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I have a dream to change the world...

This is a first line my mentor in Technopreneurship Center in NTU, Prof Tan, spoke to all the minor batch 6 students in NTC. It has so much impact on batch 6 even till now. Only latter did I know that he quoted from Martin Luther King, the man who started the civil rights movement to end racial discrimination. From his motivational speech, he made us realised everyone has the power to pursue their dream.

Starting a successful business is always the highest leverage for any form of investment. In this era of uncertain, partly due to the recent meltdown of global financial market, innovation needs to be doubly emphasized to improve the life of society, not to mention the job creation capability to ease the unemployment. One also needs to be reminded that the value of just the top few companies in American is comparable to 50% of the value in SGX. Talking about the power of entrepreneurship! But of cos, of many entrepreneurs I met, they all told me its a long lonely journey. In life, there's definitely a tradeoff and entrepreneurship is something that can give you lots of experience in a lifetime.



If one notices the trend, entrepreneurship has become increasingly popular to the younger generation. Micheal Dell, the first entrepreneur in state in his 30s in becoming a billionaire. And I've had friends who has already had a startup or in the process of having one. Not too long ago, Government has also been emphasizing the need for entrepreneurship in Singapore, giving out funds to promising ventures.

For this year, we have the [Global Entrepreneurship Week \(17-23 Nov\)](#) to celebrate innovation, entrepreneurship and creativity. You will get to meet up with lots of young people from different countries through online and local activities to think creatively and innovate. Who knows you may come out with a million or billion dollar idea!



There will definitely be an event that will cater to your taste. The National Pushcart challenge is held in Toa Payoh HDBHub from the 17-18 November organised by Republic Poly. It's a inter-school



competition and however sadly, the registration is closed. But do go down and support our budding entrepreneurs, who know one of them might be the next “Sim Wong Foo” because of your support! And yes how about being the next Elim Chew (77th street)!

There’s always something for people who are already in business and “[Challenging Times & Managing Challenges](#)” is a sharing session held in SMU on 17 November discussing on a range of issue such as the current economic outlook to managing company’s financial issues in this uncertain period. Time is tight and the registration deadline is 14 Nov as so do RSVP asap. Either that, [Essentials of Business](#) might also be an interesting seminar to attend.

And if you’re really not sure if you want to start out the long lonely journey of entrepreneurship, do attend this talk “[Can entrepreneurship be taught?](#)” I’m pretty sure everyone has the potential, just that we need different form of guidance. Agree?

And who say entrepreneurship is about just making money. Think about what-if you can earn money and help solve social issue at the same time. This is when [social entrepreneurship](#) comes in. Think about Mohammad Yunus, banker of the poor! Think about how the impact he has made by helping people getting out of the poverty cycle with his idea of microfinancing.

There are just too many events that I want to over but can’t but take a look at this [link](#) to choose an event that suits you! **Global Entrepreneurship Week is jointly organized by [ACE](#) and [NUS Enterprise](#).**

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