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Dear TWF friends

We warmly congratulate Tsai Ing-Wen on her election as Taiwan's first female president over the weekend. The world is watching eagerly to see what the former law professor and trade expert who helped negotiate Taiwan's entry into the World Trade Organisation will do vis a vis Taiwan's ties with China and to improve Taiwan's economic prospects.

Closer to home, commentators have gone to town pointing out the number of references to One Belt and One Road in last week's Policy Address by Chief Executive, CY Leung and criticising the Address for being too macro in parts and too micro in others - the installation of non slip tiles in public toilets being a case in point.

While the Policy Address did little to address fundamental issues such as the crisis of confidence among the public over "one country, two systems", escalating cross-border conflicts and partisan gridlock in the legislature, there were a few bright spots in relation to women's issues and care for the elderly and disadvantaged.

In particular, the Government pledged to increase the resources available to victims of domestic violence and families in need. At TWF, we hope this goes hand in hand with public education and programmes to prevent violence occurring in the first place.

The Government also launched a scheme to increase the number of fresh graduates entering the care services and welfare sector while pledging to invest in subsidised residences for the elderly and improving the quality of elderly services.

The Government also announced that "to help unleash the working potential of women", 1,200 additional places of extended hours service in child care centres for children aged below six will be made available and resources allocated to over 300 aided stand-alone child care centres and occasional child care service units.

Finally, the Government announced a pilot scheme to encourage NGOs in the social welfare sector to refer to the Government's Gender Mainstreaming Checklist when formulating policies and programmes following "the extensive application to their work of the Gender Mainstreaming Checklist by government bureaux and departments". We are heartened to hear that the Administration is seriously taking gender considerations into account when formulating major policies and programmes but - who knew?! We would welcome greater transparency and consultation by the Government with women's NGOs and other associations to ensure its gender assumptions are valid and truly reflect community needs.

Warm regards

Su-Mei Thompson
CEO, The Women's Foundation

UPCOMING EVENTS**TWF PRESENTS SHANTHI FLYNN**

ON MAKING CHOICES
AND TAKING RISKS

**REGISTER NOW****TWF presents Shanthi Flynn on Making Choices and Taking Risks**

Over breakfast Shanthi will talk about making choices and taking risks, drawing on her success as a female executive in many male dominated sectors.

DATE: Friday, January 29

TIME: 8.00 – 9.30 a.m.

VENUE: Latham & Watkins, 18/F, One Exchange Square

8 Connaught Place, Central Hong Kong

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INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

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**Celebrate International Women's Day with The Women's Foundation**

Join The Women's Foundation for delectable food and wine, enticing draw prizes and an inspirational keynote address by Jackson Katz Ph.D. – American educator, author, filmmaker and cultural theorist, internationally renowned for his pioneering scholarship and activism on issues of gender and violence.

DATE: Friday, March 4

TIME: 12.00 – 2.00 p.m.

VENUE: The Conrad, Pacific Place

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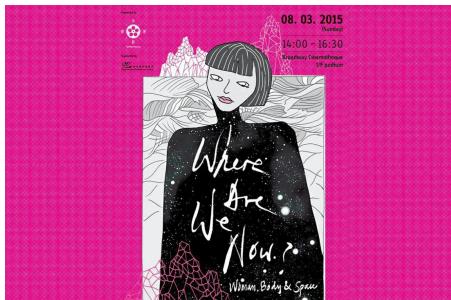
TWF PROGRAMME UPDATES



T.E.E.N. English Workshops

Last weekend, we kicked off a series of English Workshops as a part of our T.E.E.N. Programme. The 6-part series will be run by native English speaking volunteers and aims to enhance the TEENs' confidence and interest in speaking English. Our first session which both the TEENs and volunteers enjoyed enormously, involved ice-breaker games and exercises to encourage the TEENs to express their views in English.

IN THE COMMUNITY



Reel Women and Kelly Yang on Media & Gender

As we put the finishing touches on our new documentary *She Objects* which will examine how the media creates and exacerbates harmful gender stereotypes, we are delighted that the latest edition of *Kering's e-magazine* spotlights local HK advocacy group, *Reel Women*, talking about their work to change the way women are portrayed in the media in Hong Kong. And also adding her voice to the discussion, click [here](#) for HK educator and blogger Kelly Yang's new video on gender hypersexuality and the media.

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WE'RE HIRING!

The Women's Foundation is looking to fill a number of exciting roles. We are looking for strategic, energetic and organised individuals who are committed to advancing gender equality. We would be grateful for your help in spreading the word to your networks and encouraging anyone you think should apply to apply!

The openings we are hoping to fill as soon as possible are the following:

- Director, Pipeline Initiatives
- Manager, Mentoring Programme
- Manager, Communications & Marketing Partnerships

[Click here for detailed job descriptions and to apply.](#)

EXTERNAL EVENTS

TWF is delighted to be supporting the following events:

JANUARY 19: [Sit Down Comedy: Why Gender Values Are A Joke](#). An alternative comedy event by Linda Kennedy.

JANUARY 21-22: [Women in Leadership Summit](#)

APRIL 12: International Finance Law Review [Asia Women in Business Law Forum](#)

WHAT WE'RE READING

Our top picks for recommended reading and listening on the key trends and breaking stories about women and gender:

- [The Dalai Lama's Right-Hand Woman](#) (OZY)
- [Rethinking Gender Roles In The Office](#) (China Daily Asia)
- [Women Are Going To Lose Out The Most When Robots Take Over The World's Workforce](#) (Business Insider)

- [Keeping Women In The Workforce](#) (China Daily)
- [Turns Out Women Can't Even Be The Boss In Fiction](#) (TIME)

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