

**PROFESSIONAL FELLOWS PROGRAM
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**CHOW CHUI SHAN
PATHFINDERS LIMITED**



Ms. Chow Chui Shan, aka Jessica, joined PathFinders in April 2012 and now serves as director of social work and healthcare, overseeing and developing case management, shelter and access to healthcare programs. The program she oversees was awarded the Hong Kong Top Ten Outstanding Community Services Awards 2019.

Ms. Chow is a registered social worker with over 10 years of experience in crisis management, migrant matters, children's rights, debt counselling, and elderly services. She urgently wants to fill the social service gap and serve the most needy, assisting migrant mothers in regaining their confidence, dignity and hope. Before joining PathFinders, Jessica worked with the Caritas Family Crisis Support Center and Senior Citizen Home Safety Association.

Jessica received a diploma in social work from the City University of Hong Kong and a bachelor's degree in applied social science from Sheffield Hallam University.

Ms. Chow has been placed at American Gateways in Austin, Texas.

**DENG TINGTING
GREENPEACE EAST ASIA**



Ms. Deng Tingting is a toxics campaigner for Greenpeace East Asia. She has been working at the Greenpeace Beijing office for five years, focusing mainly on water pollution control and hazardous chemicals management. Tingting has led several projects to accelerate water quality improvement and enhance chemical policy in China. Prior to joining Greenpeace, she worked on lake and river ecological restoration at the Chinese Research Academy of Environmental Sciences, specifically on Tai Lake blue algae removal.

Tingting received her bachelor's degree in environmental engineering from the Beijing Institute of Technology and master's degree in the same field from Imperial College London.

Ms. Deng has been placed at Earth Day Network in Washington, D.C.

DUAN SHUAI
BEIJING LGBT CENTER



Mr. Duan Shuai is an enthusiastic LGBT activist. Since March 2016, he has been working as the leader of the media department at the Beijing LGBT Center, one of the biggest LGBT non-governmental organizations in China, focusing on mental health consultation, legal aid, community service and advocacy on equality in corporate social responsibility. He has organized more than ten anti-discrimination media campaigns, including *#Equal Rights Movement#* (36,957,000 page views) and *#Let's Get Better Together#* (10,720,000 page views), which have helped the Center's media platform increase to 130,000 followers, amplifying the voice of the community.

From 2016 to 2017, Shuai initiated and planned the media campaign of the first national SOGIE- (Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Expression) based discrimination survey in China, done in collaboration with UNDP and Peking University. He also served as the media lead for the first national transgender survey in China and the campaign on anti-conversion therapy, which was reported on by domestic and foreign media.

He has appeared in the *Washington Post* (U.S.), *Financial Times* (UK), *AFP News* (France), *Global News* and *Sixth Tone* (China), *Initium Media* and *South China Morning Post* (Hong Kong), and *Mainichi News* (Japan).

Mr. Duan has been placed at the Brooklyn Community Pride Center in Brooklyn, NY.

FAN XIAOZHOU
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY CHINA



Ms. Fan Xiaozhou is the partnership development manager at Habitat for Humanity China where she serves to maintain and advance relationships with companies and organizations to fund Habitat China, an affiliate of the international NGO dedicated to tackling housing issues. She is also responsible for raising awareness about poverty housing and community development issues by making presentations at events, leading volunteer teams to execute on-site work and advocacy initiatives, and contributing to the overall development and strategic planning for Habitat China.

Prior to joining Habitat, Xiaozhou worked for a youth development charity, Raleigh China. Raleigh China mobilized hundreds of youth to participate in expedition projects which inspired, challenged and empowered them to work with communities living in poverty. She also has extensive experience serving various NGOs and social enterprises. Some of the projects include raising \$3,600 for a two-month volunteer program in Tanzania and working in a homeless shelter during the Christmas season in London.

Ms. Fan received her bachelor's degree in material and engineering from the Beijing Institute of Fashion Technology, and her master's degree in sustainability, culture and development from the University of Durham (UK). She also has a social work certificate.

Ms. Fan has been placed at the New York Public Library in New York, NY.

JING XIAOJUAN
SAVE THE CHILDREN INTERNATIONAL



Ms. Jing Xiaojuan studied English at Shaanxi Normal University in Xi'an. Since her graduation, she has been involved in a variety of education and NGO work, ranging from teaching English at the university level to training coordination and management, and most importantly NGO project implementation and management. More than 11 years' exposure to professional corporate services and six years with Save the Children have made her realize that philanthropy is her calling. At Save the Children she spent two years as a project officer working on early childhood care and development and vocational education projects, and four years as a senior project officer devoted to basic education projects. As the mother of a teenager and an employee of Save the Children, she is inspired by all of her colleagues and peers for their dedication to fight for children's rights and endeavours to promote social change.

Outside of work she loves watching movies, reading books and climbing mountains with family and friends.

Ms. Jing has been placed at Citizen Schools in Boston, Massachusetts.

