United Women Singapore

- Promote women's empowerment through education and technical skill building
- Formerly were Singapore's branch of UN Women before UN Women withdrew from the country in 2019
  - ↳ it was the 2019 Board members' decision to keep the coalition alive after the team became unaffiliated
- Work with both girls and boys; intended reach is nationwide
- Run a popular annual STEM Festival → this is my job!
- In the six years since their establishment as UWS, have wanted to lean more into holistic empowerment programs

Scope of my work

- Writing, organic content and STEM-Fest related
- Outreach to students to attend STEM Fest
- Ad Hoc tasks

My goals

Professionalism

Stamina

Resilience

Team player skills

Human / Stakeholder Connection

Realistic innovation

Authenticity

"Quiet Leadership"

My Why

STEM was what I thought my lifes' bread and butter would be before I entered university. I've tried many STEM fields; they were incredibly formative experiences. I know all youth deserve to feel that STEM subjects are accessible to them. But the reality is, they don't.

UWS is engaged in grassroots work to change this, and I think this work in and of itself is a worthy one.

I have experience running my own or club grassroots social change projects, so I was interested in seeing how an NGO as developed as UWS. I am mainly interested in learning: do nonprofits face the same number of challenges as youth groups or clubs do? How do they manage their teams, productivity, corporate relationship and maintain their authenticity?

I've also wanted to learn what authentic leadership looks like in career form. I've wanted to build a career around having a close connection with people, and non-profits seem like the best place to do this. But is this a misconception, and does community proximity give rise to authenticity?

Lastly, I want to use this experience to understand: what does fulfilling work look like to me? What are the non-negotiables, the core activities and how do they align with my strengths or weaknesses? Are there skills or qualities I've overlooked in my leadership journey?