

**PROFESSIONAL FELLOWS PROGRAM
FALL 2016
PARTICIPANT BIOS**

**MUNKHTUYA BATMEND
CHIN KHUSLIIN ZAM (GENUINE WISH ROAD)**



Munkhtuya Batmend is from Khovd Bulgan, a rural part of Mongolia. She works as a director of an NGO called Chin Khusliin Zam (Genuine Wish Road) that aims to contribute to the development of rural areas of Mongolia in many ways such as by supporting education, helping the poor and working to decrease unemployment.

Munkhtuya studied economics at Mongolia's State Agricultural University in Ulaanbaatar. She returned to her hometown and established the NGO. She later obtained a master's degree in development practice at the University of Queensland in Australia.

Ms. Batmend's placement is at Total Action for Progress in Roanoke, Virginia.

**URNAA BOLD
PUBLIC INTEREST LAWYERS' INITIATIVE
LEGAL AID CENTER OF MONGOLIA**



Urnaa Bold's background is in law. She currently works as a consultant at the Public Interest Lawyers' Initiative Mongolia and the Legal Aid Center of Mongolia. Prior to that, she served as a senior officer at the Ministry of Justice for ten years.

She received a master's degree in international community development from Victoria University in Australia and earned LLM and LLB degrees from the Mongolian National University School of Law.

She thinks that we obtain knowledge in our fields in order to help others and serve our community and the world, not only ourselves. Providing free legal service and assistance to vulnerable and indigent people makes her proud of her profession.

Ms. Bold has been placed at the University of Wisconsin Law School Neighborhood Law Clinic in Madison.

GAO WEI
WUHAN UNIVERSITY PUBLIC INTEREST AND
DEVELOPMENT LAW INSTITUTE



Gao Wei received master's degrees in legal theory from Wuhan University and in human rights law from Central European University. She is now working as a researcher and program manager at the Wuhan University Public Interest and Development Law Institute.

From 2010 to 2013 she was in charge of the Legal Empowerment in China – Theories and Practice project, which aims to empower disadvantaged communities in China to use legal tools through research, community legal education and clinical legal education.

Since 2014, she has been in charge of projects on multidisciplinary disability rights research and disability rights education in law schools.

As project director and researcher Gao Wei's work includes a wide variety of activities, including: communication with international and local partners, research, community outreach, and training/workshop organizing/facilitating. Her academic and work experience up to now has made her an important source of knowledge on legal change and practice, human rights, access to justice, legal aid, clinical legal education and participatory training methodology. She also has extensive knowledge and experience in working with various communities in terms of needs assessment and capacity building including but not limited to persons with disabilities, rural women, migrant workers and environmental pollution victims.

Ms. Gao has been placed at the Massachusetts Law Reform Institute in Boston, Massachusetts.

JI LANLAN
CHINA FOUNDATION FOR POVERTY ALLEVIATION



Ji Lanlan serves as the Africa team leader in the International Development Department of the China Foundation for Poverty Alleviation, one of the oldest and largest NGOs in China and one of the few working outside the country. She leads the development of programs in Africa and implementation of long term projects in Ethiopia and Sudan, working in collaboration with country partners in the field. She has been advocating for policy changes in China's foreign aid framework, in search of an active role of an NGO on the move of internationalization. Lanlan is also in charge of the International Volunteer Program which is the first foreign aid program in China engaging in NGO work.

Having attained a bachelor's degree in political science from the China University of Political Science and Law and a master's degree in international development from the University of Manchester in the UK, she has over seven years of experience in policy advocacy and the promotion of social entrepreneurship.

Ms. Ji has been placed at the National Peace Corps Association in Washington, D.C.

OYUNDARI KHURELBAATAR
ARTS COUNCIL OF MONGOLIA



Oyundari Khurelbaatar has been working as a community arts education program director at the Arts Council of Mongolia since 2012. In that role, she oversees strategic planning, budgeting and fundraising for projects in the areas of youth and public arts education, community building, artist involvement and public awareness on social issues.

She graduated from the Institute of Finance and Economics in business administration and accounting in 2003. She worked at the Trade & Development Bank of Mongolia as an account manager and gained rich experience in the banking and finance sectors. She joined the Arts Council of Mongolia (ACM) in June 2008 and started her career in the arts and cultural sector by working as an accountant and program coordinator.

She volunteers for Women for Change, a non-profit organization that supports women empowerment and gender equality in Mongolia and is mostly involved in public awareness activities on social change through the arts.

Ms. Khurelbaatar has been placed at Play On, Philly, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

LIU PEILIN
NORWEGIAN MISSION ALLIANCE CHINA OFFICE



My name is Liu Peilin, but I'd like to people to call me Layn.

