

Dear TWF friends

Every year, TWF is fortunate to have a cohort of talented passionate interns join us, usually for a few weeks or months. Our interns come from the far corners of the world as well as from local HK schools and universities and work alongside the TWF team on our existing community programmes, research and best practice guides, grant applications and fundraising initiatives.

For example, since January, 20 terrific interns have passed through our doors, coming from institutions ranging from the Chinese University of Hong Kong and the University of Hong Kong to the University of Edinburgh, Georgetown University, the University of Pennsylvania and Yale University, while our more junior interns this year have come from Crystal Springs Uplands School and HK International School.

We are naturally very proud when our interns go on to do amazing things and extremely touched if they acknowledge TWF's part in inspiring them to make a difference in the world.

In the words of Trinity Donohugh (now in her final year at Cheltenham Ladies College) who interned with us in the summer of 2015, "It was largely thanks to interning at The Women's Foundation and working on their Girls Go Tech programme that opened my eyes to the under-representation of women in STEM fields and led me to launch the GirlsforCS project and co-found Khonaa - an online store connecting local craftsmakers in Myanmar with consumers worldwide.

I initially created GirlsforCS to encourage more girls to study computer science, through running coding workshops in local schools around Cheltenham. Recognising the importance of computer literacy skills to students and workers everywhere, I looked for ways to export this knowledge abroad and settled on podcasts as the most accessible medium, given mobile penetration in Asia. While GirlsforCS originally targeted computer literacy skills for girls, our content and user base have expanded over the past two years. We now offer podcasts in five languages that cover basic health awareness, economic theories, and environmental conservation, and we plan to add more content as we expand to Cambodia, Vietnam, India, Malawi, Zambia and other countries over the next year.

At the same time, I co-founded Khonaa to solve the problem of Internet access in rural communities which became apparent while trying to scale GirlsforCS. We are currently working with 40 craftsmakers across Myanmar, and with proceeds from our website and stores in Yangon, Hong Kong and London (US\$12,500 over the past two years), we fund monthly internet costs for students in rural villages and volunteer teacher subsidies at two monastic schools in Yangon."

Of course, Trinity has set a very high bar but regardless of where they end up and what they end up doing, on behalf of all of us at TWF: a big thank you to all of our interns for their avid interest in, and energetic contributions to, our work and and we wish them all the very best for the future.

Warm regards

Su-Mei Thompson  
 CEO, The Women's Foundation

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### MENTORING PROGRAMME

2017-2018  
 INFO SESSIONS



### Mentoring Programme 2017-18 Info Sessions

This August, TWF will be launching the ninth year of our highly acclaimed Mentoring Programme for Women Leaders. This best-in-class programme will match 50 high potential protégés with 50 of HK's most successful women leaders. All interested applicants must attend an Information Session to find out more about the benefits of the Programme curriculum and content, the commitment required of participants, and the selection and pairing process.

PLEASE NOTE: We currently only have spaces left in our Mentors-Only Information Session on August 24. Please sign up [here](#). Our other information sessions are currently oversubscribed. For potential protégés who would like to join our waitlist, please email [kent.fo@twfhk.org](mailto:kent.fo@twfhk.org).

**30% Club Annual Boardroom Lunch!**  
 TWF and the 30% Club HK are delighted to

## BOARDROOM LUNCH

FIFTH LUNCH OF THE SERIES



announce the fifth annual 30% Club Boardroom Lunch which brings TWF's list of aspiring and accomplished women directors face-to-face with chairmen, CEOs and advisors to Hong Kong's leading companies for simulated boardroom discussions on key issues facing boards today. If your company is interested in sponsoring a table, please [click here for more information](#).

**DATE:** Friday, September 29

**TIME:** 12.00 - 2.00 p.m.

**VENUE:** The Asia Society Hong Kong Center, 9 Justice Drive, Admiralty

## SECRETS TO SUCCESS

SEHR AHMED



### Sehr Ahmed shares her Secrets to Success!

TWF is delighted to present the next session in our not-to-be-missed Secrets to Success series featuring outstanding female leaders sharing their first hand experience, insights and advice from their own leadership journey. We are looking forward to hearing from Sehr Ahmed, Founder and CEO of Executive Edge, a global coaching and consulting practice. Prior to this, Sehr held HR leadership roles across Asia Pacific for ABN AMRO Bank, AIG, McDonalds and globally for IFM Investors.

