

Who is Voices Of Asia?

Voices Of Asia is a 10 years old social enterprise which has been inspiring people through storytelling, and since 2016, through youth mentoring. Our vision is

"To see a world where everyone feels safe and supported, anywhere, anytime"

Today, we see our youths struggle in many ways, worsened by societal pressures, expectations, and the big influence of technology. All these are made worse when they have little or no avenues to share their struggles, leading to the increasing levels of depression and suicides we see today

Voices Of Asia wants to use **technology** to bring every young person into an ecosystem made up of hundreds of thousands of people who want to give in order to support youth development. We do so via WeConnect, an **online-to-offline data-driven platform** which understands our youths, and at real-time, recommends mentors & support groups to stand by them. WeConnect also recommends events, projects and learning content for them to become happier and better at what they do.

Mentors will form the heart of the ecosystem to make sure that every youth has access to a big brother and sister just as when they need one.

Why be a mentor?

Our youths today have a big need for a mentor. Someone to walk their journey, be a listening ear, and to inspire a little further though life.

A mentor can have a positive impact on a young person's life and be instrumental in helping a mentee solve problems and to maximize his full potential. This can be achieved by building a relationship of trust where the mentor share her knowledge, experiences and insights to help the mentee develop and grow. Mentoring provides development opportunities for mentors as well as great personal satisfaction. Being a mentor can be stimulating, inspiring and enlightening.

Mentoring today has evolved, **an individual can be both a mentor and a mentee**. New mentors paired with more experienced mentors bring unique skills, experiences and knowledge to the mentorship. Yet, they each have something to teach and a lot to learn from each other. Mentoring can be one-to-one, or one-to-few where mentees get supported as a group by mentor facilitators. We also believe that mentoring can happen one-to-many through workshops, talks and learning events. All these come together as various touchpoint of learning for the mentee and they form his overall learning journey.

Who are you possibly mentoring?

Youths or young adults who:

- **Career:** Professionally need guidance on career planning and progression and development of new skills
- **Family:** Are coping with life stages' transitions from student, working life, relationship, marriage to having children
- **Self:** Have negative feelings about themselves, poor relationships with family members, poor grades, hanging out with the wrong groups, getting into trouble at school.

These could be general mentees on our platform, or mentees from our 3 offline projects with various partners as seen below



How does the program(s) look like?

WeConnect connects mentees with mentors who have relevant experiences, skills and knowledge, through 2 phases

Phase 1: Encourages basic connection with someone who is willing to offer support and encouragement to develop the mentee

Phase 2: Only when committed and trusted, invest in a formal mentoring relationship. A formal mentoring journey last either 3, 6 or 12 months.

The formal program can be a general mentoring program where you are matched through WeConnect, or you could be part of our community projects, designed to tackle specific societal needs. In these cases, you are often matched before you onboard onto the platform.

As a platform, WeConnect aims to bring as many willing  together and then, via tech, channel the right support to the right need, real time.

What is your role as a mentor?

- Be available, and committed
- Find ways to build trust with mentees
- Agree with your mentee on frequency (usually monthly)
- Invest in listening more, probe and understand their situation & struggles
- Encourage self-discovery and provide appropriate suggestions
- Encourage mentee to find other mentors
- Join our trainings to learn together and share your best practices



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How does the digital platform WeConnect enable this?

WeConnect primarily serves to make "Awesome Mentoring Available, Anywhere, Anytime" where mentees can

- Have access to many experience and qualified mentors
- Be recommended mentors based on individual needs
- Network within the platform ecosystem
- Get the best of mentoring through available tools
- Benefit from marketplace which offers holistic opportunities to mentees, guided by mentors (from 2021 onwards)