

# E-Connections



## Dear Friends,

Happy New Year and a warm welcome to the first edition of E-Connections of The Women's Foundation!

The Women's Foundation is a registered charity dedicated to promoting the full participation of women and girls in all aspects of Hong Kong society. Among our 2009 resolutions is to send you a bi-monthly e-newsletter to keep you regularly informed of all our activities and achievements. We hope you enjoy receiving these updates and share our news and progress with your friends and family.

2008 was an incredibly busy year for TWF but it was also an exciting twelve months of progress and development. In each of our three priority areas - Girls, Women in Poverty and Women in Leadership - we proudly moved from research to action with the launch of our first beneficiary programs. The generosity and support of our donors and partners underpinned this work and we would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks.

## Program Update

### Girls Program | Filmmaking Workshop



Last September, TWF launched an exciting initiative to raise awareness of the role played by gender stereotyping and discrimination in Hong Kong society. Thirty youths, aged 11-21, were invited to attend a filmmaking workshop entitled "A Girl's Life" and produce three short films. The free workshop, which are being run in collaboration with our grantee and partner Focus on Film Hong Kong ([www.focusonfilmhk.com](http://www.focusonfilmhk.com)), offer the girls and boys a unique

opportunity to write, direct, act, edit, shoot and produce their original short films. According to Elissa Rosati of Focus on Film: "this program has a unique ability to touch kids directly and inspire in them an urge to tackle these issues from a strongly personal and engaged standpoint. The creative medium of film is the perfect platform from which to explore a greater awareness of gender stereotyping and the social effect the issue still presents". These three films are currently in production and will be screened for the first time on 15 March, followed by a series of campus screenings in international and local schools. Watch this space for further information about screening times and venues.



## Program Update

### Women in Poverty Program | Training Courses on Financial Literacy and Personal Development

In July 2008, TWF, in partnership with a + b = 3, began developing a training course which would be offered free of charge to help low income Hong Kong women increase their financial independence and economic security. The resulting course, which comprises six two-hour sessions, introduces basic financial skills such as saving and budgeting, as well as confidence building and negotiation skills. The purpose of the trainings is to support low income women to becoming more confident, assertive, financially literate and independent. Although the training course is still in its pilot stage, it has already attracted over 80 women. Their feedback has been encouraging with many participants praising how the course has increased their self-confidence.



The pilot scheme is due to conclude in March and our aim for 2009 is that the final program will be rolled out in multiple Hong Kong districts.

In addition, a training course on entrepreneurship is also being developed for low income women interested in starting their own business.

### Women in Leadership Program | Mentorship Program

The Women's Foundation is now accepting nominations and applications for mentees of the Women in Leadership Mentorship Program. All tertiary-educated female Hong Kong residents aged 21-35, who are currently working and aspire to be in leadership positions in the future are welcome to apply.

The Program hopes to provide young female HK residents with the opportunity to enhance their business/corporate acumen, life skills and confidence that would enable them to take on senior and leadership roles in the future.

Through one on one sessions and a quarterly speaker series, participants will engage with inspirational female role models and mentors who are currently at top/senior level positions in their respective professions.

Interested parties please submit the mentee application form with updated CV on or before January 23, 2009.

The mentee application form and program information can be downloaded at [http://www.thewomensfoundationhk.org/main/events\\_recent.php](http://www.thewomensfoundationhk.org/main/events_recent.php).

## Other News

### New Bilingual Research Report Available Online!

Our latest research report, Closing the Gender Gap in Hong Kong: Conversations with the Community is now available online at [www.thewomensfoundationhk.org/main/research\\_status.php](http://www.thewomensfoundationhk.org/main/research_status.php). Printed copies are also available upon request. The production and printing of the full-length report and the Executive Summary have been generously supported by Goldman Sachs.



## Other News

### The Women's Foundation Leadership Awards 2009

#### Nominations

TWF will again be presenting The Women's Foundation Leadership Awards to recognize individuals who have demonstrated outstanding leadership and raised awareness on women's and girls' issues in Hong Kong. TWF is now inviting nominations in four categories: Philanthropy Leader; Social Change Leader; Political Leader and Research Leader. Meanwhile, over 400 schools have already been invited to nominate their students for the Female Student Leader Award.

