NextGen

Do read this document in its entirety to prepare the necessary information and understand the requirements so that you can save time.

What is NextGen and our prerequisites?

NextGen, IRR's youth wing, seeks passionate and committed youths to support Singapore's migrant worker community.

If you are interested in having a mentor and execute your ideas alongside IRR while taking the lead, NextGen is for you!

What can you expect?

Student-led initiatives are meant for those who are interested in projects such as:

- 1. English Classes
- 2. Excel Classes
- 3. Modelling Project
- 4. Lunar New Year and Hari Raya Puasa Related Projects
- 5. Your Own Project

Please note:

For student-led initiatives, we require these projects to be well fleshed out. We regret that we may not be able to cater to student groups that do not meet such criteria.

For other means of volunteering, or if you are **interested in current IRR initiatives**, you may look at our **NextGen website** for the sign-up links for the respective initiatives.

What are these projects?

1. English Classes

Migrant workers upon arrival in Singapore have little spoken or written knowledge of the English language. For these classes, you can come up with a plan to impart your knowledge on vocabulary, grammar, etc.

2. Excel Classes

In our age of digitalisation, the ability to use Excel has been more sought after. In such classes, you can teach migrant workers the basics of Excel - functions, formatting, shortcuts, etc.

3. Modelling Project

In October 2024, we launched the first edition of our Modelling Project, transforming 10 migrant brothers into stylish models. You can read all about it in this **Straits Times Article**. You could host another rendition of such a project, utilising your skillset, be it in photography, fashion, or anything else relevant.

4. Lunar New Year and Hari Raya Puasa related projects

Every year, we find different ways to celebrate Lunar New Year and Hari Raya Puasa with our migrant brothers, making sure they feel the joy of these festive occasions. You can come up with anything unique - be it Chinatown Tours, Batik Workshops, etc.

5. Your Own Project!

As the spirit of NextGen is to let the creativity of youths run wild, we are very happy to hear your suggestions outside of the 4 other projects. Do take note, **your own project must still be adequately fleshed out and is subject to approval**.

Project Requirements

Programs in collaboration with ItsRainingRaincoats (IRR) will only proceed if the following criteria are met:

For event-based projects: Events have to be carried out on Sundays, as that is the rest day of most migrant workers.

<u>Transportation [if feasible based on location & pax]</u>: Ensure that there is a bus available for migrant workers to travel to and from the event. The bus should pick them up from the nearest MRT station to their dormitories. (We suggest arranging 2-way transport from Jurong East MRT to the venue)

<u>Provision of Food and Drinks</u>: Consider that migrant workers may miss their lunch hour due to event timing, which could require them to spend their own money on meals.

<u>Venue</u>: Confirm that a suitable location is secured for the event. If you do not have a venue in mind, please note that there is an event space available at the <u>various migrant worker</u> <u>recreation centres</u>, which we can book on your behalf.

Migrant workers typically work more than 15 hours a day for a basic wage of \$18 per day. If we request their presence without providing benefits, they are very unlikely to attend the event.

Given past experiences and current constraints, these conditions **MUST** be satisfied before moving forward. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

How will IRR help?

Please note that we are a small team of staff and cannot manage every aspect of the event.

The design and planning for activities must be carried out by you.

Our role is limited to assisting with broadcasting information to migrant workers.

We can assign a project mentor to provide inputs and support as you execute the project, depending on availability

What do you need in order to submit a project proposal?

Please prepare the information below as this will be needed in the project proposal form.

Contact Details

- Your School (if you are a student)
- Your Teacher-in-Charge's contact information (name & email)
- Your information (name and email)
- Your group members' (if any) contact information (name & email)

Event Details

- What: Describe the programmes and activities that will be held during the event.
- Where: Shortlist a venue. We recommend the Sembawang Recreation Centre (SRC) for most of these activities. Feel free to propose an alternative venue (as long as you are confident you can book it).
- When: What time will it start and end? Please provide a thorough breakdown of the
 event in your proposal. The date need not be shortlisted yet, but can be included
 here.
- Why: Explain how your event will help out migrant workers. How will you measure the impact/success of your project?
- **Workers hosted**: Please give a realistic estimate in this. It is unlikely that we can get more than 50 migrant workers to attend an event.
- **Transport Details**: As most migrant workers' dormitories are far away, transportation costs are often high for them, so we suggest arranging 2-way transport from Jurong East MRT to the venue.
- **Food Details:** Providing a meal during or at the end of the event would also encourage more workers to attend. All meals should be halal. Please ensure that you arrange for some vegetarian meals as well.

Fundraising Details (if any)

IRR is unable to provide funds, so all costs will need to be borne by teams, schools, or fundraising. Please note that you will be responsible for all funds.

ANY posters or materials with the IRR logo must be approved by us before they can be posted.

Acknowledgement/VIA Hours (if needed)

IRR can provide acknowledgement of participation in the form of an email (subjected to a successful project).

If you need VIA hours instead, we are able to **share a timesheet template and sign off on it**, but do send your own if needed.

Do take note that the minimum for a sign-off on VIA hours is 4 hours.

Please note:

You must submit photos and videos to IRR after the event, for social media use.

Additionally, if you have one, you may submit a comprehensive document explaining your project and its requirements in depth.

If you are planning to use the IRR logo, or mentioning us as partners, or our name in any way, you MUST inform us before going ahead.

What's next?

After reading this document, please submit your **project proposal here**.

Please note that all volunteering events with us are **pro-bono**. Should you have any additional queries, you may **email us at** <u>nextgen@itsrainingraincoats.com</u>