

## **David Hoe 许德财**

Growing up, life wasn't easy. But through hard work and the countless opportunities graciously given others, David was able to achieve his dreams. Just as how others have paved the way for him, David hopes to pay it forward—to create and enable access to opportunities for every Singaporean to realise their own aspirations.

Over the past 14 years, David has founded and led initiatives like I Am Talented, Project Stable Staples, Collaborate, TMentors, and more, to empower individuals to discover their aspirations and achieve their goals. He hopes to journey with every Singaporean – to share in the joys, concerns & everyday moments, and to create meaningful opportunities for each person to thrive and succeed in their own unique way.

## **Hoe Teck Chye, David 许德财**

- Currently serves as the Director of Philanthropy at The Majority Trust, working closely with donors and social impact partners to address community gaps.
- Prior to The Majority Trust, he was a Principal Business Architect at YTL PowerSeraya Pte. Limited and one of the pioneering teachers at Eunoia Junior College. During his tenure there, he served as the Deputy Head of Student Leadership & Talent Development (covering) and was a recipient of the Caring Teacher Award.
- Married with one daughter and a newborn that joined his family in April 2025.
- Recognises that youths from disadvantaged might not have access to many opportunities to discover their interests and to expand their horizons. He initiated the following programmes to address the gap:
  - Founder of “I Am Talented” – A social empowerment programme started in 2011 that seeks to enable students from disadvantaged backgrounds to discover their interests beyond academics. To date, it has impacted over 1,500 students and continues to grow.
  - District Councillor, Central Singapore Community Development Council since 2019 – He leads Dots Academy @ Central, an initiative that helps youths become more confident, curious, and caring through experiential learning rooted in the “Better Life” model.
  - Chairperson, Horizons @ Jalan Besar – A programme designed to widen youths’ perspectives through overseas exposure. In 2024, he led the inaugural group of youths to Vietnam for service-learning, business visits, and cultural immersion.
- Recognising the challenges of adulting, particularly for adults lacking social capital, he spearheaded the “My Firsts” initiative at Tampines to make the transition to adulthood more accessible through meaningful conversations.
- Trustee of The Straits Times School Pocket Money Fund since 2021.
- Champions national youth development, having served as a Council Member for both the 15th and 16th National Youth Councils. He was also a member and Co-Lead of the Partnerships Workgroup for the Mentoring Alliance for Action.

- Party activist at Kampong Glam since 2020 and actively helps with Meet the People Sessions.
- Awarded President's Volunteerism & Philanthropy Award: Leader of Good (Youth) in 2021 and being named the Asia Region Finalist for the Commonwealth Youth Award for Excellence in Development Work in 2015.