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Virtual Open House 2022

- Are you keen to find out more about STU services? Do you want to seek our views on employment matters?
- Click <u>here</u> or scan the QR Code to register for the STU Virtual Open House.
- MOE Teachers who sign up for union membership at the event would enjoy these promotions:

Sign up for STU membership at the Virtual Open House and enjoy these promotions:

- 1 pax: One month free membership
- 4 or more pax signs up as a group: Two months free membership
- All who who sign up for membership would receive a Thule Door Gift.



Stop Wat Bting eace!

Schools Shall Be Safe Sanctuaries

"The international community must stand united in the face of this aggression and support Ukraine's right to choose its future," stated Mr David Edwards, Education International General Secretary. Click <u>here to</u> read how education unions across the globe are responding to the invasion of Ukraine.

"Russia's invasion of Ukraine is a clear and gross violation of the international norms and a completely unacceptable precedent. This is an existential issue for us....A world order based on 'might is right', or where 'the strong do what they can and the weak suffer what they must', such a world order would be profoundly inimical to the security and survival of small states," said Dr Vivian Balakrishnan, Minister for Foreign Affairs and STU Advisor.



 Application for the SUSS-STU Sponsorship is open to all Singapore Teachers' Union members and staff.
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80% of the total course fee

92% of the total course fee

60% of the total course fee

50% of the total course fee

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Upcoming Members' Events Designing Your Growth Strategy

Date/Day: 17 Mar 2022 / Thursday

Time: 4 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.

- Description: Being in the teaching profession, teachers are viewed as the models of learning and development. However, they may often be too busy with teaching and developing the next generation to pay much attention to their own development! If you are one of them, put aside your work and take some time out for this talk – reconnect to your inner tugs to be the best version of yourself. In this session, reflect on:
 - Mapping your Game Plan on learning development
 - Tapping on Your Strengths with Positive Psychology Principles
 - Weakening your Weaknesses with Practice.
 - Harnessing the Growth Mindset even in the busiest of times – grow yourself even in the midst of exammarking periods!

The speaker, Ms Shirley Tham, is a career coach, and a former MOE teacher.

This event is for STU members only.

To register:

Click <u>here</u>or scan QR Code:





HR Lessons

Mr Louis Ng, STU Advisor, recently posed the following parliamentary question to the Minister for Education: *To ask the Minister for Education for each year in the past five years, how many teachers have sought counselling services broken down by (i) the Ministry's in-house counselling services and (ii) whole-of-Government's counselling hotline, respectively.*

Teacher Wellbeing and Employment Matters

In response, Mr Chan Chun Sing, replied, "[t]he number of teachers in schools seeking support through MOE's in-house counselling services <u>averaged about 40 per year from 2017 to</u> 2019, before COVID-19. This average number has risen to about 70 in the last two years. As an additional channel of support, the Whole-of-Government counselling hotline was rolled out in March 2021, with about 90 MOE staff using the hotline last year across both MOE schools and HQ".



STU understands the stress and pressure that our members face. Contact us at <u>stu@stu.org.sg</u> for counselling-related services and workplace guidance. We can help you.





Air this additional work has put teachers in a state of **neightened alert**", said Singapore Teachers' Union (STU) general secretary Mike Thiruman. They (still) have to do everything that they'd been doing before COVID-19 ... There's a lot of **nervous energy**, and they have to be **on guard all the time**. There's a limit to how long you can be in this heightened alert state. (At some point) **it just wears you out**."

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