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MEDIA RELEASE

National Youth Council (NYC) kicks off series of Educational and Career Guidance (ECG) Programmes with a Career Human Library in Healthcare

Over 7,000 youths from Secondary Schools, Institutes of Technical Education (ITEs), and Polytechnics expected to benefit from NYC's ECG offerings in 2023

Over 120 youths¹ attended NYC's **Healthy World Connections** on 11th February 2023 and networked with over 20 healthcare professionals on the range of job roles available in the sector. Jointly organised with the MOH Holdings (MOHH), youths spoke with a radiographer, pharmacist, nurse, respiratory therapist, medical social worker, and many others, to find out more about the educational pathways, career progression and work-life structure of pursuing such careers. The session included a career preparation workshop to provide interview tips to attendees. You may refer to <https://go.gov.sg/omwrelease13feb> for photos of the session².

2 Healthy World Connections is one of several diverse ECG programmes NYC undertakes with partners like The Astronaut Collective (TAC) and Bold At Work (BAW) to encourage career and educational exploration amongst youths to help them confidently pursue careers that fit their life aspirations³. In NYC's surveys, close to 2 in 5 youths desire greater open and flexible mindsets to taking on different career opportunities yet may not know how to go about finding these opportunities on their own. The same proportion of youths are uncertain about their career paths and desire greater career guidance, mentorship, and support during their school-to-work transition⁴.

3 Healthy World Connections marks the start of NYC's ECG programming for the year targeted across all educational levels, including the launch of a new programme and a refresh for an existing programme in 1Q2023.

4 David Chua, Chief Executive Officer, NYC said, *"NYC is increasing our educational and career guidance offerings to ensure all youths have accessible support to be confident in working towards their career aspirations. We will be expanding the programme further to engage ITEs and polytechnics later this year. We are also tapping on our partners networks and expertise to design innovative career engagement sessions to encourage career planning at every educational level."*

¹ Largely from Secondary Schools, Polytechnics, and ITEs

² Photos should be attributed to 'National Youth Council'

³ Refer to the background of NYC's ECG offerings on *On My Way* in paragraphs 12 and 13 below.

⁴ National Youth Council Youth Sentiment Polls, 2022

ECG Highlights for 1Q2023

Career Talks with Professionals and Peers

5 Another Career Human Library for the creative sector will be hosted on 25th February 2023. At the **Beautiful World** engagement youths will be able to speak with producer, park manager, sculptor, gallery exhibitor, composer & musician, performing arts producer, perfumer, artistic director, architect, and filmmaker. Registration is now open at <https://www.nyc.gov.sg/omw/letstalk>

6 Beyond career talks, youths can also engage with peers from different educational pathways in **No Cap! Room Series**. New to NYC's repertoire of ECG offerings, the first of four peer sharing sessions will be conducted on 11 March 2023, with a sharing from students in the Normal pathway. There will also be sharing sessions with students who have studied overseas, those who have graduated from local private universities.

7 Marvin Kang, Executive Director, TAC, shared that, *"As part of a three-year partnership between the National Youth Council and The Astronauts Collective, we will be curating a series of career exploration events in the year ahead, featuring jobs that contribute meaningfully to the world we live in, through different ways. Through the On My Way! platform, youths can be kept informed of the latest opportunities and tap on them to discover meaningful careers and pathways."*

Refreshed Micro Job Tasters curated for students from different educational levels

8 To expose youths to a range of job roles in various sectors, NYC and BAW have refreshed the micro job taster programme⁵ to fit the needs of ITE, polytechnic and university students. In 2023, NYC and BAW will work closely with schools to place 20-30 students in an existing job role for a day. Youths would be able to shortlist sectors they are keen to explore before choosing their preferred sector to intern in.

9 In 1Q2023, there will be Job Tasters in the Retail, Human Resource and Tech sectors. ITE and polytechnic students will be able to try out roles in these companies – Swappaholic, Jobstreet, Digital Dreams and Octopus8.

10 Clarice Song⁶, Co-founder, BAW, shared that, *"Bold At Work helps young people formulate what matters to them based on their values, strengths and interests, along with an awareness of their personal contexts. By figuring out what matters to them and how they would like to be rewarded, youths can develop their own career compass and breakaway from dysfunctional beliefs."*

Background to NYC's ECG programmes

11 The National Youth Council (NYC) has supported youth career exploration and discovery through its educational and career discovery online platform⁷ *On My Way!*⁸ (OMW) since 2020. OMW helps youth discover their interests and pathways after they have taken their examinations. More than 2,000 youths have attended programmes where youths get a

⁵ Micro Job tasters was piloted in 3Q2022 with NYC's YouthTech trainees and progressively opened taster sessions to more schooling youths including open runs in 4Q2022, as compared to focused school partnerships in 2023.

