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Our **Change Lab**
produces actionable
insight and research
for the benefit of
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And here's a sneak peek at our July 2018 Tech Issue

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Hot Topics and Happenings in Social Innovation

E-TAIL THERAPY

With the self-completion in e-commerce, it can be difficult to make your items stand out from the pack. Recognising this, Ma Nadia Al Sheikh created **Dealz**, a unique platform for online retailers to list their products or promote their skills. Dealz additionally boasts listings by vulnerable individuals such as single mothers, ex-offenders or low-income senior citizens.

Bumping them up to the forefront of searches. Instead a single mother, Ma Al Sheikh understood the difficulty of making a living whilst managing personal problems, and started Dealz as a way to enhance livelihood opportunities for disadvantaged groups.



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To date, the platform has more than 200 active users, and hopes to attract more by partnering with various NPOs such as the Singapore Environment Council, Charities on the Street and Daughters of Tomorrow.

<https://www.dealz.in>

NO CHILD'S PLAY

The internet isn't a great place for children to learn and discover new skills and knowledge. But it can also be a dangerous playground that exposes them to unwatched or inappropriate content, cyberstalking and online bullies. **DO World** hopes to mitigate these cyber risks through targeted online education that teaches children with digital citizenship skills and teaches them how to use the internet more safely. Via this platform, the young ones will learn about privacy management, cyberbullying management, as well as critical thinking when it comes to differentiating between real and fake information. **DO** is user-friendly and utilises a fun Play & Learn model in which online rewards are unlocked after each lesson.



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HOT TOPICS AND HAPPENINGS IN SOCIAL INNOVATION

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Passionate about going back but no idea how your skills can make a difference? You may want to check out **Empact**, an entire volunteer ecosystem founded in 2013 by Peter Yang to promote skills-based volunteering. Via **Empact**, individuals and corporations can provide professional services to NPOs and social enterprises at discounted rates. Its members include HR consultants, accountants and lawyers who will take on any supporting or administrative work for social sector organisations to enhance their capacity. **Empact's** volunteers themselves are also subject to training and review to ensure that high-quality services are rendered.

<https://www.empact.sg>



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APP-TITUDE

In Brazil, there are about 15 million people struggle with speech disorders as a result of disabilities (illnesses such as autism, stroke, and cerebral palsy). Moved by their plight, and wanting to improve communication between himself and his daughter who has cerebral palsy, Carlos Pereira teamed up with tech professionals, speech and occupational therapists to develop **Lexia**, a software app for smartphones and tablets. Lexia applies intelligent algorithms that adjust to a wide range of disabilities such as Down's syndrome, autism and stroke, and which interpret the user's finger movements on the tablet to find out what they are trying to communicate. The application currently holds 25,000 images for users to choose from and allows them to add photos, record songs, as well as create voice and descriptions. Lexia is available in five languages: Portuguese, English, Arabic, German and Spanish.

<http://www.lexia.com.br>



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GET WITH THE PROGRAMME

In the rapidly evolving technology sector, many are equipping themselves with the necessary computing skills to land lucrative tech jobs. But did you know that relatively few women choose to study computer science? Hoping to close the gender gap in the tech industry, American lawyer and podcaster **Rebecca Sauter** founded **Girls Who Code**. An NPO that aims to build the largest pipeline of future female engineers in the United States, it educates and equips young women with computing skills by offering programming, robotics and web design courses in schools and communities. These include a free seven-week summer programme for girls to learn coding and get exposed to jobs within the industry, as well as after-school clubs for younger female students and trips to tech companies like Twitter and Facebook.

<https://girlswhocode.com>

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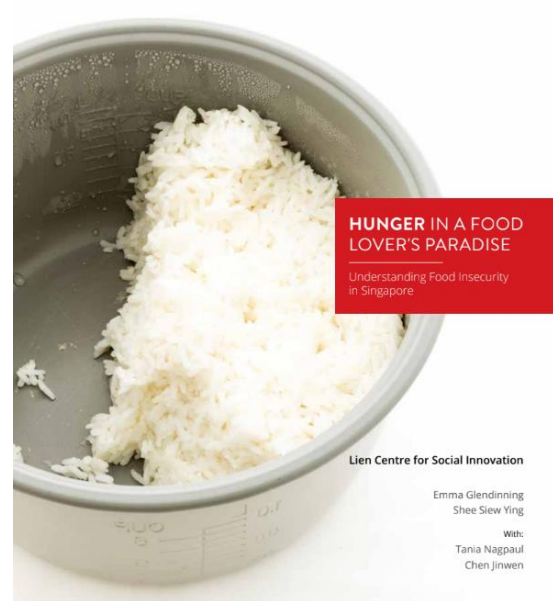
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HUNGER IN A FOOD LOVER'S PARADISE

Understanding Food Insecurity in Singapore

*This study identifies **three key gaps** in the current provision of hunger-relief services in Singapore, backed by **five holistic recommendations**.*

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Understanding Food Insecurity in Singapore

HUNGER IN A FOOD
LOVER'S PARADISE

This research revealed 3 key challenges:

1. Lack of Quality of Nutritious Food

*“Although poor health is often regarded as an effect of food insecurity, findings from the qualitative interviews suggest that it may also act as a **precursor** to rising food insecurity.”*

2. Inefficiencies in the Food Support System

*“While the organisations interviewed reached an estimated 7,000 households, these were not unique households, as some received support from **more than one organisation**.”*



3. Difficulty in Addressing Root Causes

*“Food support is seen as a **temporary mechanism** to offset or lighten households' financial burden rather than improve their financial situation.”*



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Our 5 Holistic Recommendations

- 1. Greater Coordination and Targeting of Food Support**
- 2. Prioritising Nutritious and Quality Food**
- 3. Community-Based Food Support**
- 4. Increasing Education**
- 5. Overcoming Food Insecurity through a Food Systems Approach**





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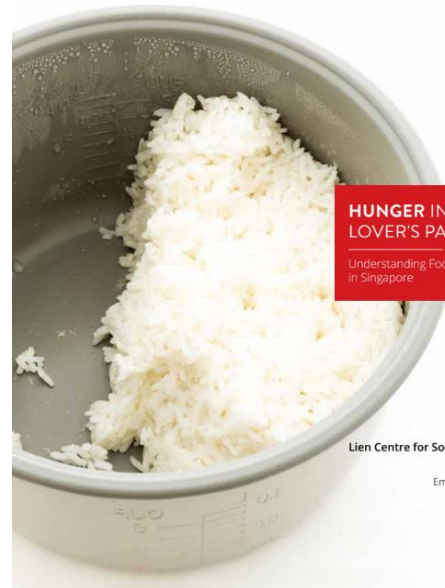
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*Are we **doing good well?***



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