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Dedicated to sharing the stories of the YLL School of Medicine community 💬
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I want to find out more about HoMY

Who is HoMY?

Hello! We are the team behind Humans of Medicine YLL (@humansofmedyll on instagram), more affectionately known as HoMY. We are relatively young at only 3 years old, but we're quickly growing into a community that shares and inspires identity building through storytelling! Do read on to know more about us and what we do :)

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The history of HoMY

Humans of Medicine, as it was initially called, was started as a Public Relations Directorate Initiative during the Thanksgiving period back in 2020.

As part of the 72nd MedSoc in AY 20/21, a Humans of Medicine team composed of the Public Relations and Publications Directorate was formed, to provide stories year-round. The format was also adapted to bring heartfelt stories about members of our NUS Medicine and MedSoc community.

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Why do we do this?

We are dedicated to sharing the stories of the YLL School of Medicine community! Be it the students, doctors, or staff, we believe that every individual has a unique story to share. Inspired by the original Humans of New York, we have seen firsthand how the platform has strengthened the community within YLL School of Medicine!

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Our aims💫

General
Dedicated storytelling of all members of YLL community, while retaining the authenticity of each individual's struggle and journey!

AY22/23 (by HoMY ICs)

1) To expand the variety of individuals being featured on the page, to not just limit to high achievers
2) Grow HoMY's reach and engagement to different audiences such as junior/senior doctors and the public at large

3) Create a feedback channel for interviewees on the process to enable continuous improvement of our initiative

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I have a story to share/a person to recommend!

Do drop us a line via tinyurl.com/ihaveastorytoshare if you would like to share anonymously!

You may also reach out to your friendly MedSoc representative (preferably the Publications or Public Relations Directors), @joyangg on Telegram.

Alternatively, we are contactable at humansofmedyll@medsoc.org.sg or via DM on @humansofmedyll on instagram.

We look forward to receiving your submission!

I was asked to be interviewed by the HoMY team

Why should I say yes?

First off, thank you for engaging with the HoMY team! We will not be where we are today without the support of all our interviewees who have shared their stories with us :")

We have a team behind HoMY to ensure that the entire process of curating a post is as professional as possible! We emphasize that consent can be withdrawn at any point in time, and please rest assured that the content of the post will be sent back to the interviewee for approval before publication.

Additionally, HoMY's post aim to retain the authenticity of every conversation, and as such the caption will be edited to be as conversational as possible. We believe that every individual, big or small, has a unique journey and special story to share! There is no need to be the most outstanding individual, or to have overcome the most adverse challenges. We believe in the power of storytelling, even if it is simply featuring a daily routine.

If you're willing and open to take this leap of faith to share your story, we would love to have you be featured as part of our YLL School of Medicine community! Please feel free to reach out if you have any hesitant or queries, @humansofmedyll on instagram.

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What is the process of the interview like?

The interview process includes the following in chronological order:

1) Selection of interviewees
    a) This is based on nominations submitted by the community, or individuals selected by the committee members.
2) Contacting interviewees
    a) The team in-charge of the interview will reach out to the interviewees via email or alternative contact methods.
    b) Subsequently, an interview session will be arranged at the convenience of the interviewee. The questions will also be sent in advance prior to the interview.
    c) The interview will be voice recorded for ease of transcription in the future.
3) Post-Interview
    a) Our friendly team will then transcribe the interview and edit into a truncated text suitable for Instagram caption.
    b) This truncated caption will be sent to the interviewee for approval and editing if required. We aim to convey the interviewee's intended message and to represent the individual as accurately as possible!
    c) At this point, the team will also request for suitable pictures from the interviewees based on the caption generated.
    d) The team will then edit the caption for a second time according to the feedback from the interviewee.
    e) The edited caption will then be vetted by the HoMY ICs of the AY, along with the images to be posted.
4) Publication
    a) The finalised post will be uploaded on Instagram, and publicized via various channels such as our telegram channel here!
    b) The team will then contact the interviewee to inform them of the publication and close the loop for the interview process.

