelife. In 2013, she received the National Environment Agency's EcoFriend Award in the Non-governmental Organisations and Grassroots volunteers category. In 2014, she received the Junior Chamber International's Ten Outstanding Young Persons of the World Singapore merit award in the category of Moral and/or Environmental Leadership.

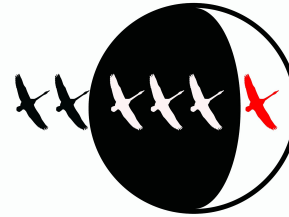
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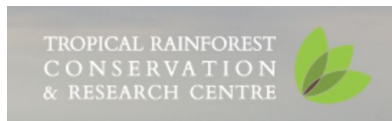
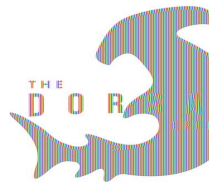
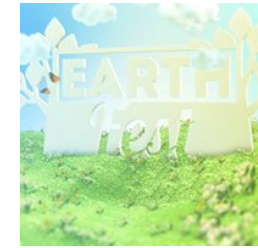
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