Last year's awardees were Ms. Loletta Chu, Philanthropy Leader; Ms. Fong Man-ying, Social Change Leader; Ms. Peggy Lam, Political Leader; Dr. Leung Lai Ching, Research Leader; and Ms. Sardonna Lam Po Pui, Female Student Leader.

Please visit our website: [http://www.thewomensfoundationhk.org/main/events\\_upcoming.php](http://www.thewomensfoundationhk.org/main/events_upcoming.php) for more information.



#### Award Ceremony

Come join us at The Helena May on 6 March 2009 at 7pm for our 2nd Annual Leadership Awards ceremony. This unmissable evening of cocktails and canapés will celebrate the achievements of five outstanding Hong Kong leaders who have made a positive impact on the lives of women and girls. An auction will also be held to raise funds for our ongoing programs in leadership, poverty and girls. Tickets are now available at HKD650. Please call 2592 8265 for bookings.

#### Dates for the Diary

**8 March:** International Women's Day

**15 March, 3-5pm:** Premiere of the three short films produced by participants of the Filmmaking Workshop. Venue to be confirmed shortly.

**For further information about The Women's Foundation, please visit our website: [www.thewomensfoundationhk.org](http://www.thewomensfoundationhk.org). To join our mailing list, please email [info@thewomensfoundationhk.org](mailto:info@thewomensfoundationhk.org).**

The Women's Foundation promotes the full participation of women and girls in all aspects of Hong Kong society by building resources to support change through research, education, public awareness and programs.

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# 婦女基金會電子通訊



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## 親愛的朋友：

新年快樂！歡迎大家閱覽婦女基金會的網上電子通訊！

婦女基金會是在香港註冊的慈善機構，致力於推行與提高婦女和青少年在香港社會上的地位。踏入2009年，我們將每兩個月出版一份電子通訊，向各位介紹我們的最新動向和成績。我們亦希望各位與親朋好友分享婦女基金會的訊息。

對於婦女基金會來說，2008年無疑是極為忙碌的一年，但過去12個月的發展也的確令人覺得十分振奮！過去數年的研究讓我們了解到香港女性的實際需要，並在此基礎上開展了3個焦點領域 – 青少年、女性貧窮以及女性領袖 – 的實質撥款項目。當然，如果沒有捐贈者和合作伙伴慷慨的支持，這些項目便不能順利推行，在此，我們向他們表達最真摯的感謝。

## 項目最新動向

### 青少年項目 | 短片製作工作坊



去年9月，婦女基金會推出了一個項目來提高香港社會對於性別定型和性別歧視的關注。30位年齡介乎11至21歲的年輕人參加了名為「少女觀 觀少女」的短片製作工作坊，分3組來製作3部短片。此工作坊費用全免，是由婦女基金會以及婦女基金會的受贈者及合作伙伴Focus on Film Hong Kong ([www.focusonfilmhk.com](http://www.focusonfilmhk.com)) 合辦的。這工作坊給年輕人

帶來認識電影製作中編劇、導演、剪接、拍攝及製作等各職能，從而令他們能夠製作出原創的短片。根據Focus on Film Hong Kong的總監Elissa Rosati所述：「這個項目的獨特之處，是它能夠直接觸動參加的青少年，鼓勵他們以個人的觀點及感同身受的熱情積極探討這個議題。電影作為一個創作媒介提供了一個最佳的平台，讓他們深入探索性別定型和它所導致的社會問題。」這3部短片現仍在製作的階段，將會在2009年3月15日首次放映。之後，短片會在本地學校及國際學校內巡迴放映。敬請留意我們快將公佈的放映地點及時間。



