

Dear TWF friends

What's in the power of a hashtag?

Over the past week, the internet has been abuzz over the hashtag #MeToo – the use of which indicates a person has experienced some form of sexual harassment or assault. What initially began as a sympathetic and outraged response to the [Harvey Weinstein scandal](#) has blown up to [international proportions](#). From France's #BalanceTonPorc (#CallOutYourPig) and Spain's #YoTambien (#MeAlso) to Egypt's #نا.كمان (#MeToo) and Israel's #אנחנו.גם (#UsToo), the prolific use of this hashtag demonstrates this issue has struck a nerve globally.

Now tallying over 1 million, #MeToo has become a galvanising platform for women to discuss their experiences. Men have joined in the conversation – some with their own [stories of being sexually harassed](#), others to stand in solidarity with women and others still to proactively look at [#HowWillIChange](#). Beyond a simple awareness raising exercise, what has fortified this online movement has been the support from institutions, governing bodies and others that are in a position to impact widespread change. Here are three examples of the changes we have tracked:

Film Industry:

Harvey Weinstein has been stripped of his British Film Institute Fellowship, suspended from the British Academy of Film and Television Arts, and has had his Harvard Du Bois Award rescinded. But perhaps the most telling of these actions is his expulsion from the [Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences](#), a nearly unprecedented move that the Board hopes will “send a message that the era of willful ignorance and shameful complicity in sexually predatory behavior and workplace harassment in our industry is over.”

India:

The Kolkata police force in India issued a [statement](#) on Facebook and Twitter supporting the movement: “ We urge you to be strong, we want you to be very, very angry about the leering, jeering, threats, verbal and physical abuses, we are asking you to be not afraid and to report to the police every time. We also feel it important to talk to boys about the need to stop sexual harassment, and for this, we have recently launched a project, Dear Boys, in schools. We have visited ten schools of Kolkata, and the second part of Dear Boys will start mid-November.”

France:

The French government re-iterated its commitment toward looking at passing legislation for “[on-the-spot fines](#)” for sexual harassment. The Finnish Government pioneered this [legislation](#) early last year in response to an increasing number of sexual harassment claims.

However, for other women the #MeToo movement has led to debates on the implications of using the hashtag and of concerns with dispensing with personal privacy where raising a voice still holds risks.

Hong Kong has largely reported on the sexual harassment scandal in Hollywood but not on the #MeToo movement. At TWF, we think this is a critical oversight on a prevalent issue in our community. Our documentary, She Objects, explores the correlation between the Hong Kong media's portrayal of women and damaging issues facing women and girls including sexual harassment. We know from Equal Opportunities Commission reports that sexual harassment is rife at [work](#) and at [school](#) and that there have been ongoing [reports](#) of sexual harassment in public spaces like the MTR. However, the #MeToo movement is not trending in social media locally. Why is this?

We continue to hope that we are witnessing a critical shift globally in attitudes towards sexual harassment but what are the implications for Hong Kong? Let us know your thoughts. Get in touch at Fiona.Nott@twfhk.org

Have a great week.

Warm regards

Fiona Nott
 CEO, The Women's Foundation

UPCOMING EVENTS



TWF Gala Dinner 2017 – Reserve your table NOW!

Excitement is beginning to spark for TWF's 2017 Gala Dinner sponsored by Bloomberg! We are thrilled to have The Honourable Mrs. Anson Chan GBM GCMG CBE JP, Former Chief

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Secretary for Administration HKSAR as our keynote speaker. Michael R. Bloomberg, founder of Bloomberg LP & Bloomberg Philanthropies and 108th Mayor of New York City, will also share video remarks. Tables and tickets are now on sale. We are also looking for more event sponsors and auction prize donors. If you are interested in attending or contributing, please contact Riya Chandiramani at Riya.Chandiramani@twfhk.org.
DATE: Wednesday, November 22
TIME: From 7.00 p.m.
VENUE: JW Marriott Hong Kong, Pacific Place, 88 Queensway, Admiralty
 Click [here](#) for more information.



Success Stories: Digital Strategies for Female Entrepreneurs

TWF and Facebook are delighted to present "Success Stories: Digital Strategies for Female Entrepreneurs," a sharing and networking event as part of #SheMeansBusiness Hong Kong. This event will showcase three outstanding female entrepreneurs from our community who have utilised digital strategies and tools to scale up and expand their businesses. Speakers include Peggy Chan, Founder of Grassroots Pantry, Michelle Lai, Founder of MISCHA and Jennifer Margolin, Founder of BYDEAU.
DATE: Tuesday, November 14
TIME: 7.00 - 9.00 p.m. (registration from 6.45 p.m.)
VENUE: Naked Hub, 7/F, 40-44 Bonham Strand, Sheung Wan
 To register, click [here](#).

