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### **Youths toss innovative ideas around on “Common Space for the Common Good” at the *SGfuture* Engagement series**

Cafes, skate parks and public gyms for people with special needs. Retro void deck discos for the elderly to relive their youth. Community centres for elderly to impart teachings of endangered dialects to youths. These were some exciting ideas mooted by over 70 youth participants at the *SGfuture* Engagement series on "Creating a Caring Community."

2. Organised by Youth Corps Singapore and themed “Creating a Common Space for the Common Good”, the session saw youth participants exchanging bold and innovative ideas with Parliament Secretary for Culture, Community and Youth, Mr Baey Yam Keng, on how to utilise public spaces to create shared experiences that benefit persons with disabilities, elderly, children and the environment.

3. Youth Corps Singapore’s volunteer Shermaine Ng, who was among the youth participants, said: “As one of the facilitators for the dialogue session today, I had the opportunity to gather interesting ideas from a diverse group of youths. I look forward to incubating some of these new ideas involving the use of common spaces for future community projects.”

4. With the support of NYC, youths will be able to champion community causes they are passionate about and turn these interesting ideas into reality. Some of the available NYC initiatives include the Young ChangeMakers grant and Youth Corps Singapore.

5. NYC will be pleased to facilitate media interviews with the participants, and high resolution photos may be downloaded here: <https://goo.gl/3RucM2>. Please contact the media contact persons below for assistance:





What happens when youths gather for a common good? An explosion of new ideas and ignited spirits ready to make a difference to the community! Over 70 youths gathered at the *SGfuture* Engagement session today where they enthusiastically shared their ideas on how to improve our society, together with Parliament Secretary for Culture, Community and Youth, Mr Baey Yam Keng.

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