## 項目最新動向

### 女性貧窮項目 | 個人發展及財務知識培訓課程

在2008年7月，婦女基金會和合作伙伴 a + b = 3 開始策劃一個培訓計劃，幫助香港低收入女性增強她們經濟獨立自足的能力。整個培訓計劃包括了六節兩小時的課堂，主要介紹強化個人發展的方法和個人財政管理的技巧，例如：如何訂定儲蓄目標、制定預算、建立自信和更有效地談判。此項計劃的目的是為了支持低收入女性，令她們更有自信和自我肯定，最終達至經濟獨立自足。雖然這個培訓計劃仍在試驗初期，但是卻已令超過80名女性受惠。參加者的反應熱烈，很多人都覺得培訓課程真的能幫助她們增強自信。計

劃的試驗階段將於3月結束。我們並希望此計劃能在2009年在香港各區推行。

與此同時，我們亦正在為有意創業的低收入女性發展一個創業培訓計劃。



### 女性領袖項目 | 師友計劃

婦女基金會現正接受女性領袖師友計劃中學友的提名和申請。歡迎任何年齡介乎 21 歲至35歲、擁有大學學歷、在香港工作，而又有志在事業上成為獨當一面的領袖的女性居民申請。

婦女基金會師友計劃是一個幫助年輕女性提升她們商業觸角、職場技巧和自信的好機會。透過一對一的會面和一系列的分享會，參加者能夠從資深及成功的事業女性及導師身上得到啟發。

有興趣的參加者，請於2009年1月23日或之前呈交履歷及申請表。

學友申請表及師友計劃的詳情可於[http://www.thewomensfoundationhk.org/main/events\\_recent.php](http://www.thewomensfoundationhk.org/main/events_recent.php)下載。

## 其他消息

### 最新的雙語研究報告已在網上發布！

我們最新的研究報告 – 拉近香港的性別差距：與社會對話 – 已於網上發布：

[www.thewomensfoundationhk.org/main/research\\_status.php](http://www.thewomensfoundationhk.org/main/research_status.php)。

我們也準備了印刷版本，給予有需要之人士或機構。此報告以及執行摘要之製作和印刷均由高盛集團贊助，我們謹在此感謝高盛集團的慷慨支持。



## 其他消息

### 婦女基金會領袖獎2009

#### 提名

婦女基金會將再次頒發領袖獎項給香港的女性領袖，表揚她們為提高社會對女性事項關注的出色表現。我們於早前已邀請了約400間中學提名女學生參選傑出女學生領袖獎。現誠邀下列另外4個獎項提名：慈善事業領袖、社會改變領袖、政治領袖以及研究領袖。

去年的得獎者是慈善事業領袖朱玲玲、社會改變領袖方旻瑛、政治領袖林貝聿嘉、研究領袖梁麗清，以及女學生領袖林寶佩。

詳情請瀏覽以下網址：

[http://www.thewomensfoundationhk.org/main/events\\_upcoming.php?LANG=CT](http://www.thewomensfoundationhk.org/main/events_upcoming.php?LANG=CT)



#### 頒獎典禮及酒會

齊來參與婦女基金會領袖獎的頒獎禮及酒會吧！婦女基金會將於2009年3月6日下午七時正在梅夫人婦女會舉辦第二屆領袖獎的頒獎禮，慶祝5位傑出的女性領袖在改善女性和青少年生活方面的成就。當晚酒會當中還會舉行拍賣活動，為我們的女性領袖項目、女性貧窮項目以及青少年項目籌款。酒會票價為港幣650元正，可致電2592 8265訂購。

#### 請記下日期！

**3月8日：**國際婦女節

**3月15日，下午3時至5時：**3部由「少女觀 觀少女」短片製作工作坊參加者所製作的短片之首映。地點稍後公佈。

如想知道更多關於婦女基金會的詳情，請瀏覽：[www.thewomensfoundationhk.org](http://www.thewomensfoundationhk.org)。如欲收到我們的會訊，請電郵至 [info@thewomensfoundationhk.org](mailto:info@thewomensfoundationhk.org)。

婦女基金會致力於透過學術研究、教育及促進社會關注，推動香港所有婦女全面參與社會各範疇的事務。

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