

ECG Match: how working adults can sign up to share their career with Singapore students

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If you have spent a decade in logistics, nursing, engineering or design, you now have a structured way to tell a classroom what that job is really like. On 11 November 2026, Education Minister Desmond Lee launched ECG Match, a MOE platform that connects schools with working adults and organisations willing to share their careers with students. You decide how much time you give.

Here is how ECG Match works, what you could be asked to do, and how to sign up.

What ECG Match is, and why MOE built it

ECG stands for Education and Career Guidance. ECG Match is a digital platform for teachers in primary, secondary and pre-university schools, linking them with a wider pool of industry partners. MOE says it gives students a way to explore industries, meet working adults with varied experiences, and learn which skills different pathways need.

Take-up has been quick. Registered ECG partners have grown from 200 to 700 since 2025, and MOE wants more than 2,000 individuals and organisations on board by 2027. Behind that, the Partnerships Engagement Office set up in 2023 has engaged over 180 companies, associations and agencies and helped broker more than 60 school-industry partnerships.



Source: MySkillsFuture / Ministry of Education

How the matching works

MOEâ??s annex describes three steps, and they are refreshingly simple.

1. Schools list the partnerships and learning experiences they are looking for.
2. Partners sign up and state what they can offer.
3. ECG Match recommends suitable partners to each school, and the two sides then get in touch directly.

Participation is voluntary on both sides. Partners can be individuals or organisations from any sector, so a hawker-turned-food-entrepreneur is as welcome as a multinational.

What you could actually be asked to do

Engagements range from a single one-hour session to several touchpoints across the school year. The MySkillsFuture partner page lists these ways to support students:

- Sharing your education and career story, for example through a human library.
- Giving perspectives on an industry or occupation at a school career fair.
- Hosting a workplace learning journey for a class.
- Facilitating work experience programmes.
- Mentoring students as they explore pathways.

In his opening remarks, Mr Lee also mentioned short virtual class sessions. His example was a land surveyor who shows up in a Mathematics lesson to explain how trigonometry is used on site, which is a lot more convincing than a textbook diagram.

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Two partnerships MOE highlighted

These show what a long-running match looks like, and the Punggol Digital District Career Fair covered earlier on this site (see our career fair guide) is another place students and adults meet.

STMicroelectronics staff mentored Punggol Green Primary students who designed a prototype to help people with special education needs express emotions, share their location and manage sensory input. The prototype was tested at Eden School, and the partnership has since grown to cover the schoolâ??s entire Primary 6 cohort of 270 students.

In the Boeing Aviation Challenge, Boeing professionals mentor Secondary 3 students from St. Gabrielâ??s Secondary School on real problems such as optimising flight crew pairing and keeping foreign object debris off runways. Now in its third year, it has added Changkat Changi Secondary School and reaches 120 students across both campuses. Teachers and Boeing staff design the challenge together.

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How to sign up as an ECG partner

Individuals and organisations register at go.gov.sg/moeecgpartners, which leads to the ECG partner page on MySkillsFuture. Companies that want a more structured arrangement with schools can use go.gov.sg/partnerwithschools. For questions, MOE lists moe_ecg_partners@moe.gov.sg.

The data you submit is used only to coordinate school partnerships, according to the annex. Before you commit, it helps to think about a few practical points:

- Check how much time you can give, then offer less than that. One reliable session beats three you have to cancel.
- If you are an employer, ask whether staff can do this during work hours.
- Prepare one story about a mistake or detour. Teenagers tend to remember those more than polished career summaries.

Why this matters if you are a parent or mid-career switcher

Parents get a clearer picture of what their children are being exposed to, and the ones with niche jobs can volunteer without waiting for a school to find them. For mid-career workers, mentoring is also a cheap way to practise explaining your skills, which helps when you are updating your own CV. If you are looking at retraining, our guide to SkillsFuture Mid-Career Credit and WSQ courses covers the new course options from 1 December. Teachers and parents planning the holidays can also check the year-end school holiday dates.

ECG Match launched on 11 November, so expect the partner list to keep growing. If you have ever grumbled that schools do not teach what work is really like, this is the opening to change that.

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