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I want to join HoMY, tell me more!

Why should I join the HoMY team?

We'll let our team, past and present, tell you why:

1. Jared (Co2023), 73rd PR Director
    - It's the perfect excuse to use when you want to get the attention of *senpai* or if you want to tell your friend's story, and you want an audience to share the story
    - It's very meaningful!
    - Some say you can interview the residency programme director…. *wink wink*
    - You will get guidance on how to do the interviews well + how to curate a story
    - It's a trusted, reliable name, with a proven track record + you get the backing of MedSoc to protect you in your journalistic ambitions :)
2. Joanna (Co2024), 74th PR Director
    - Being in HoMY gives you the extra push and opportunity to reach out to individuals you might not otherwise! An interview I hold close to my heart is that of the Eureka employee Wang Jia Rong, whom I've bought kopi from since my first day of medical school. If not for HoMY, I would have been too awkward and shy to even talk to him in-depth :")
    - You can work with friends (just let us know your pairs when signing up) and the commitment is honestly rather low (just 2 posts for 1 entire year & you can otot finish it any time). For how much you'll gain, it's rather high yield!
3. Yi Yang (Co2024), HoMY IC AY21/22 & 22/23
    - You get the chance to push for, interview, curate and post human stories that you are really passionate about and showcase the diversity of people in YLL.
    - It's a great reason and opportunity to actually get to know your friends a lot better than you would've and share their stories. This was the case for me with 2 of my friends Wyatt Lau (https://tinyurl.com/3ktuzbfd) and Ng Kai Jing (https://tinyurl.com/235wekb8) and I would've never known so much about their life if not for HoMY.
4. Natania (Co2025), HoMY IC AY21/22 & 22/23
    - Gain the opportunity to meet lots of new people within the medical community (and beyond!), and get to know them on a more personal level.
    - Dig deeper and uncover the raw stories and experiences that people have to share - and that's what makes them human, just like everybody else!
    - It's a fun, welcoming, and wholesome environment 😆

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What is commitment like?

As of the 74th MedSoc (AY22/23), you will be paired. The pairing system will ideally comprise one lower M and one upper M to allow for connections to both the pre-clinical batch and the clinical landscape. Upper Ms will also assist in mentoring and guiding where possible.

You will be rostered to a few posts to upkeep the schedule, with interviews beginning minimally 2 months beforehand and submission 1 month before allocated publication. The timeline is flexible - you are welcome to interview before your post is due, and go beyond the number of interviews you are rostered to! On average, most pairs will complete 2-3 interviews in single term.

You are encouraged to stay for one additional cycle in HoMY, either as a senior, or as a Team IC to help (most people do stay longer since it's a rather low commitment!) But do note that staying for 2 years is not compulsory at all so don't feel pressured to do so!

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What activities are there?

As of the 74th MedSoc (AY22/23), we host an orientation session to the inner workings of HoMY at the start of the year along with the previous batch!

Look forward to cohesion sessions to know the team behind HoMY as well :")

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When is recruitment done?

It is done annually during the MedSoc Directorate Recruitments. Do look out for the announcements in the Sept-Aug period each academic year for the announcement, and apply to the Public Relations Directorate or the Publications Directorate.

Sign-ups are open NOW at **tinyurl.com/medsoc74signup** till **30th Oct 2022 2359**
Head over to the Public Relations Directorate & select "Humans of Medicine" as your initiative as choice. Feel free to contact us if you have any questions!

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I am an alumni of YLLSoM, can I be a part of this? (Yes!)

Yes! We'd be more than happy to take you on. You'll be paired with one of our teams to assist with the editorial process - we're more than happy for the opportunity, especially if you'd like to share the stories of junior doctors, or those who are further removed from current students.

- Please join via our telegram link at *https://t.me/+I6DDHAso6d0zMWQ1*

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