DORIANE LAU
AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL EAST ASIA REGIONAL OFFICE



Ms. Lau Wen Wei, aka Doriane, is a researcher at Amnesty International. She is also the co-founder of Queers without Borders, a network working to provide safe spaces and routes to safety for LGBTIQ+ asylum seekers in Hong Kong. Her research focus includes impact litigation and LGBTIQ rights.

Prior to joining Amnesty International, she studied for a master's degree in human rights at the London School of Economics and Political Science. She received her bachelor's degree in government and public policy from the Chinese University of Hong Kong. As an undergrad she was an exchange student at University College Maastricht in the Netherlands.

Ms. Lau has been placed at the Los Angeles LGBT Center in Los Angeles, California.

LEE BI-LING
OPEN CULTURE FOUNDATION



Ms. Lee Bi-Ling, aka Billion, is a civic tech contributor fighting fake news. She co-founded Cofacts in mid-2016 and has contributed around 80 percent of the database's content. Cofacts is a suspicious message clarification chatbot; it has over 100,000+ users and has collected over 28,000 user-reported messages. It is their approach to counter disinformation, without losing freedom of speech.

Billion volunteers at a social welfare center and is concerned with social issues and public policy; she believes that everyone has the ability to change the world and make it better.

Ms. Lee will divide her time between PolitiFact in Washington, D.C., and the Poynter Institute in St. Petersburg, Florida.

LI QIAN
CHENGDU STORYTELLER SOCIAL WORK SERVICE CENTER



Li Qian is the co-founder and senior project officer of the Chengdu Storyteller Social Work Service Center. She has been working on project management of community building and empowerment programs in both rural and urban Chengdu, by empowering the local citizens in the community to solve their own problems.

Li Qian graduated from Humboldt University of Berlin (Germany) with a master's degree in rural development. After graduation, she worked for the Hong Kong Red Cross Chengdu Liaison Office on reconstruction and livelihood development projects in areas of Sichuan province affected by the May 12, 2008 earthquake.

As the mother of a six-year-old boy, Qian promotes picture-book reading and works for education equality of rural children by providing sex education and reading activities for rural girls as a volunteer along with other mothers from Chengdu.

Ms. Li will split her time between Intergenerational Programs and Aging at Pennsylvania State University in State College, Pennsylvania, and Generations United in Washington, D.C.

LIN CHIA-PING
MODERN WOMEN'S FOUNDATION



Ms. Lin Chia-Ping (aka Caritta) is an advocate in the research and development department in the Modern Women's Foundation, and has participated in developing the Anti-Stalking Law in Taiwan and making "cyberstalking" into a "real escape game," an activity that young students love, and through which they learn a variety of tasks. Caritta's main research topics are on cooperatives and economic empowerment of women in Taiwan and South Asia. Her attention to the cultural context and diversity of perspectives was strengthened by her MBA study in social enterprise at Fu Jen Catholic University in Taiwan and her previous leading role in social innovation summer and winter camps in Nepal, Yushu (Qinghai Province, China), and Aceh (Indonesia), all locations that had experienced poverty, natural disaster, or war.

Caritta has been dedicated to women's rights since 2016, beginning with her experience of harassment by a stalker for years in Taiwan. She shared her personal story with the UN's NGO Committee on the Status of Women in New York in 2016 with the support of the Modern Women's Foundation. Caritta also underwent Green Dot training in the United States because she was struck by the many people who wanted to support her through her experience. Now Caritta is the only person in Taiwan to have trained and gained a license from the U.S's Green Dot bystander violence prevention program, and she works with the Taipei Women's Rescue Foundation and Women's March Taiwan to develop local proactive Green Dot strategies. Her personal experience also brought her to another area: trauma-informed approaches and empowerment for survivors of violence. Therefore, Caritta is also a qualified yoga teacher, especially focusing on mindful meditation and self-awareness yoga practice with Bach Flower Therapy. She is dedicated to bringing her concept of body-mind-spirit holistic approach into practice for her clients and students on a daily basis to build a safe, respectful and empowering environment.

Ms. Lin has been placed at the Asian/Pacific Islander Domestic Violence Resource Project in Washington, D.C.

LU HSIN-CHIEH
TAIWAN TONGZHI LGBTQ HOTLINE ASSOCIATION



Ms. Lu Hsin-Chieh, aka Jennifer, is a social worker, activist, writer and political worker. She has been devoted to LGBT rights and political reform for 15 years.

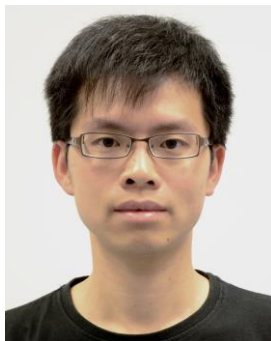
Jennifer was born in Taipei, the capital of Taiwan, and she has a younger sister with serious heart disease. Watching her sister's struggles made her rethink what is the most important thing in our lives, and led her to join social movements. She graduated from National Taiwan University with a bachelor's degree in social work and from the University of Sydney with a master's degree in policy studies. Jennifer has focused on establishing an LGBT community support system and services and gender equality education for ten years. She has given over 1,000 speeches and the number is still growing.

