

Dear Stephanie



Breaking news: TWF's documentary *She Objects* was the recipient of the Scientific & Education Award at this year's Nice International Film Festival 2017! The film was also nominated for Best Cinematography in a Documentary. Congratulations to our fantastic director Nicola Fan, our dynamic and passionate producers Patty Keung and Jessica Kam, our wonderful cast including Joyce Cheng, the hugely talented Anna Lo who scored the film and composed the original theme song, all our donors including Women Helping Women, and supporting organisations. We are delighted to be another voice advocating for the positive portrayal of women in the media around the world! For more info, please go to sheobjects.org.



Closer to home, I was honoured to be the keynote speaker at last Saturday's Holy Trinity College 2017 Graduation Ceremony. TWF has enjoyed a long-standing partnership with HTC - they have been a participating school for most of our major community programmes from TEEN to Life Skills to Girls Go Tech. Under the visionary leadership of Principal Jane Or - herself an alumna of the school - Holy Trinity is a beacon in the local education landscape and a pioneer when it comes to empowering girls. Despite the under-served community in Shek Kip Mei from which the school draws its students, HTC's aspirations for its girls are boundless, not just in terms of academic achievement - last year, over 90% of its F.6 graduates attained the minimum university entrance requirement - but also in co-curricular activities from public speaking to sports to community service. If as many believe, this is the century that will be not only marked but defined by the unbridled achievement of women, it is girls with the intelligence and agility of the Trinitans I met on Saturday who are going to be leading the way.

Warm regards

Su-Mei Thompson
 CEO, The Women's Foundation

TWF PROGRAMME UPDATES



Financial Literacy for Primary Students

Last week, TWF provided financial literacy training for our fifth batch of 35 P.5 students from SKH Tsing Yi Chu Yan Primary School as part of the HKIEC's financial literacy programme for primary students. Having mastered the key financial concepts, the students now have to complete weekly written challenges before serving as ambassadors for their junior peers in June.



Girls Go Tech Teachers' Workshop

Last week, we completed a GGT workshop for 60 teachers at Pope Paul VI College in Kwai Chung. Lam Mei Yi, Vice Principal of Sacred Heart Canossian College, presented her impressive e-learning project, and Rita Ching, TWF Deputy CEO, shared the highlights of TWF's STEM research and her insights on how opportunities in the STEM field are impacting women's empowerment and economic development.



Mentoring Programme Check-ins

Last week, this year's mentors and protégés came together to share their best practices on how to get the most out of their mentoring pairs. Tips on how to have a great mentoring relationship included partnering up with other pairs for 'double-dates' to allow for multiple perspectives and meeting up socially in peer groups. Thank you to The Red Flag Group and White & Case for hosting.



First Mentoring Circle of the year!

Last Wednesday, protégés Janet Law and Deborah Ramalho led our first Mentoring Circle of the year. The workshop was a peer-to-peer sharing session on effective negotiating, with several mentors involved as discussion facilitators. Many thanks to MP Alumni, Samantha Gershon for delivering welcoming remarks and to Withers for hosting.



Leadership Development with Dr. Ron Brown and Arthur Joseph

Last night, TWF partnered with the Asian American Journalists Association to present an inspiring discussion on leadership development and power and politics in the workplace, led by renowned speakers Dr Ron Brown and Arthur Joseph. Many thanks to Angie Lau, Bloomberg anchor and AAJA President, for introducing the session and to Linklaters for hosting.



HR Roundtable on Girls and STEM

Last Friday, TWF CEO Su-Mei Thompson was the guest speaker at a roundtable of HR leaders, organised by Emerson. Su-Mei shared the findings from our pilot study on Girls and STEM Education in HK. The ensuing discussion focused on the factors influencing teen girls' choice of subjects and what engineering and tech companies are doing to attract, retain and promote more women.

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Thank you to the American Women's Association of HK!

TWF is honoured and humbled to be the recipient of a grant from the American Women's Association (AWA) HK. The grant will fund media literacy and critical thinking skills training workshops, particularly regarding harmful gender stereotypes and biases, for students in secondary schools in Hong Kong.



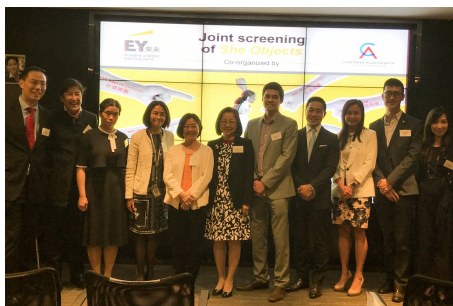
She Objects Stars in Nice!