**DATE:** Thursday, September 14

**TIME:** 12.30 - 2.00 p.m.

**VENUE:** KPMG, 8/F, Prince's Building, Central

**TICKET:** HK\$200pp. A light lunch will be available.

All proceeds will go to The Women's Foundation Cambridge Scholarship Scheme which sends deserving Hong Kong students to pursue the MPhil in Multi-disciplinary Gender Studies. [Register here](#).

## TWF PROGRAMME UPDATES



### T.E.E.N. Alumni update

Last Monday, our T.E.E.N. Alumni visited Lush in Mongkok where they participated in engaging games and stories that taught them the importance of environmental and animal protection in the beauty industry. Our Alumni also had the opportunity to make their own facial cleansers while learning the benefits of sustainable alternatives. Many thanks to Lush and their wonderful staff members! Later in the week, the Alumni visited the "Life Journey Centre" at the Senior Citizen Home Safety Association. Through interactive games, they learnt to be more considerate of the elderly and the importance of cherishing each moment. We are very grateful to TWF Advisory Board member, Thelma Kwan, for sponsoring this meaningful event.



### T.E.E.N. Programme update

Many thanks to the Family Planning Association of Hong Kong for generously hosting our TEENs last Wednesday. Over the course of the day, the TEENs learned how to nurture romantic relationships and explore their sexuality in a healthy and positive way. Additionally, by analysing the content of display advertising in HK, the TEENs gained insights into the media's influence on society's perception of gender. Our Deputy CEO, Rita Ching, closed the event by explaining how easily our self-perception can be affected by societal expectations and the media.

## SHE OBJECTS UPDATE



### New She Objects music video!

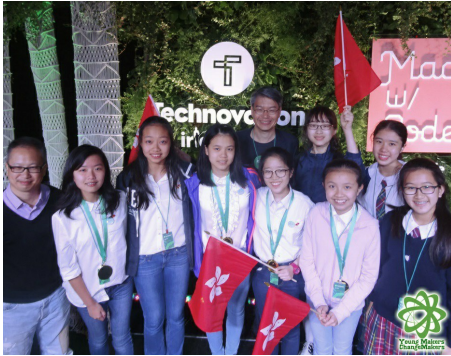
Click [here](#) to enjoy "Reach For the Sun" the theme song of our award-winning documentary "She Objects". Thank you Anna Lo for your brilliant and unforgettable music/lyrics and performance! If your company/organisation/school would like to put on a private screening of She Objects, please email us at [sheobjects@twfhk.org](mailto:sheobjects@twfhk.org).

## TWF IN THE COMMUNITY



### Thomson Reuters Anti-Slavery Summit

TWF is pleased to support Thomson Reuters' Anti-Slavery Summit on August 29 which will focus on how technology, data and regulation can help tackle slavery. [Tickets](#) on sale now.



### HK girls win Technovation Prize at Google HQ!

Kudos to the HK team from DGS who won the Junior Grand Prize at last week's Technovation World Pitch Summit at Google's California HQ! The Summit saw 11,000 girls from around the world creating and pitching mobile app solutions to address the UN Sustainable Development Goals. Nearly 300 girls from 40+ schools across Hong Kong participated for the first time this year under the TechnovationHK: #GirlsMakeTech programme by Young Makers & ChangeMakers.

## WHAT WE'RE READING

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

- [Only 8 per cent of women feel they are on the road to success at work](#) (Independent)
- [#AintNoCinderella: Why Indian women are posting midnight photos](#) (BBC)
- ['They said I was too old to work at a startup' – women on ageism in tech](#) (The Guardian)
- [This Incarcerated Mother Is Fighting For Her Right To Breastfeed](#) (Huffington Post)
- [The Google engineer's memo shows the stereotypes that keep women out of STEM](#) (VOX)
- [How Bitcoin Solved This Serial Entrepreneur's Problems](#) (Forbes)

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