

Highlights of Outward Bound Singapore (OBS) Expansion Plan

A new Outward Bound Singapore (OBS) campus will be developed on Coney Island by 2020 to give more Singapore youths equal opportunities to strengthen their confidence and tenacity through outdoor adventure education (OAE).

As highlighted in Finance Minister Heng Swee Keat's recent Budget Statement in Parliament, this expansion will provide many more youths with the chance to go on expeditions with OBS – either on Coney Island or on Pulau Ubin. This will help them build confidence and develop camaraderie with students across different schools.

BENEFITS OF OAE FOR YOUTHS

- Build confidence and resilience
- Learn to value diversity through in-depth interaction opportunities
- Forge friendships through shared common experiences
- Lay foundation for active and healthy living

Why Coney Island?

- Good Connectivity for both sea and land expeditions across Pulau Ubin, Coney Island and the mainland
- Opportunities for new types of team-based, multi-element expeditions across Singapore's blue and green belts

Existing Coney Island Park, managed by NParks, will remain **open to public**

Campus will be **rustic** and blend in with the rest of the island

Increased capacity to serve 45,000 youths annually

OBS will occupy ~10% of Coney Island (12Ha)

Serves as an **OBS Expedition Hub**

Expected completion in 2020

Ingrained in OBS' culture and activities is a strong respect and love for nature. OBS also teaches participants how to care for and appreciate the environment, as well as protect their outdoor classroom.

OBS also actively organises nature conservation and nature awareness programmes, such as the OBS Project Island-A-Hand (known as PIAH), and Nature Appreciation Programmes (in partnership with nature groups) that comprise nature trails, coastal clean-ups and workshops. These activities are open to both OBS alumni and members of the public.



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