

About “Sparks” initiative

Driven by People’s Association’s mission to empower communities, the “Sparks” is a community innovation initiative movement, bringing together like-minded and passionate community stakeholders to collaboratively implement innovative solutions that address the local challenges and aspirations, fostering a deeper sense of community ownership and contributing to the vision of a United and Caring Singapore.

Community Innovation Spaces (CIS)

Under the initiative, ten pilot CCs are selected to redesign part of their spaces to enable residents, volunteers, community and corporate partners to come together to dream up ideas, share insights and test out innovative solutions to address the community concerns and bring collective aspirations to fruition.

This aligns with PA’s broader objective of transforming CC spaces into one that is not merely a common space for bonding amongst residents, but into one that’s also a “connection space” for residents to spark creativity, foster collaboration and empower community ownership.

The 10 pilot Sparks @ CC are:

- Central Singapore District: Geylang West CC, Pek Kio CC
- North East District: Buangkok CC, Pasir Ris East CC
- North West District: Nee Soon South CC, Zhenghua CC
- South East District: Mountbatten CC, Kampong Chai Chee CC
- South West District: Boon Lay CC, Tengah CC

Community Innovation Taskforces (CIT)

Each of the Sparks @ CC has formed a Community Innovation Taskforce, comprising 3 to 8 Grassroots Leaders and partners who will be the driving force behind the community innovation journey to foster the culture of innovation, enhance community participation, and spearhead ideation sessions and activities within the CIS.

Sparks x BFG Community Hackathon (CH)

The Sparks x BFG Community Hackathon is a collaboration between the PA and Open Government Products (OGP), combining PA's deep community connections with OGP's technological expertise and is part of a larger "Sparks" initiative by PA. It is a unique initiative that brings together the collective skills, knowledge and creativity of our community to address local challenges and aspirations.

Registration starts on 22 March 2025 and will close on 6 April 2025. Over the course of four weeks after the kick-off of the Community Hackathon on 14 June 2025, participants will engage in a comprehensive process of defining their problem statements, building a Minimum Viable Product (MVP), and testing them with users. They will be supported closely by relevant community stakeholders and mentors to sharpen their solutions and ensure that they are anchored on local community issues. The hackathon will culminate at the finale on 12 July 2025, where teams will showcase their innovative solutions that address the community challenges they have identified.

Who can participate?

We welcome individuals from all background, experiences and skills level.

- Individuals aged 18 and above
- Teams of 3 to 5 members
- We encourage diversity in skills and experience from different sectors (e.g., tech, design, business, social work)

Interested public can log in to **go.gov.sg/pa-ch2025** to access the registration form (accessible only on 22 March 2025, 2pm) and find out more about the Community Hackathon.