

ITE Mentoring Collective: 10,000 mentoring chances a year by 2030

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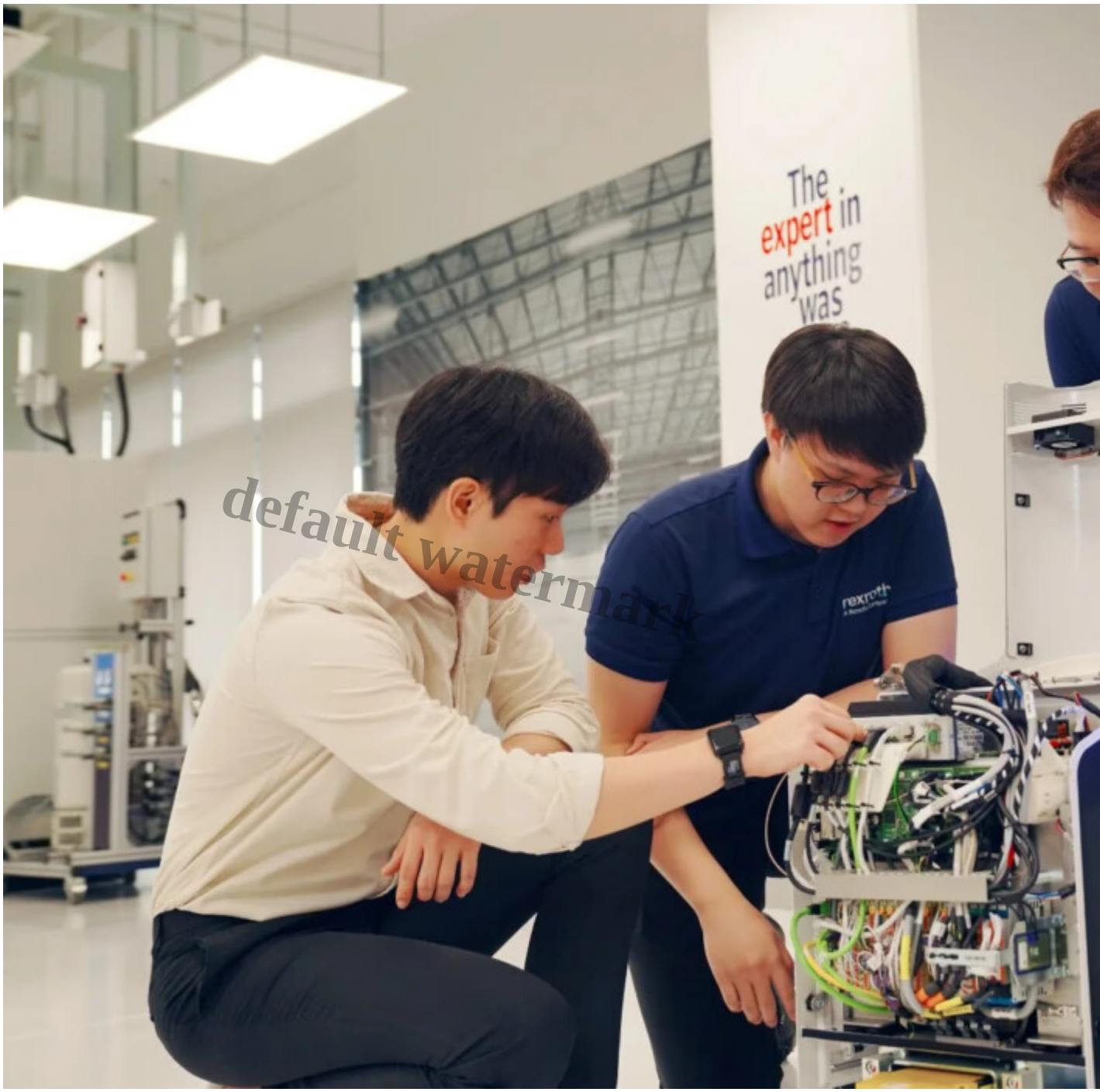
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The ITE Mentoring Collective launched on 19 November 2026 with one big target: 10,000 mentoring opportunities a year for ITE students by 2030. It brings 18 founding organisations together, from Accenture, GIC and Standard Chartered to NTUC, MENDAKI and SINDA. If you are an ITE student, a parent, or someone who works in industry and has wondered how to give back, here is how it works.

What the ITE Mentoring Collective is

The Collective sits under the SG Youth Plan and is meant to make mentoring easier for ITE students to find. ITE handles outreach across its Colleges and connects students to opportunities. The National Youth Council links the effort to national youth mentoring work and provides networks, resources and funding.

The Astronauts Collective, a youth mentoring charity, coordinates the whole thing. It researches what students need and helps design programmes. About 150 students attended the launch at ITE College Central, according to CEO Peter Lamâ??s speech.



Source: ITE

Who are the 18 founding members

ITE sorts them into three groups. Here is the full list from the release.

- **Private sector:** Accenture, GIC, Standard Chartered
- **People sector:** 4PM, Access Singapore, AMP Singapore, Bethesda Care Services, Generation Singapore, MENDAKI, MILK Fund, NTUC, River Valley Irregulars, SINDA, TomoWork Ltd., TOUCH Community Services, Voices of Asia, Young Womenâ??s Leadership Connection

- **Philanthropic:** Quantedge Foundation (Singapore) Ltd

More members will be welcomed from 2027. Some of these partners have supported ITE students for over a decade, and ITE says together they have reached thousands.

Three kinds of mentoring for ITE students

Peter Lam described three formats, so students can pick what fits their stage.

- One-off conversations with industry professionals, for example to clarify a career path or prepare for an internship.
- Short-term mentoring to build confidence, communication skills or workplace readiness.
- Longer-term relationships for students who need steady support through personal challenges and big decisions.

The Collective also promises shared research, an annual mentoring insights report, communities of practice and mentor training. Partners will make joint programmes and referrals, so a student is matched with the right mentor at the right time instead of hunting around.

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Why mentoring, and the numbers behind it

Citing the National Youth Councilâ??s SG Youth Plan engagements, ITE says 86% of mentored youths found mentoring helpful during life transitions, and 77% recommended it to peers. Another 71% were interested in becoming mentors themselves. Peter Lam said that for many students, a mentor was the first person outside family or school to take a real interest in their future.

Marvin Kang, co-founder of The Astronauts Collective, pointed to its programmes such as World X and JumpStart as proof that the right mentor can help students grow. He said the Collective will help make mentoring easier to find and more relevant to what students actually face. National Youth Council CEO

David Chua added that organisations and individuals are invited to back young people.

This lands just as ITE opens applications for its full-time Technical Diplomas, which run from 2 November 2026 to 29 January 2027. If your child is weighing options after O-Levels or Nitec, our guide to the Post-Secondary Admissions Exercise 2028 dates is a good companion read.

How to get involved

Organisations that want to join can use the interest form at go.gov.sg/imc-interestform. Individual volunteers and alumni are not given a separate sign-up route in the release or the speech, so we cannot tell you how a one-person mentor would apply yet. ITEâ??s Contact page is the nearest official channel to ask.

Students should note that the release does not describe a separate student sign-up. It says ITE handles outreach across its Colleges, so ask your College about what is available.

Adults thinking about their own next career move can look at Careers & Skills for Community, the renamed SkillsFuture Advice from 1 December. Students curious about industry exposure beyond mentoring may like our report on the Singapore-India Hackathon.

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