In January 2016, Jennifer represented the Social Democratic Party when she ran for a parliamentary seat in the general elections as one of the first out lesbian candidates in Taiwan. During her election campaign, she and her team successfully raised the visibility of LGBT issues and pushed to include equal rights issues and youth political participation on the agenda of the Taiwan parliament. Now she is chief coordinator of the Marriage Equality Coalition Taiwan and senior research fellow at the Taiwan Tongzhi (LGBTQ+) Hotline Association. Jennifer and her team organized several successful rallies, one of them on Human Rights Day in December 2016, which brought 250,000 people to stand up for marriage equality. The rally pushed the entire society to achieve the significant milestone of marriage equality in Taiwan.

As one of the leaders of the Marriage Equality Campaign in Taiwan, Jennifer believes in the power of communication and collaboration. She opened the communication window between civil society and the government, including parliament, and invited over 85 groups to participate in the marriage campaign over the past three years. Since the marriage law has passed in Taiwan, Jennifer and her team are going to found a new organization to keep on fighting for equality and human rights for a better Taiwan.

Ms. Lu has been placed at the Victory Institute in Washington, D.C.

TANG CHIN CHEUNG
ECOBUS



Dr. Tang Chin Cheung (Cheung), is a lecturer in the School of Science and Technology, the Open University of Hong Kong. He has been actively involved in environmental activities and education. He is the chairman and founder of Ecobus. With his team, Ecobus promotes its environmental philosophy of "enjoy, care & share" to the young through different educational activities and social campaigns. He was elected to the board of directors (2016-2018) of The Conservancy Association, one of the oldest local green NGOs in Hong Kong. Recently, he was appointed to be a member of the Publicity Working Group of the Environmental Campaign Committee in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region government. Cheung loves all kinds of outdoor activities (such as hiking and camping) and sports activities (such as running, cycling and swimming).

Dr. Tang received his doctorate in plant systematics and molecular phylogenetics from the University of Hong Kong. His bachelor's degree in ecology and biodiversity came from the same university.

Dr. Tang has been placed at the Sierra Club Foundation in Oakland, California.

WANG MIAO
BETTER BLUE



Ms. Wang Miao is an explorer and ocean conservationist. She is the founder and executive director of Better Blue, one of the most influential non-for-profits that focus on ocean protection in China, as well as the chief representative of Project AWARE in Greater China, and the ambassador of Project Seahorse. She is an explorer of National Geographic Extreme China, and winner of the 2018 UN Environment Young Champion of the Earth.

Ms. Wang received her LL.B. from Jilin University and her master's degree in international development from the University of Manchester in England.

Ms. Wang has been placed at the Ocean Conservancy in Washington, D.C.

WU ZHAOLAN
WORLD VISION



Ms. Wu Zhaolan graduated from Sichuan International Studies University in 2003. After graduation she worked in the English education field for several years. She liked being with students. In 2012, she joined World Vision's Child-Focused Area Development Program in Yulong County, Yunnan Province. She carries out different education activities to serve local ethnic minority children. She finds it is very meaningful to promote community development. When there is change in the community or with children, even just a little change, she feels very happy. In 2016, she became a licensed social worker and focuses on a sponsorship sub-project. Outside of work she is also a volunteer for a local NGO that helps children and their caretakers.

Ms. Wu likes outdoor activities, like hiking, cycling and traveling. As an English major, she enjoys meeting new people with different cultural backgrounds, and to communicating with people from different NGOs. She is expecting new experiences during her placement in the United States!

Ms. Wu has been placed at Saint Francis Ministries in Salina and Wichita, Kansas.

ZHANG TING
BEIJING DOCVIT LAW FIRM



Ms. Zhang Ting is director of international legal services at the Beijing Docvit Law Firm. She was a visiting fellow at the University of Cambridge from September 2018 to April 2019, conducting research on comparative trust law in China and the UK, focusing on charitable trusts. Her background is in accounting and law. A graduate of Peking University (undergraduate) and the Tsinghua University Temple Project (American LL.M.), she worked as a senior auditor at PricewaterhouseCoopers International, and then as a lawyer and partner of the Beijing Dacheng Law Firm (Dentons LLP), the world's largest law firm, for 12 years. She was the founder of the Dacheng Family Office.

She is a member of the bar in China, Hong Kong, and California and also passed the multiple choice test of the Qualified Lawyer Transfer Scheme of the United Kingdom. She publishes frequently, including *Investment, Merger and Acquisition in China*. She contributes to legal drafting related to philanthropy and also serves as counsel to the China Changjiang River Charity Foundation, China Intangible Cultural Heritage

Organization, Hualing Care-for-the-Aged Foundation, Modern Chinese Medicine Development and Research Foundation, and the Benefit People Charity Foundation. She has been invited to speak at global conferences on the development of China's trust law and philanthropy.

Ms. Zhang has been placed at Brooklyn Law School in Brooklyn, NY.



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