

Future-Ready Society Conference Series 2023
Web3 and Community Development
Tuesday, 29 August 2023
Online via Zoom

PROGRAMME

9.45 am – 10.00 am	Registration
10.00 am – 10.10 am	Welcome Remarks Justin Lee Senior Research Fellow Institute of Policy Studies
10.10 am – 11.10 am	Use Cases of Web3 for Community Building and Social Change Hum Qing Ze Head of Product (Blockchain) Tribe Combining Localism and Decentralisation, The Wellbeing Protocol's journey towards creating a community wellbeing DAO Mark Pascall Founder The Wellbeing Protocol
11.10 am – 11.30 am	Sharing by Discussant Jerome Yuen Chief Executive Officer Cycling Without Age Singapore
11.30 am – 12.00 pm	Question-and-Answer
12.00 pm	End

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SYNOPSIS

It is now possible to set up a Decentralized Autonomous Organisation (DAO) within 90 seconds and raise funds on the metaverse by selling digital art through non-fungible tokens (NFTs). With blockchain technology, communities can potentially raise their own funds, engage in participatory budgeting, and support ideas and projects that get the most votes, all facilitated through a digital platform that they can control collectively. Will web 3 technology revolutionise community self-management and non-profit organisational structures through mass participation, or is it merely a fad and no-tech or lower-tech platforms can do just as well?

Come join Hum Qing Ze, Head of Product (Blockchain) at Tribe, and Mark Pascall, Founder of The Wellbeing Protocol, as they help answer key questions about the promise of Web3 technologies for community development and social inclusion. Jerome Yuen, Chief Executive Officer of Cycling Without Age Singapore, will also share their experiences of using Web3 technologies for fundraising and stakeholder engagement.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

Hum Qing Ze is currently organising Ethereum Singapore and has prior experience with Bitcoin leading its grassroots team as Bitcoin was transitioning towards becoming a Decentralised Autonomous Organisation (DAO). BitcoinDAO runs quarterly grants rounds utilising quadratic funding for the Web3 community and thus as part of the grassroots team, QZ has had to onboard many newcomers to the space as they sought to become grantees to receive funding. Now he is at clr.fund which is a tool for communities to utilise quadratic funding to allocate resources to projects that are important to their ecosystem.

Mark Pascall is the Founder of The Wellbeing Protocol (building community wellbeing DAOs) and one of the founding members of the Metacartel Venture DAO. Passionate about all things decentralised / blockchain for public good, his career highlights include: running the first University course in the world on DAOs, bringing Vitalik Buterin and Andreas Antonopoulos over to New Zealand, co-founding BlockchainLabs, being the pollinator for the DAOStack Genesis DAO, being the Executive Director of BlockchainNZ, being featured in Decentralized Thriving (<https://daostack.io/ebook>), presenting at a select committee hearing for the NZ government, co-authoring "New Zealand: Unlocking Blockchain's Potential", being part of the SingularityU New Zealand local training faculty and presenting at over 40 conferences in 6 countries on decentralisation topics.

Jerome Yuen driven by empathy, has embarked on a heartfelt journey with Cycling Without Age Singapore to uplift the mental and physical well-being of seniors in Singapore. In his 25-year tenure as a respected business figure in Asia Pacific, Jerome has garnered invaluable insights

into nurturing businesses and creating teams that shine. It is his recent decade in the social sector that truly reveals his strong commitment to help people in need. Passionately steering charities, Jerome has developed transformation paths for them to broaden their reach and deepen their impact. With a mid-size charity that he led, he reimagined and revitalized the entire backend processes over a span of 3 years. This dedicated effort not only enhanced their efficacy but also earned them the revered Charity Transparency & Governance Awards. With 2 large charities, he led his team to envision physical sanctuaries for seniors, developing a welcoming day center and a nursing home that resonate warmth and dignity. Embracing the future with open arms, he is trailblazing digital spaces, leading Cycling Without Age Singapore into the Metaverse and enabling the ability to receive crypto-generosity.

Justin Lee is a Senior Research Fellow and Head of Policy Lab in the Institute of Policy Studies. He has done research on the social inclusion of people with disabilities, community development and other issues related to disadvantaged groups. He has created a wiki platform that allows mass participation in the mapping of social needs (socialcollab.sg) and is interested in solutions with a seed of structural change, such as interest-free loans to the poor (to displace predatory lending), peer-to-peer learning for youths (instead of tuition) and worker-owned cooperatives as a means of social mobility for low-wage workers. He serves as Chairman of ArtsWok Collaborative, on the Board of Trampoline and the Research Committees of Singapore Children's Society and SINDA.

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