

DREAM BIG - Programme Factsheet for Volunteers

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Key Terms	
=Dreams	The project's community partner, and the place of residence for the youths we work with
Scholars	The youths residing at =Dreams
Phase 1	The first phase of Dream Big, covers sessions aiming at technical and people skills that Scholars could use at the workplace.
Phase 2	The second phase of Dream Big, covers discovery sessions, exploring possible/potential career pathways and passions of the scholars.
DreamsFest	Short for 'Dreams Festival', a two-day experiential festival to broaden the scholars' perspectives on potential career pathways
Recruitment	A period of time to sign up for a volunteering opportunity
VB	Volunteer Befriender

01 - About Dream Big	
What is Dream Big?	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Dream Big</u></p> <p>Dream Big is a youth-led project under the Cohort 35 Youth Corps Leaders Programme in partnership with =Dreams Singapore Limited. The project is intended for scholars aged 13 to 16 from =Dreams where initiatives are curated to support their Talent and Interest Development (TID).</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Aims and objectives</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- To provide opportunities for the scholars to discover and develop their talents and interests,- To guide and prepare the scholars to succeed in their internships,- To empower the scholars with skills and dispositions for long-term

	upward social mobility.
What does Dream Big's programme look like?	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Information on Programme</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sessions dedicated to bonding and skills workshops, annual events such as the DreamsFest, and internship preparations. - Sessions includes and may not be limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Skills-based workshops, e.g. how to write a CV, Portfolio Designing. - Interest-based workshops, e.g. wildlife photography, filmmaking, beatboxing - DreamsFest (human library and taster sessions) featuring multiple possible career pathways in collaboration with The Astronauts Collective
Who are our clients?	51 scholars who are low-income Youth between the ages of 13 to 16 from one and two room rental flats who are residing in-residence at =Dreams
Where will the sessions be held?	=Dreams Campus @ 99 Haig Road, Singapore 438748* <i>*Unless informed otherwise</i>

02 - Dates and duration	
<p>There are 2 different phases of recruitment - Phase 1, Phase 2, In phase 1 & 2, sessions are held on Mondays, 7pm-9pm.</p> <p>As a volunteer, you can choose to register and volunteer for more than one of these phases. Volunteer Befrienders (VBs) are required to commit to all the dates in the phase they choose to volunteer in.</p> <p>*Each recruitment has different recruitment periods. Look out for them in the dates given below!</p>	
Phase 1	
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Recruitment</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">discover.nyc.gov.sg/ Apr - Jun</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Orientation & Training</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">14 Apr, 6.30pm-9.30pm (The Red Box @ Somerset)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Engagement sessions (7pm-9pm)</u></p>	

April - 28st
May - 5th, 19th
June - 23rd

03 - Volunteer Information

Phase 1 - Dream Fest-based workshops

Volunteer Befriender (VB)	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Roles & Responsibilities</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To befriend a group of scholars through ice-breakers and team-building activities - To engage scholars in activities and group debriefs to invite their learnings from the workshops - To facilitate development of a group of scholars' future readiness and planning <p>Your goal is to have fun with the scholars during the activities and shine light on their respective learnings in the workshops.</p> <p>You may be paired with another VB and tagged to a group of scholars to establish sufficient support.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Criteria</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No prior experience in befriending/facilitation is needed but having it is a bonus. - Young adult (Aged 17-25) - Able to commit to all the dates in Phase 1 (Apr-Jun) - Potential volunteers will be shortlisted for a chitchat

04 - Frequently Asked Questions

VBs	<p>1. What if I don't meet the criteria (age/experience)?</p> <p>All potential volunteers will be shortlisted for a chitchat to assess your suitability and availability. If you are keen on volunteering in Dream Big, we are open to chat with you about possibilities. However, there are still non-negotiables that we need to uphold.</p>
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	<p>2. What if I cannot make it for the engagement last minute? For VBs, inform the Volunteer Management in the Telegram Group Chat at least 6 hours before the engagement.</p>
	<p>3. What recognitions can I get? Aside from VIA hours, you will receive a certificate of appreciation as well as social media spotlights for outstanding contributions.</p>
	<p>4. What's in it for me?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. By volunteering at Dream Big, you can earn a sense of fulfillment and accomplishment for contributing to the scholars' growth. b. Development is not limited to the scholars- the volunteer management team hopes to support and encourage you in finding your own learnings and growth by achieving small goals along the way. c. Volunteering in a space like =Dreams exposes you to different perspectives, especially in the domains of meritocracy, inequality, social mobility, and social national solidarity. You will tend to open your mind to a different world.
	<p>5. Why is the criteria for age 17-25? For VBs, the criteria for age is 17-25 as the scholars are currently in secondary school. As Dream Big focuses on career pathways, we require volunteers with more experience.</p>
	<p>1. What if I cannot commit for all the sessions in the phase I'd like to volunteer in? Pick the shifts that you can definitely commit to, and we will still shortlist you for a chitchat. Priority will be given to those volunteers who can commit for all sessions.</p> <p>This is because we want consistent and familiar befrienders for the scholars as the VBs will be tagged to a specific group.</p>
	<p>2. Why is Orientation & Training (O&T) compulsory? O&T is crucial for VBs to know what they are volunteering for and be trained on befriending and facilitation. Additionally, As the VBs may be paired, this session is crucial for the pairs to get to know each</p>