TWF PROGRAMME UPDATES



T.E.E.N. Programme Update

Last Wednesday, four of our TEENs from Lok Sin Tong Leung Chik Wai Memorial School presented their group community projects on Diversity and Inclusion in Hong Kong. They shared key learning experiences from last year's T.E.E.N. Programme with their schoolmates.



Life Skills Programme Teacher Training Workshop

Last Friday, TWF's Deputy CEO, Rita Ching, gave a teacher training workshop at Po Leung Kuk Lo Kit Sing (1983) College. The teachers will deliver our well established Life Skills Programme workshops to over 200 Form 3 and Form 4 students early next year. If you are interested in using our Life Skills Programme curriculum as part of your teaching plan please email kit.pang@twfhk.org



First 2017 - 2018 Girls Go Tech Workshop

Last Saturday, we completed the first Coding Workshop for our Year 3 Girls Go Tech Programme at Kit Sam Lam Bing Yim Secondary School in Wang Tau Hom. Over the course of the three day workshop, 40 Form 1 and Form 2 girls learned basic JavaScript and hardware programming and made wearable tech items with Micro:bit.

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The Gallery Walk for Charity

Enjoy a great evening out in a "Art and Wine Walk" - and raise funds for TWF! The Gallery



Walk for Charity (#TheGalleryWalk) is the highlight of the annual Hong Kong Art Week in November. Art and wine lovers can hop through more than 30 galleries and art spaces in Central, Sheung Wan and Sai Ying Pun on November 21 from 5 p.m to 10 p.m. to enjoy special exhibitions, live performances and taste a great array of wines and refreshments. As a friend of TWF, you are entitled to a 20% discount off the ticket price of HK\$390 (HK\$312 per person). Please enter the promotional code TWF on the ticketflap order page. Order now and receive a free LUXE City Guide to a city of your choice! For ticketing and event details, please click [here](#).

TWF IN THE COMMUNITY



The Kering Foundation Awards

TWF is pleased to support the Kering Foundation Awards, in partnership with Good Lab and UnLtd Hong Kong, which supports social innovators addressing violence against women in Hong Kong. The Awardee will receive a grant between €5,000 and €10,000 and a 6-month acceleration program through UnLtd Hong Kong. The winner will also receive 2 years of mentoring support from Kering Group. Click [here](#) for more information.



TEDxTinHauWomen

TWF is delighted to support TEDxTinHauWomen's inaugural event on November 3, where the six speakers will explore the theme of "Bridges - Two Become One". The talks are designed to inspire, motivate and share ideas worth spreading with the Hong Kong of community. We're proud to see one of our Mentoring Programme Alums, Tricia Yap, sharing her story. Last few tickets left! Register [here](#).



AmCham's 14th Annual Women of Influence Conference

TWF is proud to be supporting AmCham's conference once again this year. The conference will culminate with the presentation of the 14th Annual Women of Influence Awards, which will recognise seven high-achieving women, a male champion who has demonstrated support for the advancement of women; and one outstanding company for women.

DATE: Friday, November 10, 2017

TIME: 8.00 a.m. - 2.30 p.m.

VENUE: Four Seasons Hotel Hong Kong
Register [here](#). Enter the code 3B7FWFYG to enjoy a special discount for friends of TWF!

WHAT WE'RE READING

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

- [New Zealand's Jacinda Ardern sets out priorities: climate, inequality and women](#) (The Guardian)
- [Women Are Playing Today, and Leading Tomorrow](#) (NY Times)
- [Meet the Women Who Are Breaking Glass Ceilings All Over the World in When Women Rule](#) (Time)
- [Lego is finally celebrating the women of NASA with their very own set](#) (Quartz)
- [Gender disparity in the workplace, and what we can do about it](#) (Hong Kong Free Press)

Sexual harassment in Hollywood escalates. Key readings selected by the TWF team below:

- [What Mayim Bialik reveals about #MeToo](#) (CNN)
- [The voices of Weinstein's accusers have torn the fabric of patriarchy](#) (The Guardian)
- [At Fidelity, New Fallout From Claims of Sexual Harassment, Bullying](#) (Wall Street Journal)
- [Lupita Nyong'o: Speaking Out About Harvey Weinstein](#) (The New York Times)
- [Seven Ways to Stand Up to Sexual Harassment](#) (University of Berkeley)
- [接迎無限透明的淫](#) (AppleDaily)

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