

A better society

Economic progress and technology may have improved lives for those in cities but these projects show there is much scope for improvement in modern metropolises too.



25 Neighbours can be angels too

Cardiac arrest is a serious condition which requires immediate attention, and perhaps those close by can help faster. A venture in Switzerland is urging colleagues, friends and neighbours to sign up for the service. Their commitment is simply to be ready to go to a person's aid when alerted by a message on their smartphone.



26 Sharing leftover medicines

Ever had to forgo obtaining much-needed medication because of cost concerns? The residents of Passi, Senegal, once had this problem. Now, with the introduction of communal pharmacies, members can donate their leftover medicine to one another, ending a long-time problem of shortage.



27 Making students stakeholders in society

Can children help resolve real issues impacting society? A social enterprise in India is saying a resounding "yes" to that by engaging students and encouraging them to come up with ideas to address water, sanitation and environmental problems.



28 Discovering the better you

Can't figure out what to do in the future? Teens in Algeria need not fret any longer. A local initiative by the name of Wadjhni aims to provide students with the necessary resources and assistance to help them develop a clearer view of their future, and make informed decisions about it.



29 A crisis text line

An American non-profit organisation has filled a much-neglected gap in mental healthcare for teenagers with its text-based service. The Crisis Text Line is specifically tailored for a younger generation accustomed to sending text messages and provides teens with a new outlet to explore their mental health issues.

30 Online therapeutic help for mental health

Who would have guessed that an online platform could provide cognitive behavioural therapy to patients suffering from anxiety and depression? A powerful tool, SilverCloud Health has reached out to more than 60,000 patients with surprisingly significant results.



32 Building a coach for the homeless



The sight of someone calling a park bench home is indeed sad, isn't it? The brainchild of a compassionate Australian, the Sleepbus offers the homeless a place to stay, complete with toilets and even kennels for pets.

33 A laundry service for those without roofs

Some of our most mundane routines are considered a luxury to others. Clean garments are among the many things we take for granted. Athens graduates Thanos and Fanis hope to extend this creature comfort to the homeless through their mobile laundrette, dubbed "Ithaca Laundry".



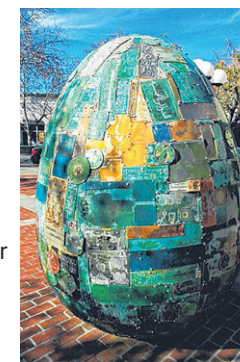
34 Connecting families

Sometimes the best support comes from someone in the same boat as you. Family by family links together families with common interests.



35-36 Cash from trash

Can discarded fishing nets be a source of income? Yes. A project in the Philippines allows for these fishing nets to be turned into carpet tiles. Meanwhile, an entrepreneur in Taiwan has managed to make eco paper from marble waste.



31 A travel club for seniors

Can Airbnb tackle the issue of social isolation that is prevalent among the elderly? The answer is "yes". The Freebird Club, essentially a social take on Airbnb, encourages the elderly to host other travelling seniors. With memorable experiences and friendships forged, seniors can now bid farewell to loneliness.



37-39 Recycling waste

Can recycling e-waste really be profitable? A new company is attempting just that by encouraging people to think before discarding their computers, cellphones and other devices. Read about more ways in which entrepreneurs use trash to earn cash.

