

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

1. Who is Community Chest?

About Community Chest

As the hallmark of care and share, Community Chest has been uniting the community to fundraise and serve those in need, since 1983. In 2019, as Singapore reflects on its progress and milestones since its founding 200 years ago, Community Chest aims to highlight the importance of community giving and how it has been integral to the success of Singapore since its early days.

Community Chest supports about 80 social service agencies to meet underserved, critical social needs. As our fundraising and operating costs are covered mainly by Tote Board Group, 100% of your contributions goes towards empowering the lives of:

- Adults with disabilities
- Children with special needs and youth-at-risk
- Families in need
- Persons with mental health conditions
- Vulnerable seniors

Find out more at <https://comchest.gov.sg>

2. What is Youth Day Appeal (YDA)?

Supported by MOE and in-line with its Values-in-Action (VIA), YDA is an annual nationwide fundraising campaign that aims to nurture, encourage, and inspire students to be socially responsible citizens who can contribute meaningfully to the community. Community Chest has been running YDA since 1984.

3. I am no longer the teacher in-charge for VIA initiatives in my school, what should I do when I receive the appeal electronic direct mailer (EDM)?

If you are not the teacher-in-charge, please pass on the appeal EDM to the teacher-in-charge of VIA initiatives for his/her follow-up. In the event of a change in the teacher in-charge of VIA initiatives, please update us [here](#).



4. How is YDA 2021 different from previous years'?

This year, interactive elements are being included to encourage students to better practice the act of caring and sharing. To promote the spirit of caring deeply and sharing freely, students are encouraged to pen down their thoughts on "What are some of the challenges that Fizzy's faces?".

We would also like to encourage the students to post their thoughts on their social media accounts and hashtag us at **#yda2021 #comchestsg**. We will share these meaningful thoughts on our Comchest social media platforms as well.

5. Our school is unable to participate in the fundraising, but we would still like to support YDA. How can we do so?

There are two ways the school can show your support to YDA.

a) Download and share the teaching kit with your students

- The teaching kit contains useful educational resources such as experiential activities and the inspiring story of a social service user. Through this kit, we aim to nurture, encourage, and inspire students to be socially responsible citizens who can contribute meaningfully to the community and the less fortunate.

b) Be part of our Sharity Youth Volunteer Programme!

- Co-organise volunteering projects with us and encourage students to volunteer their time and talent for a worthy cause. Community Chest will work with the school and preferred social service agency to explore short-term or long-term volunteering.



6. What are the fundraising methods for YDA?

There are various fundraising options that the school can consider:

Option 1: If the school has an existing project that contains a fundraising component, the school may consider tying in the fundraiser with YDA. Examples of such initiatives include school's anniversary, concert, or funfair. The total funds raised from the project can then be allocated partially or in full to support YDA 2021.

Option 2: Opt for donations through the YDA donation envelopes! Each student can receive one envelope each. The students/parents have the option of donating cash or scanning the PayNow QR code to donate.

Option 3: If the school does not wish to handle cash, the school/centre may consider the following online options:

- a designated PayNow QR code issued by Community Chest; or
- Set-up a campaign page on giving.sg to encourage students/parents to donate via the online platform.

7. How does the school register for YDA?

Teacher in-charge may register via this link: <https://go.gov.sg/ncss-yda21> or scan the QR code below. Important periods to note:



Participating period: Any time before 31 November 2021

Expected envelopes delivery period: 28 June 2021 onwards

Expected envelopes collection period: 19 July 2021 onwards



Teaching kit

1. Where can I download the teaching kit?

Teachers may download the teaching kit from our YDA website. Please click [here](#).

2. Can the teachers amend the teaching kit?

Yes, teachers may customise the teaching kit best suited for the classroom's context. However, please avoid amending the corporate slides (1 to 6).

3. Are we allowed to send the teaching kit to students/parents?

Yes, you may send the teaching kit to students/parents in PDF format. Alternatively, they may visit our [YDA website](#) to download the teaching kit.

