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Protecting Women's Reproductive Health and Rights



Dear TWF Friends,

At TWF we believe all people, including women and girls, have the right to safety, dignity and bodily autonomy. As part of this, it's important to ensure that people who can become pregnant have access to legal, safe and timely abortion services. This is why we - alongside so many other economies, organisations and individuals - were deeply concerned by the U.S. Supreme Court decision to overturn Roe vs Wade, removing Americans' constitutional right to abortion.

The Women's Research Policy Institute estimates this restriction may cost America US\$105 billion dollars in reduced workforce participation and more time off. At an individual level, there are potentially enormous economic and health consequences among its domestic residents, particularly for its most marginalised populations. Worryingly, the adverse impact of the US ruling may reverberate elsewhere in the world.

Despite this setback, it is encouraging to note that in the past three decades, over 60 countries have liberalised laws for sexual and reproductive health and rights. Just last year, Thailand passed landmark legislation to decriminalise abortion within the first trimester and Benin relaxed restrictions now allowing abortions in most circumstances. New Zealand has opted to reframe abortion as a health issue rather than a crime so as to allow greater protection for women and pregnant individuals seeking those services. The World Health Organisation regularly updates its guidelines and resources kit on evidence-based practices to promote quality abortion care worldwide.

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UPCOMING EVENT

Join us at the Mentoring Programme for Women Leaders 2022-2023 Info Sessions!

This July, The Women's Foundation will be launching the 14th year of the highly acclaimed best-in-class Mentoring Programme for Women Leaders. In this

Join the Mentoring Programme for Women Leaders 2022-2023!



year-long programme, high-potential female protégé will be paired with senior women leaders across different sectors and organisations to develop inclusive leaders and build an ecosystem of gender advocates.

Sign up for the second Info Session on Wednesday, [August 10, 2022](#), to find more details about the Programme curriculum and benefits! Please note that attendance at one of these sessions is a compulsory component of the application process.

[Learn more](#)

PROGRAMME UPDATE



Gender Equality & Inclusion Working Group

Today, we wrapped up the 2021-22 cycle of Gender Equality & Inclusion Working Group and discussed the topic of the future of work. Our DE&I participants shared their observations about employee and employer expectations and mindsets towards post-COVID working arrangements within their organisations and beyond. We also explored potential directions in the future of work, and creative solutions towards DE&I development. Thank you so much for sharing your learnings, insights and suggestions with us and see you all in the next cycle!

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



TWF Joined JESSICA Women Leaders Forum

On 30 June, TWF joined the JESSICA Women Leaders Forum: Women in Tech. Angelina Kwan | TWF Board Vice Chair spoke alongside Elizabeth Wong | Securities and Futures Commission on crypto regulations and governance, the future of crypto and how to attract more women to the tech sector. This was followed by a panel with Lisa Moore | TWF Research & Advocacy Director alongside Belinda Esterhammer | Women in Tech APAC, moderated by Jessica Ng | South China Media who discussed challenges and opportunities for women in technology, how to inspire the next generation to enter into the tech industry and the important role community plays in women's empowerment and gender equality.

IN THE COMMUNITY

Revive Tech Asia

TWF is pleased to support Revive Tech Asia, a 2-day in-person business tech show taking place on August 24-25, 2022 at Asia World Expo. The conference aims to gather the most influential minds to celebrate innovations and foster tech transformation and application in the real world.



This is not an event just for IT professionals but for

everyone across all industries who is keen to transform business and advance careers with the right technologies. The programme covers a wide spectrum of topics, including Diversity & Inclusion, Future of Work, AI & Data, Cloud technologies and Data Centre, Smart Connectivity, and Sustainability, and more.

Save the dates and get your FREE tickets now!

[Register for free](#)

OPENING AT TWF

Gala Volunteer Needed!

We have a vacancy for a volunteer within our Development Team to support our upcoming Gala Dinner in November 2022. If you'd like to join us, please send a copy of your CV to Lisa.Withey@twfhk.org.

SUMMER ACTIVITY RECOMMENDATIONS

Summer is here and we hope you get some well-deserved down time. To sustain our drive and innovation, it is sometimes necessary to press pause. While many of us won't be travelling, we are still aiming to carve out some time for self-care and rest.

Here are some suggestions from us at TWF:

- To read: [Fiona and Jane](#) and [The School for Good Mothers](#)
 - To visit: [T.B.C.](#) - exhibition by [480.0 Gender & Art Space](#) by [ACSVAW](#)
 - To watch: [Cyber Hell: Exposing an Internet Horror](#) and [Women Direct. Korean Indies! – Korean Women Independent Film Series \(2022\)](#)
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MENTAL WELL-BEING

As the COVID-19 situation continues to evolve, TWF will be providing resources to support your mental and physical well-being. Be sure to check back each week for new tools and activities.

- [What can Hong Kong employers do to better support employee mental health?](#) (HR Online)
 - [How to combat fatigue: Why am I so tired all the time?](#) (Localiiz)
 - [8 Effective Summer Health Tips For The Season](#) (PharmEasy)
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ON OUR RADAR

The Good

- [Gender gap: These are the world's most gender-equal countries](#) (The World Economic Forum)

The Challenging

- [Family of murdered yoga instructor 'heartbroken' by rumors and false criticisms](#) (The Standard)

The Unexpected

- [Challenging the 'Rice Queen' Stereotype of Gay, Asian Men in a New Hong Kong Exhibition](#) (Tatler)
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