



**Outward Bound  
Singapore**



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### **Young nature enthusiasts want more youth to care for the environment at the *SGfuture* engagement session at Coney Island**

From a dedicated ecological literacy programme in schools to a flora and fauna treasure hunt competition, these were some exciting ideas mooted by 35 young nature-lovers, to encourage more youths to appreciate the rich biodiversity in Singapore, at the off-site *SGfuture* engagement session held at Coney Island this morning.

2 This event was organised by Outward Bound Singapore (OBS) and included a guided tour of the newly opened Coney Island conducted by NParks volunteers, followed by a focus group discussion session facilitated by OBS Instructors.

3 This half-day outdoor classroom session is designed for environmentally conscious groups and individuals who feel strongly about keeping Singapore environmentally sustainable, following the success of OBS' largest inaugural public outdoor conservation class (Project IsLand-A-Hand) in November 2015.

4 Parliamentary Secretary for Culture, Community and Youth, Mr Baey Yam Keng, trekked 4 kilometres with the young nature enthusiasts and encouraged them to contribute ideas to expand OBS' existing environmental education efforts to reach out to more youths in its outdoor adventure education programme.

5 "I'm pleased to see many young nature-lovers spending the morning of Valentine's Day here at Coney Island. Youths are always looking for something fresh to interest them and today's activity is one of such engagements. As youths are the future leaders who would see Singapore through SG100, it is important for them to be aware and proactive in conserving the environment," said Mr. Baey.

6 "I chose to participate in this event on a Sunday morning to better understand the biodiversity that's here at Coney Island. I am passionate about environmental issues and thought it will be a good way to spend my Sunday morning here. I believe that while youth is aware of Singapore's

environmental causes, not many are taking action. This is why sessions like these are important,” said 24-year-old Steven Cheng, President of EarthLink NTU, a youth green group at Nanyang Technology University.



More than 30 young outdoor enthusiasts engage in a lively discussion about practical ways to preserve the natural environment for future generations, in a *SGfuture* engagement session organised by Outward Bound Singapore.



Mr Baey Yam Keng, Parliamentary Secretary for Culture, Community and Youth, treks with nature lovers while learning more about the flora and fauna on rustic Coney Island.



Outward Bound Singapore organises a guided nature trail followed by a focus group discussion session with young outdoor enthusiasts at Coney Island as part of the nation-wide *SGfuture* engagement series. Steven Cheng (second from right), President of NTU EarthLink is one of the 35 participants.

NYC/OBS will be pleased to facilitate media interviews with the participants and high resolution pictures may be downloaded from <http://we.tl/pFUx9RNhMQ>.

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### **About Outward Bound Singapore (新加坡外展训练中心)**

With more than 45 years of legacy, Outward Bound Singapore (OBS) is the pioneer and leader in outdoor education in Singapore, providing adventure-based experiential learning to help develop rugged and resilient youths. From 1 January 2015, OBS is part of the strengthened National Youth Council to drive youth development and broaden outreach to young Singaporeans and youth sector organisations.

### **About the National Youth Council (全国青年理事会)**

At NYC, we believe in a world where young people are respected and heard, and have the ability to influence and make a difference to the world. Together with our partners, we develop a dynamic and engaging environment where young people can realise their aspirations and play a part in making Singapore an endearing home for all.