



Your personal information, such as name, contact number and address, will be separated from your answers to the questionnaire and coded (i.e., identified with a numerical ID). Your responses to the questionnaire will be linked only to this numerical ID. The data collected from you and other respondents will be aggregated in the computer system for analysis.

Only the Principal Investigator (Dr Leong Chan-Hoong), two Data Administrators, and Study Sponsor (National Youth Council) will have full access to the data with personal identifiers. Other research analysts will only have access to coded data without personal identifiers. The overall research findings (without personal information) will be shared with other government agencies for policy-making purposes. By giving your consent through the online survey link, you agree to the above arrangement and access to your records.

If you agree to participate, the online survey (or interviewer for face-face survey) will ask you for your name and contact number. This is for the purpose of allowing us to clarify any information with you, if necessary. This would also help us to contact you again for future waves of the survey, and any communications and public engagement exercises related to the study. Please be assured that your contact details will be kept strictly confidential.

For respondents who attempt the survey using face-to-face, the interviewer will also ask for your permission to audio-record the entire interview. We will only use this recording for data verification and quality control. You may still proceed with participating in the survey even if you do not agree to the interview being recorded.

Your personal data will be retained by the Principal Investigator and Study Sponsor for up to 7 years, after which it will be destroyed.

10. **Who is conducting this Study?**

This study is part of a research collaboration between the National Youth Council, an autonomous agency under the Ministry of Culture, Community, and Youth, and the Institute of Policy Studies Social Lab.

11. **What if I have further questions?**

If you have any questions about this study, you may contact any of the following persons:

- 1) **Dr Leong Chan-Hoong**, Principal Investigator, tel: 6601 3223 or email: [ips.soclab.nyc@nus.edu.sg](mailto:ips.soclab.nyc@nus.edu.sg)
- 2) **Ms Rena Wong**, Senior Manager (Strategic Planning), National Youth Council, tel: 6839 9178 or email: [rena\\_wong@nyc.gov.sg](mailto:rena_wong@nyc.gov.sg).

For an independent opinion regarding the research and the rights of research participants, you may contact the Institutional Review Board at National University of Singapore (Attn: Dr Chan Tuck Wai, tel: 6516 1234 or email: [irb@nus.edu.sg](mailto:irb@nus.edu.sg)).



PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET

1. **Study Information**

## Youth STEPS – Study on Transitions and Evolving Pathways in Singapore

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2. **Invitation to participate in the second phase of data collection (Wave 2) of this independent Study**

You are invited to take part in the second phase of data collection (Wave 2) of this independent research study. It is important that you take time to read and understand the information provided in this sheet. If you are satisfied that you understand what this study is about, and you wish to take part, please give your consent through the personalised survey link in the email sent to you. You will be given a copy of this Participant Information Sheet.

3. **Purpose of conducting this Study**

This study aims to investigate the characteristics of youth development and transitions in Singapore, and will cover topics such as life aspirations, quality of relationships, personal values and attitudes, as well as achievements and mobility as they move from adolescence to adulthood. This research will help the government to improve policies and develop programmes that can cater better to the needs and concerns of youth in Singapore.

This long-term study tracks changes in the same group of respondents over a period of time. Data will be collected over six years (6 waves) from 2017 to 2022. Wave 1 was conducted between September 2017 and February 2018. Wave 2 of the panel study will be conducted between June 2018 and September 2018.

4. **How was I chosen for this Study?**

You have been selected because you had taken part in Youth STEPS Wave 1 and had agreed to be re-contacted in Wave 2. In Wave 1, your address was randomly picked from the database of all residential addresses within Singapore. This sample selection service for household surveys is a resource provided by the Ministry of Home Affairs for research purposes. You are one of 4,041 Singapore Citizens and Permanent Residents aged between 17 and 24 years old (in 2017) who were interviewed for the first phase.

You will be excluded from the study if you are mentally impaired or a non-resident of Singapore.

5. **What do I have to do for this Study?**

If you take part in this study, you will be asked to complete a questionnaire on the demographic details of you and your family, educational and work aspirations, civic engagement, and social attitudes. The questionnaire will be conducted in English.

For Wave 2, the questionnaire will be conducted online and will take around 30 minutes to complete. The questionnaire may be conducted face-to-face under certain conditions on a case-by-case basis, such as the participant's physical disability and / or access to the internet. As you have agreed to be part of this long-term study, we will contact you again about one year later (2019) for the Wave 3 survey, which may be conducted online, face-to-face, or by phone.

6. **Will I be paid for participating in this Study?**

Upon successful completion of the Wave 2 interview, you will be given a S\$20 Grab e-voucher to reimburse you for your time. You will not be reimbursed on a pro-rated basis if you do not complete the survey or withdraw from the research before completing the survey.

In addition to the S\$20 reimbursement, if you complete and submit your survey by 25 July 2018, you will also be eligible for the Lucky Draw. Those who complete the survey by 27 June 2018 will triple their chances of winning.

	No. of Lucky Winners
S\$50 CapitaVouchers	3
S\$20 CapitaVouchers	5
S\$10 CapitaVouchers	10

7. **Are there any risks in participating in this Study?**

Some of the questions asked may require personal information about you. If you find any question distressing, you may choose not to answer. If you do not wish to continue the survey at any point, for any reason, you may ask to stop for a break or withdraw from the study altogether. Your collected data will be destroyed and discarded if you decide to withdraw from the study.

8. **Is participation in this Study voluntary?**

Your participation is entirely voluntary. While there are no direct benefits from participating in this study, your participation will help the researchers better understand the issues faced by young Singaporeans. At the conclusion of the project, we will send you a newsletter describing the major findings and alerting you to any research publications we have generated from the project.

9. **Confidentiality of Information and Protection of Privacy**

Information collected for this study will be kept confidential and stored under locked conditions. Your data and responses, to the extent of applicable laws and regulations, will not be made publicly available.