⁶ Extracted from Youthopia.SG interview with her under the IMPACT initiative

⁷ For youth aged 15 to 25 years old

⁸ Visit OMW at <https://www.nyc.gov.sg/omw/home>

taste of working life trying out different job roles⁹ ("Job Tasters") or have spoken to professionals and school seniors to better understand how to achieve their dream careers¹⁰ ("Let's Talk").

12 To provide more students with accessible opportunities to confidently make informed career choices, NYC deepened our partnerships with TAC¹¹ and BAW¹² in 2022 to scale OMW's ECG offerings and broaden our reach to youth.

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⁹ For more information, please refer to <https://www.nyc.gov.sg/omw/tasters>

¹⁰ For more information, please refer to <https://www.nyc.gov.sg/omw/letstalk/>

¹¹ With NYC's support, TAC will be able to expand its outreach to schools and benefit 25,000 youths by 2025.

¹² BAW's partnership with NYC is funded under the National Youth Fund

Youth profiles available for interview

Participants from Healthy World initiative		
Name, Designation	Background	Details
Huang Lishuo, 18, Student	A student of NJC, Lishuo is currently awaiting A level results.	He aspires to be in Medicine and was interested to discover other secondary fields of medicine that may interest him, such as Pharmaceutical Science and Oncology Pharmacist
Participants from previous OMW engagements		
Jian Jingying (Jamie), 23, Student	A Year 2 Linguistics major Participated in the Health Care Taster with NTUC Health in December 2022	She was very interested in the allied healthcare industry and wrote in proactively to the team to request for more information on the event
Wynise Tey, 21, Student	Year 2, NTU, Linguistics & Multilingual Studies Participated in the Comms & New Media Taster with Eysy in November 2022	She was very interested to find out more about the industry and was also generous in sharing her own unique experiences with her younger peers.
Nallapuraju Ananya, 18, Student	Year 6 student, NUS High School of Mathematics and Science Participated in the Health Care Taster with NTUC Health in December 2022	

About The National Youth Council

At NYC, we believe in a world where young people are respected and heard and have agency to make a difference. Together with our partners, we develop future-ready youth who are committed to Singapore by instilling in them a heart for service, resilience, and an enterprising spirit. We acknowledge the diverse needs and aspirations of young Singaporeans and ensure our youth have opportunities to develop self-awareness, deepen community spirit, and be future-ready. We hear youth, we empower youth and are **HERE FOR YOUTH**.

About The Astronauts Collective

The Astronauts Collective (TAC) is a ground-up initiative established in 2014 that helps youths explore the world of work and find meaningful careers – just like how astronauts explore and discover new worlds. As a registered charity today, TAC has more than 500 volunteers from diverse walks of life, each contributing their own perspectives of what makes a meaningful career.

About Bold At Work

Set up in 2017, Bold aims to equip people and organisations with the tools and mindsets to define what good work means to them, activate their fullest potential and in so doing, to create their own definitions of success.

Bold houses an innovation studio lab in Jurong for social transformation, testing and bringing ideas to life in a community-based setting. Here they tap the energies and diversity of a tribe of budding changemakers who are constantly on the quest for innovations that can bring about the change that they want to see.

About On My Way!

On My Way! is an education and career discovery platform that helps youth discover their interests and pathways through various passive and active resources. Through On My Way!, youths can learn about different jobs and industries, connect with schooling seniors and industry professionals and get a taste of various job roles to find out what suits them best based on their interests. They can also subscribe to On My Way!'s Telegram to receive the latest updates on related programmes.

“**Know-it-All**” and “**Day-in-the-Life**” features interesting insights and information on a wide range of job roles, which are periodically refreshed to reflect youth interests and diverse range of career possibilities. Besides youth-centric information, the platform also offers youths the varied opportunities to connect and engage with their peers and seniors through “**Network Connects**”, career professionals through “**Let’s Talk**”, and job try-outs through “**Tasters**”.

More information available at www.nyc.gov.sg/omw/home.