

EMERGING STRONGER CONVERSATIONS

A series of conversations for Singaporeans to come together to reflect on their experience of the COVID-19 pandemic, and garner ideas on helping Singapore emerge stronger from the crisis. As part of the Singapore Together movement, we aim to turn these insights and ideas into action and partnerships.

SINGAPOREANS WHO PARTICIPATED TO DATE: 383 (As of 5 September 2020. Cumulative since June 2020)

4 KEY ISSUES RAISED

JOBS & ECONOMY



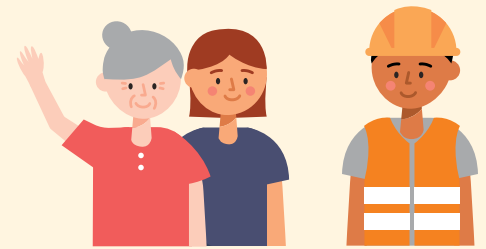
- Feel that more support could be provided to SMEs and entrepreneurs who have to compete with MNCs.
- Hope Singaporeans and PRs can have fair opportunities to compete and be groomed for senior job positions.
- Share that COVID-19 has shown that working from home (WFH) can be effective and hope that WFH will become a mainstay in a post-COVID-19 world.

PARTNERSHIPS & ENGAGEMENTS



- Hope Singaporeans can become more active and responsible citizens, take part in policy debates and co-create solutions.
- Singaporeans should provide constructive feedback with alternative suggestions to policymakers, and agencies should also explain the constraints they face, and how feedback has translated into policy.
- Hope to hear debates that focus on improving lives and policies. We should have Singapore's interest at heart, rather than engage in divisive politics.

NATIONAL IDENTITY & SHARED VALUES



- Hope Singaporeans will work together towards a kinder and more empathetic society that is more inclusive of seniors, foreigners and persons with disabilities.
- Wish for more space to engage meaningfully and respectfully, with a wider diversity of views, especially on controversial issues.

EDUCATION & TRAINING



- Make programming an important part of school curriculum to bridge digital divides, and provide necessary equipment to make it more accessible for those who are less privileged.
- All of us have to keep learning, and think creatively to solve problems. Culturally, we have to stay open. Better cultural understanding can be a great strength for Singapore.
- Feel that youths need to be exposed to more diverse groups in society as part of their education.

OUR PARTICIPANTS SAY...



It starts from ourselves, to be kinder and more compassionate to ourselves, accept the flaws that we have. And then take that spirit out to others as well."



We can create avenues for our youths to spend time with different people from outside their usual groups. Listening to others and understanding how others think so as to minimise the divisiveness in our society."



Hope that Singaporeans can come together, be committed to do their part and make the Singaporean dream come true."



We need to facilitate honest and respectful conversations among Singaporeans with different views, especially on controversial issues. We should give them space for their different views and engage in more respectful ways."



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