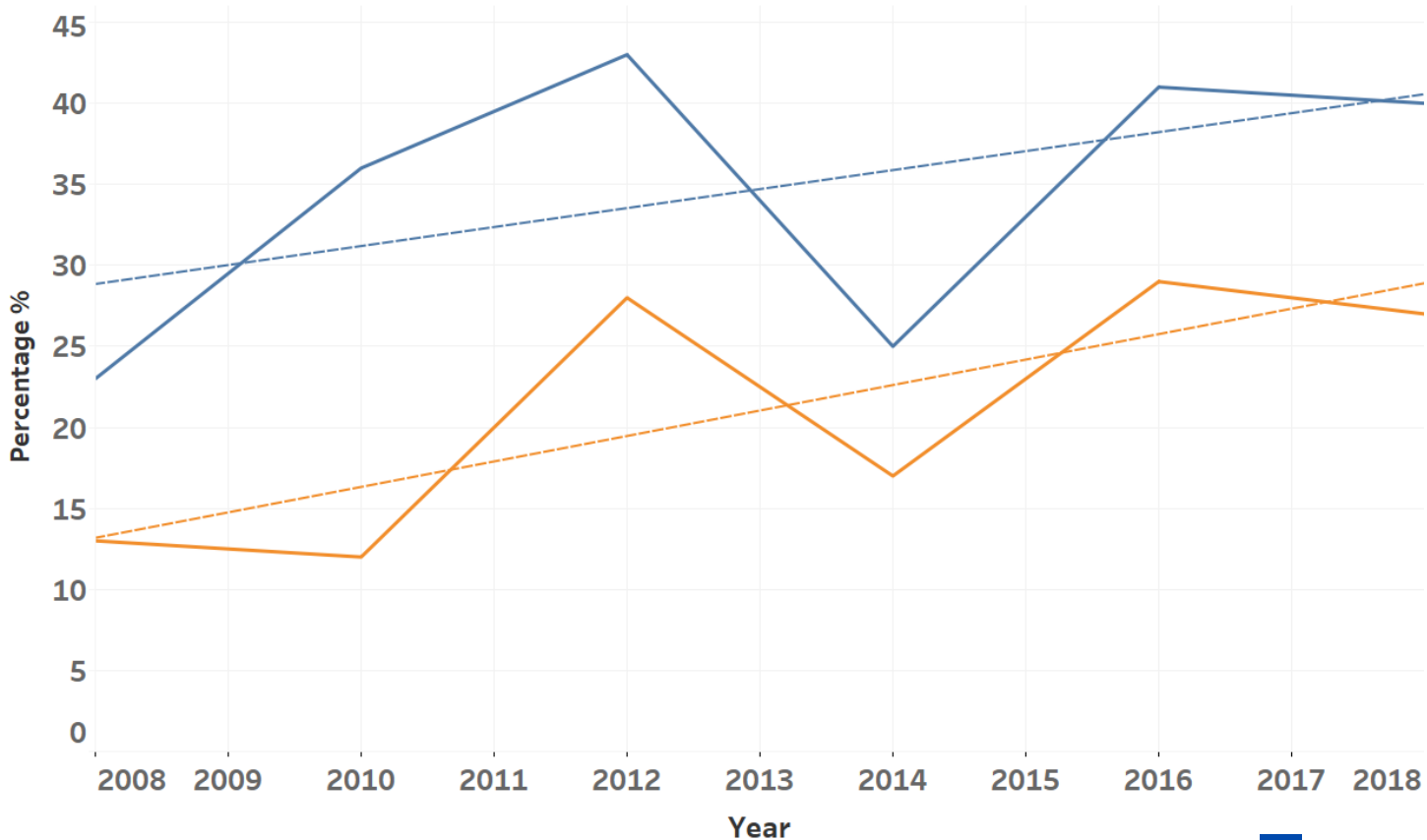




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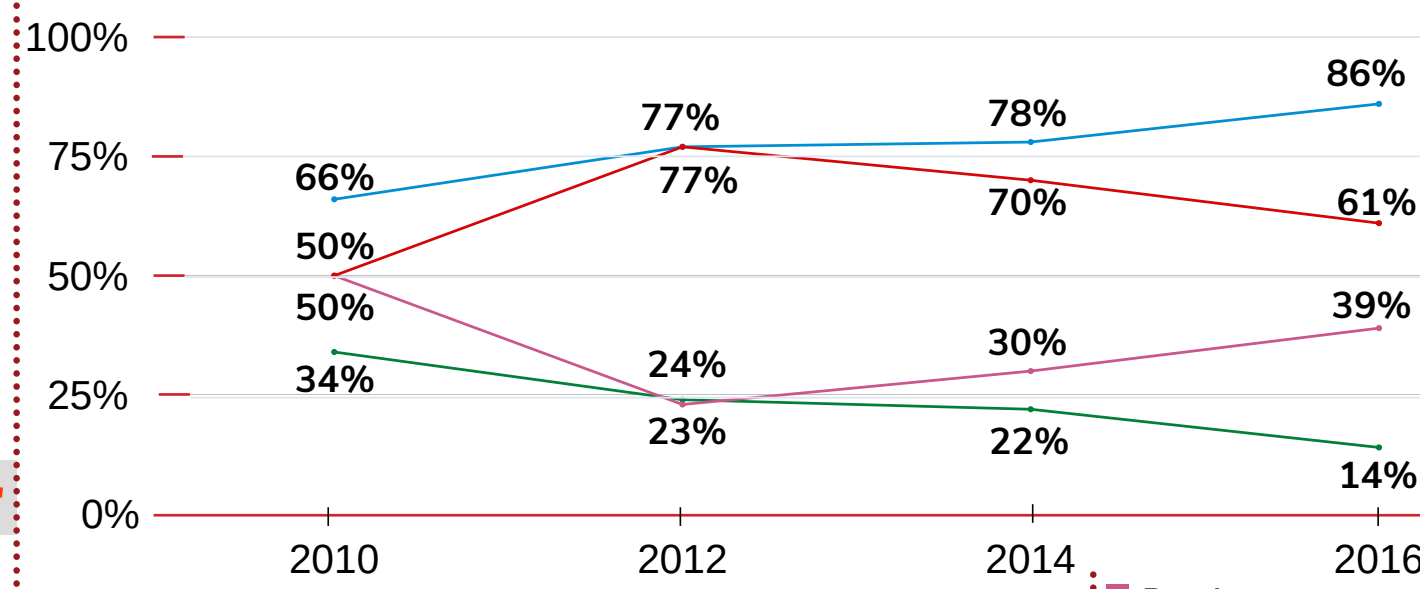
Youth Volunteerism Rate 2008-2018



It is a **positive** sign to see that there has been a **considerable increase** in proportion of youths volunteering their time and effort in society as the years past.

■ 15-24
■ 25-34
... trend
— actual data

Frequency of Volunteering Over Time



More **young working adults** tend to be **regular volunteers**. However, that does not correlate with the number of working hours. School age youths tend to **spend more time volunteering** compared to young work adults.

