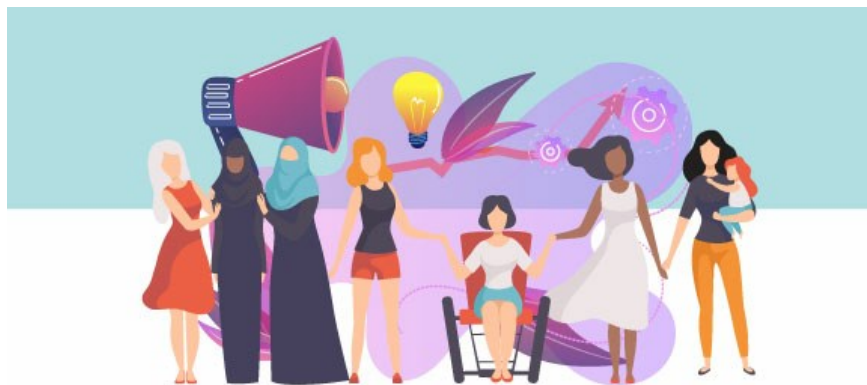


Dear TWF friends



Progress and Setbacks for Women's Rights Around the Globe

We hope everyone had a restful Mid-Autumn Festival with family and friends. We are currently preparing our response to the Government's Policy Address Public Consultation, on a wide range of issues that adversely affect women and girls, particularly over this past period under the pandemic. As we take stock of the state of gender equality here in Hong Kong, it is also important to look at developments elsewhere in the region and the globe. It has been both a hopeful and concerning few weeks for women's rights around the globe.

Here are three areas we are watching:

APEC's pledge for gender inclusive economic growth: On Friday, the 21 Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) member economies recognised the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on women and pledged to address it. They committed to a number of critical measures including addressing the gender pay gap and high quality, sustainable employment in high growth sectors, ending gender-based violence at work, and promoting shared responsibility for domestic work, among many others. TWF has been a long term advocate for many of these same recommendations. As the Hong Kong SAR is an APEC member, we look forward to encouraging the Government to action these measures and build a recovery plan that prioritises inclusive growth for all.

 [Read More](#)

UPCOMING EVENT



TWF Gala Dinner 2021 - Final Spots Available!

Thank you for the overwhelmingly positive response to our in-person Gala Dinner on **November 4, 2021**, sponsored by **Bloomberg**. We have only a few tables available! If you would like to sponsor, please email development@twfhk.org for more information and to confirm.

Under the theme '**The Power of Togetherness**', this period of change has brought much needed visibility to existing inequalities and hidden issues that women and girls have been grappling with for decades. Together, we have the power to shape a gender equal recovery in which all can thrive. Join us to transform our city into an inclusive, gender equal reality for everyone.

Date: Thursday, November 4, 2021
Time: From 7.00pm
Venue: JW Marriott Hong Kong, Pacific Place

The health and safety of our guests is our first priority. For more information on the event

PROGRAMME UPDATE



Facilitating Insightful Conversations

Thank you, Divya Ahluwalia, for leading a deep dive training on "Facilitating Insightful Conversations" for our Male Allies Leadership Council members, Influencer Circle leads and Mentoring Programme for Women Leaders Advisory Council members. They practiced key skills and learnt tips for success in facilitating deeper discussions in upcoming Male Allies and Mentoring Programme sessions.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



#MakePeopleCount Wins Gold at Hong Kong Design Awards 2021

Our anti sexual violence campaign #MakePeopleCount has been awarded Gold in the 'Better Future - Equity & Inclusion' category at the DRIVENxDESIGN Hong Kong Design Awards 2021. This category recognised projects that expand and grow the inclusion, integration, diversity and community.

[Read more here](#)

THROUGH HER LENS SERIES



Through Her Lens with Nicola Fan

TWF is delighted to be partnering with Tatler's *Front & Female* on 'Through Her Lens', a series showcasing the female visual viewpoint. The first story features filmmaker Nicola Fan, who directed our documentary *She Objects* on harmful gender stereotypes in the media.

[Read the article here](#)

OPENING AT TWF

We Are Hiring!

TWF has a vacancy for interested individuals to apply to join its rapidly growing and dynamic team. Find out more [here](#).

WHAT WE'RE READING

Gender Equality

- [《女書一序》：女身的群體、陰性的凝視](#) (The Stand News)
- [為什麼要稱月經「那個」、「姨媽」？月經不需要隱晦，它是女性重要的生命歷程](#) (Womany)
- [She wrote a book on women's workplace challenges after her own personal struggles – Hong Kong-based Korean lawyer Jaclyn Jhin](#) (SCMP)
- [Sunday Reading: Abortion Has Never Been Just About Abortion](#) (IndyWeek)
- [Female MBA Grads Earn \\$11,000 Less Than Male Peers, Study Finds](#) (Bloomberg)
- [A Florida Lawmaker Is Proposing A Restrictive Texas-Style Abortion Bill](#) (NPR)
- [Iceland misses out on Europe's first female-majority parliament after recount](#) (BBC)

Sexual Violence & Harassment

- [Xianzi: The #MeToo icon China is trying to silence](#) (BBC)
- [R Kelly's ex-wife says victim shaming stopped women coming forward](#) (Guardian)
- [Brussels to name street after murdered sex worker Eunice Osayande](#) (BBC)
- [Biles: FBI turned 'blind eye' to reports of gymnasts' abuse](#) (AP News)

Masculinity

- [China's campaign for conformity is taking aim at 'effeminate' men](#) (SCMP)
- [What's driving Japan's incel violence and South Korea's 'semen terrorism'?](#) (SCMP)

Board Diversity

- [COVID-19 adds urgency to Asia's push for boardroom diversity](#) (Nikkei)

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