Alternative Learning For Youths
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abstract

The prevalent issue of young Singaporeans has always existed as having to conform to the constraints of Singapore's society, especially to the rigid education system here. Singaporeans' obsession with examinations had led to creative imagination, entrepreneurial spirit and character being neglected. Co-curriculum activities and constructive leisure time hence become very important to these young people in order to have a more meaningful and well-balanced teenage life.

Singapore has projected itself as a knowledge-based economy, and creativity and innovation are the key driving forces to progress. The thesis Alternative Learning For Youths investigates a new type of learning environment that caters to interdisciplinary study and enhanced creativity development for the youths. Leisure activities of the youths are applied to the programmatic strategy so as to attract a greater cohort of youths.

The chosen site, Somerset Road, will tap on the energy of Orchard Road, which is regarded as an "urban playground" and a hipped hangout place for the youths. The project also reviews the urban fabric and youth spaces to better integrate the center with the city. Traditional institutions spaces are redefined by blurring the boundary of learning and retail, public and private- to draw more public awareness of youth issues generated by the activities on site.