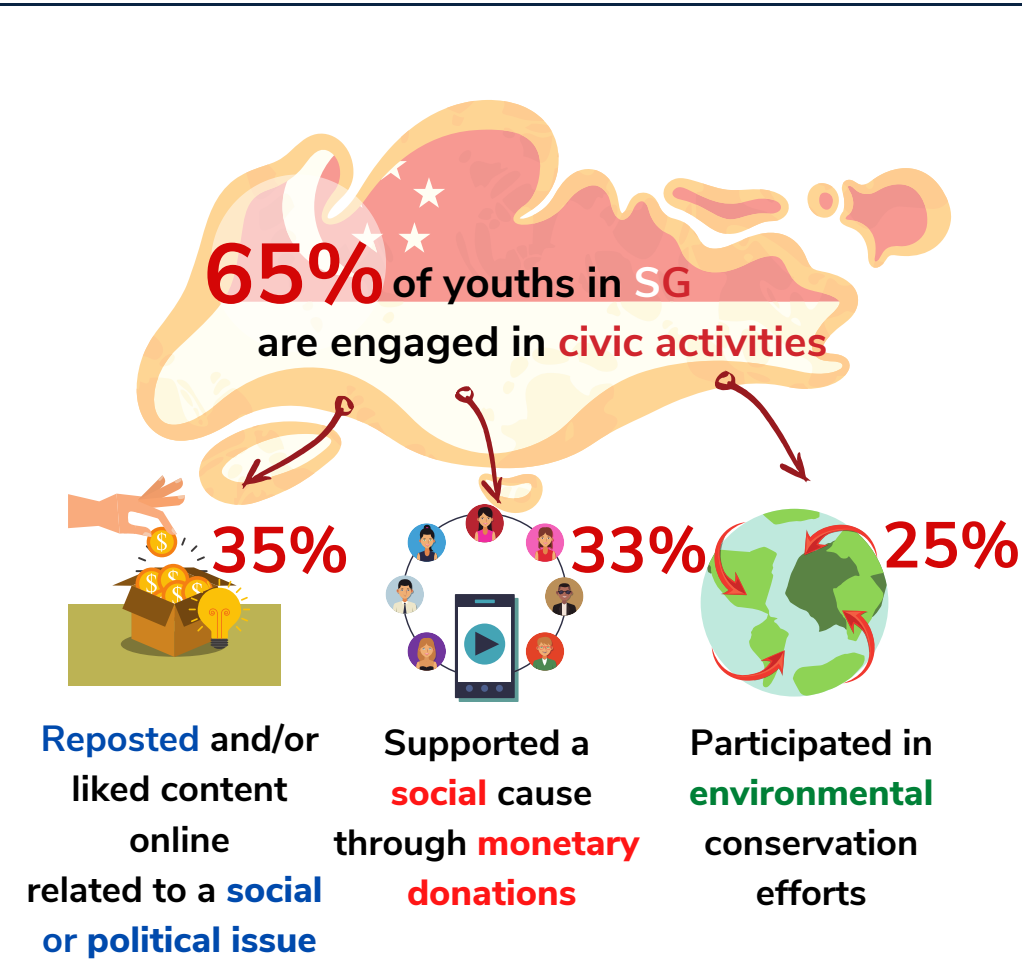


15-24 old
79
hours in 2016

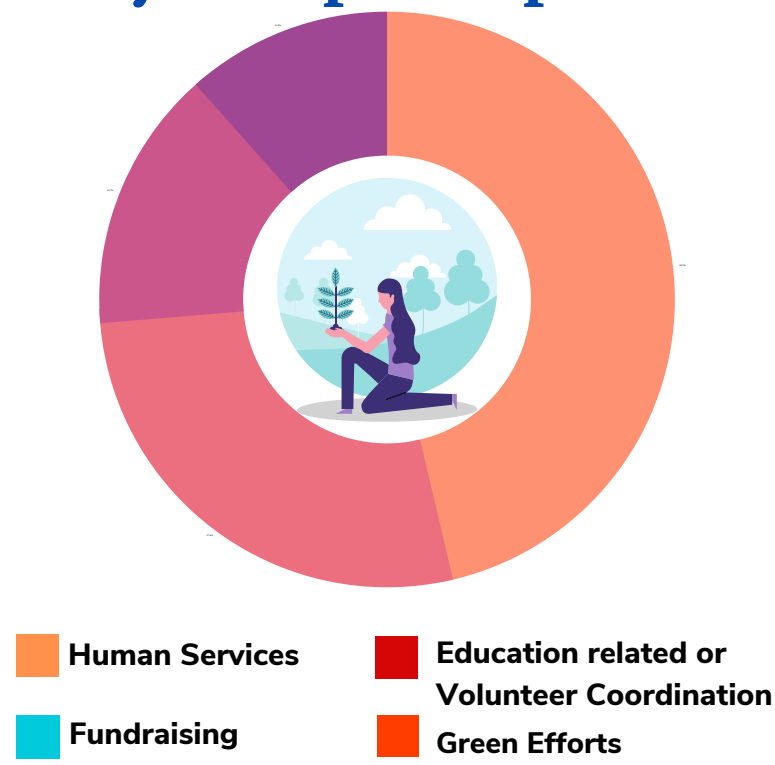


25-34 old
61
hours in 2016

■ Regular (Weekly & Monthly) (25-34)
■ Occasionally (25-34)
■ Occasionally (15-24)
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Volunteering activities that our youth participate in



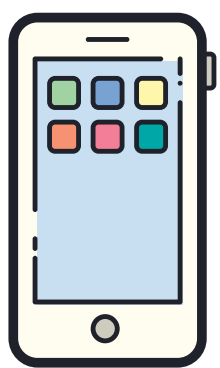
Top Reasons for Volunteering among youths



It is heartening to see that Singaporeans youths have shown more civic engagement through efforts such as volunteering. However, more can be done to create an environment where volunteering can be more effortless and impactful to create a culture of volunteerism and civic engagement.

Recommendation 1:

Mobile Application



Create a mobile platform which will showcase nearby volunteering opportunities based on:

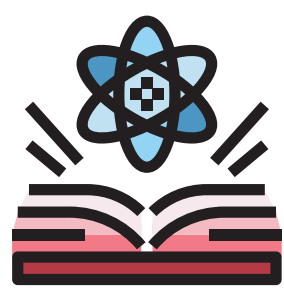
- location
- category
- frequency

Benefits

- Searching for volunteering opportunities made more accessible and easy
- Connect with other youth volunteers easily in your community

Recommendation 2:

Implement CCE* as a subject in pre-tertiary education



- Students will have to partner with an organisation and volunteer there for the entire school year.
- As part of the assessment of the subject, the student will have to do a presentation on their experience at the organisation

*character and citizenship education

Recommendation 3:

Grant for pre tertiary and post secondary students to engage in volunteer projects



- Every secondary and primary school should have a grant sponsored by MOE to support any of their students who wish to engage in any community project.
- It will encourage students to manage their own community project and learn soft skills such as **compassion & leadership**.