	other and form a dynamic to work together.
	<p>3. What if I cannot make it for O&T?</p> <p>We will shortlist you for an interview, but prioritise those who can make it to O&T. If you are chosen for the VB role, we will schedule an online meeting with you to cover the important parts of O&T. This is only a last resort.</p>
	<p>4. What's in it for me?</p> <p>As you support the scholars, you will experience the workshops that have been curated second-hand. If you're looking for career guidance, or want to explore your interest, volunteering here will add lots of value for you.</p>
	<p>5. How do I know if I've been successfully selected as a volunteer?</p> <p>Upon successful confirmation, you will be notified via email and will subsequently be added to our Volunteers' Telegram group chat.</p> <p>In the event that your registration is unsuccessful, you will receive an email notification informing you of the outcome. Please note that a rejection at this stage does not preclude future opportunities. You are welcome to reapply for upcoming phases, and we encourage you to reassess your needs to align them with ours.</p>

05 - About the Stakeholders	
Fireflies	<p><u>What are 'Fireflies'?</u></p> <p>Fireflies is the name of the group of Aspirants (participants of Cohort 35 Youth Corps Leaders Programme) organizing Project Dream Big in partnership with =Dreams.</p> <p>Our team consists of 11 members, supported by two mentors who offer their guidance and expertise.</p>
	<p><u>Why 'Fireflies'?</u></p> <p>Like 'Fireflies', we guide others towards the light while spreading 'light' ourselves. We aim to bring joy and hope to the scholars while inspiring them.</p>

	<p>We aspire to make a significant impact on the lives of young people, supporting them in their journey of self-discovery and exploration, as encapsulated by this goal.</p>
Members of Luminaries	<p><u>Volunteer Management</u></p> <p>Dylan, Cheryl & Hannah - They are the main points of contact who will reach out to the volunteers. Any questions, concerns and updates regarding volunteering you have may be directed to them.</p> <p><u>Publicity</u></p> <p>Priya, Grace & Vino - They are in charge of managing the project socials and coordinating our fundraising initiatives. Any media, photos and videos will mainly be taken by them.</p> <p><u>Programmes</u></p> <p>Anusha, William & Anthea - They are the primary programme coordinators who will be designing the workshop sessions you are volunteering at.</p> <p><u>Admin</u></p> <p>Nash - They are in charge of secretarial and administrative matters, as well as impact assessment of the project.</p> <p><u>Logistics</u></p> <p>Lyndon & William - They are in charge of managing and purchasing the flow of goods and materials as required for the project's success.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Contact Details</u></p> <p>As volunteers, you will be in touch with two main people - Dylan and Cheryl.</p> <p>If you have any queries, you can reach them here:</p> <p>E-mail: ycs.dreambig@gmail.com</p> <p>Contact no.: 80215010 (Dylan) / 93911773 (Cheryl)</p> <p>Telegram: @dylanzzz3 (Dylan) / @cheryliz (Cheryl)</p>
=Dreams	<p>=Dreams is a residential model that provides after-school academic and holistic support so that each child can focus on reaching their potential for</p>

a tertiary education.

The core of =Dreams is to provide programmes that will support the 4 domains (Academic, Talent and Interest development, Residential and Personal Development, and Health and Wellness). The signature programme of =Dreams is mainly Talent and Interest Development as this stems from the ability to equip Youth at =Dreams with the necessary skills and dispositions they require to ensure their social mobility in the long term. Imparting the right values, skills and motivation are intended to create greater self-awareness of their skills and talents and enable them to harness their strengths and pursue their goals. Some of the key features include the design of bespoke programmes and working with schools on their applied learning programmes.

Mission: To empower youth to attain social mobility through holistic development support