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Dear TWF friends

Happy new year from all of us at The Women's Foundation!

TWF is looking forward to an exciting 2016 ahead. Here is a taster of what we have planned for the next 12 months:

- Unveiling our *She Objects* documentary on media and gender
- Hosting leading anti-sexism academic and activist Jackson Katz as the keynote speaker for our International Women's Day Lunch on March 4
- Launching our new network of male champions for gender equality
- Extending our free coding workshops to even more schools in HK's poorest districts, with the support of Operation Santa Claus
- Sharing our new best practice guide on return to work programmes for women and our recommendations for employers looking to better support working women (and men) shouldering eldercare responsibilities

At the same time, we will continue to run our signature TEEN, Life Skills, Financial Literacy & Employability and Mentoring Programmes which have touched and continue to impact thousands of individuals in Hong Kong, and our busy calendar of inspirational speaker events showcasing leaders and pioneers from all walks of life but united in their determination to make a difference.

Whatever your new year's resolutions, we hope to see you at a TWF event in 2016 and to involve you in some way in our work! Together, let's make this year the year where we really achieve progress towards greater gender equality.

Warm regards

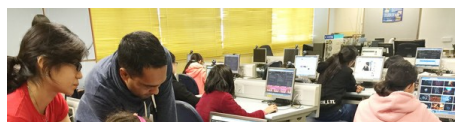
Su-Mei Thompson
 CEO, The Women's Foundation

TWF PROGRAMME UPDATES**T.E.E.N. Programme Celebrates Christmas!**

32 current TEENs and 10 Big Brothers and Sisters attended our T.E.E.N. Christmas Party on December 23. Four Big Brothers and Sisters from the first cycle of the Programme shared their T.E.E.N. experiences and encouraged the current cohort to continue to challenge themselves and break out of their comfort zone. Participants also reviewed the progress of their community projects and their personal goals. 60 TEEN Alumni enjoyed the Alumni Christmas Party on December 24 organised by the T.E.E.N. Alumni Committee.

**TWF Financial Literacy Programme Participant on Cable TV**

On December 27, Ching Fong - one of our Financial Literacy Programme participants - was featured in a Cable TV documentary. She credited TWF with helping her to distinguish between wants and needs and to change her spending habits, allowing her to save and improve the quality of life of her family. You can view the documentary online [here](#).

**Girls Go Tech Pilot Coding Workshop**

Over the Christmas break, 30 girls from Holy Trinity College enjoyed a 3-day coding workshop which trained them in HTML, CSS, Github and JavaScript so they could build their



own website and create a game for display at their School Open Day in March. Many thanks to the enthusiastic volunteers from our corporate partner, Cisco, who helped our training partner, BSD, provide the students with an interactive and enjoyable introduction to the world of coding and technology.



GirlSpark 2016 Launches!

Yesterday was Orientation Day for our third annual GirlSpark Camp in partnership with Microsoft and Ivey Business School. From Thursday to Saturday, 61 talented female undergraduates selected from universities across Hong Kong will take part in a tech-related business case competition, explore cutting-edge technology trends and network with industry and community leaders. The girls will also enjoy internship opportunities with Microsoft and other leading firms. We hope GirlSpark will encourage our participants and their peers to consider a career in the tech sector where women are still significantly under-represented.

TWF IN THE NEWS



TWF CEO Featured in Sassy Mama!

TWF CEO, Su-Mei Thompson has been featured as Sassy Mama's *That Mama* of the month! In her interview with Sassy Mama, Su-Mei discusses the returnship challenges faced by mothers after taking a career break, as well as TWF's plans for the coming year, including the launch of the *She Objects* documentary. To find out more about TWF's initiatives and for a behind the scenes look at the life of our very own Su-Mei Thompson, read the interview [here](#).

WHAT WE'RE READING

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

- [What Are Your Feminist Resolutions For 2016?](#) (The Guardian)
- [Until We Value Girls The Same As Boys, Violence Against Women Will Continue In High Rates](#) (Huffington Post)
- [Diversity Policies Don't Help Women Or Minorities, And They Make White Men Feel Threatened](#) (HBR)
- [5 Ways Women Can Get To The Top](#) (CNBC)
- [Voices above the Parapet](#) (The London School of Economics)
- [Female Characters Don't Have to Be Likable](#) (The Atlantic)

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