Director Nicola Fan and singer, actress & performer Joyce Cheng who appears in She Objects, were in Nice last week when the film was named as the winner of the Scientific & Education Award at this year's Nice International Film Festival 2017! Looking forward, we are thrilled that She Objects will also be screened as part of the official selection at the Lucerne International Film Festival this Fall.



She Objects at the Equal Opportunities Commission

Thank you to the EOC for hosting a staff screening of She Objects last Thursday. The screening was followed by a panel discussion featuring Amoy Ong - Executive Director of Her Fund, Linda Wong - Executive Director of RainLily, Mabel Au - Director at Amnesty International Hong Kong, Su-Mei Thompson - TWF CEO, and moderated by John Keung - Senior Officer at the EOC.



She Objects Screening for CA ANZ & EY

Thank you to Chartered Accountants ANZ and EY's Professional Women's Network for hosting a well-attended screening of last Wednesday. This was followed by a post screening discussion featuring Agnes Chan - EY Assurance Partner, Hong Kong & Macau, Alice Lee - Professor and Department Chair of Journalism at Baptist University and Michael Chan - General Manager for Business Development at Zung Fu Group, and moderated by Angelina Kwan, TWF Board Vice Chair. To arrange a screening for your company, women's network, school or university, please email Sarah.AbbottLadner@twfhk.org.



She Objects Media Literacy Workshop

We were delighted to screen She Objects for 100 F.4 students from CCC Fong Yun Wah Secondary School last Wednesday. The screening was followed by a structured discussion with students enthusiastically sharing their thoughts on media and gender stereotypes.

TWF IN THE SPOTLIGHT

INSPIRATIONAL WOMEN INTERVIEW: SU-MEI THOMPSON



Inspirational Women Series

Interview with Su-Mei Thompson

TWF CEO, Su-Mei Thompson, was interviewed by student blogger Megan Foo for her Inspirational Women Series. Su-Mei shared her insights on gender barriers and the impact of TWF's #MyRealCareerLine campaign as well the progress of TWF's other community programmes. Click [here](#) to read the interview.



TWF Quoted in HR Online Magazine

TWF Director of Pipeline Initiatives, Jo Hayes, was quoted in last Tuesday's HR Online Magazine on family-friendly working environments. Click [here](#) to read the article.



TWF Deputy CEO Quoted in the SCMP

Last Saturday, TWF Deputy CEO Rita Ching was quoted in the SCMP's article on the challenges facing single mothers. Drawing on TWF's Financial Literacy and Employability Training Programme, she mentioned the need for psychological support and more affordable childcare. Click [here](#) to read the article.



Girls Need STEM

Where the jobs are, girls must embrace STEM education in order to have a place, and a paycheck, in the future economy.
- By Su-Mei Thompson

TWF Featured in the BritCham Magazine

TWF CEO Su-Mei Thompson penned an article for the May / June issue of "Britain in Hong Kong" - the Official Magazine of the British Chamber in Hong Kong, discussing key findings from our [Girls and STEM Education research](#). Access the full article [here](#) (pages 30-31).

FUNDRAISERS FOR TWF!



Support TWF at the Summer Gift & Lifestyle Fair!

Support TWF and female entrepreneurs at the Conrad HK Summer Shopping Fair! All TWF friends will enjoy a 15% discount off beautiful luxury custom bags from Bling My Bag - a company started by one of our Mentoring Programme participants! 10% of proceeds from bags sold at the event will benefit TWF's community programmes for underprivileged women and girls.

DATE: Thursday, June 1, 2017

TIME: 10.00 a.m. - 7.00 p.m.

VENUE: Grand Ballroom, Conrad Hotel, Pacific Place, 88 Queensway, Admiralty

Open to the public. Free admission

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WHAT WE'RE READING

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

- [Science Celebrities: Where Are the Women?](#) (The Scientist)
- [Doctors Who Are Moms Say They Face Discrimination At Work](#) (NPR)
- [Women May Find Management Positions Less Desirable](#) (Scientific American)
- [Women Share Their Stories Of Pumping At Work. It's Not Pretty.](#) (The Washington Post)
- [How We Closed The Gap Between Men's And Women's Retention Rates](#) (Harvard Business Review)
- [Melinda Gates: How I Raised A Feminist Son](#) (Motto From The Editors of TIME)

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