I was born in Henan Province in north central China. In 2005, I left my hometown for Kunming City, Yunnan Province, which is located in southwestern China, for graduate school. From 2006 to 2009, I studied cultural and social anthropology at Yunnan University. In June 2009, I started my job as a project assistant in the Norwegian Mission Alliance (NMA) China Office; it is a Norwegian NGO focusing on development in three thematic fields: community development, inclusive development of people with disabilities, and Diakonia development. In 2010, I was promoted to be the project manager of community development. Since 2014, I have managed both community development and Diakonia development projects.

I am married and have a 2-year-old daughter, but they don't live with me because my wife works in a city called Yuxi that is an hour and a half drive from Kunming, where I live.

Mr. Liu has been placed at Saint Francis Community Services in Wichita, Kansas City, and Salina, Kansas.

LIU SIJIA
UNICEF CHINA OFFICE



Liu Sijia has extensive experience with a variety of projects in different UN agencies. She currently works at UNICEF China on a national child poverty alleviation project, which is a partnership between UNICEF China and the State Council Leading Group Office of Poverty Alleviation and Development. Previously, she worked for the UN Women preventing and eliminating domestic violence against women programme, which gained prominence in Asia and the Pacific where she presented on the project's behalf to the United Nations Development Programme in Istanbul at its Global Consultation in 2011. She subsequently was a consultant working for the UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific based in Bangkok, during which she was responsible for providing technical support to research on national policy of regional countries, and multilateral negotiations.

Ms. Liu also has a strong interest in Chinese traditional culture. In 2012, she was invited to a talk show on CCTV (China Central Television) as a guest speaker about Chinese traditional masterpieces. She was also the host of the Global Chinese Language Competition (*Hanyu Qiao*) organized by the Ministry of Education of China, which was held in the British Museum, UK, and broadcast on CCTV.

Ms. Liu received her undergraduate degree in law from Renmin University of China and her master's in public and international studies from the University of Warwick, England.

Liu Sijia will be at Impact NW in Portland, Oregon.

LIU ZHIWEI
MEETCHARITY FOUNDATION



Nature lover, outdoor sports fan, Liu Zhiwei was a volunteer with the Blue Sky Rescue Team in 2008. He served as deputy secretary general to assist the team, which started with a dozen people in Beijing and grew to hundreds of teams across the whole country, with a total of more than ten thousand volunteers today.

Mr. Liu joined the MeetCharity Foundation in 2010, first as a volunteer and then as a staff member working on child welfare. Every year he gathers a medical team and volunteers to go to a Tibetan area at an altitude of 4300 meters to work with the local Center for Disease Control to provide medical services to local school children and others.

Mr. Liu has been placed at the Rochester Institute of Technology Center for Media, Arts, Games, Interaction and Creativity in Rochester, NY.

QIN YING
SHANGHAI UNITED FOUNDATION



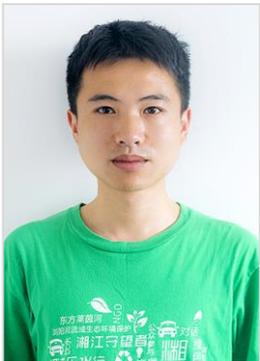
Qin Ying was a marketing manager at Alcatel-Lucent for 14 years. Because she is fond of children, after five years of volunteer teaching experience in migrant schools she decided to work full-time in a social enterprise as the project manager at Green IT Classroom in the beginning of 2013. After three years of running of the program, she and her team of three ladies successfully set up more than 50 IT classrooms with refurbished computers in underprivileged areas (mainly in China, and several in Africa).

In the beginning of 2016, Ying left Green IT Classroom and joined Shanghai United Foundation as a part-time program consultant after she had her second child. She hopes to share her marketing knowledge and project management experience with grassroots social welfare programs, to help them get more social support.

Ms. Qin is also a big fan of traditional Chinese medicine and strongly supports organic farm products.

Ms. Qin has been placed at the Foundation Center in New York City.

SUN CHENG
GREEN HUNAN



Sun Cheng obtained his master's degree in communication from Xiangtan University, and his bachelor's degree in economics from the Hubei University of Science and Technology. He has rich experience in environmental policy advocacy and communications.

As the research director of Green Hunan, he is mainly responsible for policy research and advocacy. He focuses on the transparency of environmental information and air quality management policies.

He also actively pays attention to the environment protection of the local community. He is the cofounder of the Xiang River Watchers project, which is a local community network with more than 300 members supervising the water quality of the Xiang River. In 2013, this project won the “Annual Public Contributions to the Law” award from the National Law Publicity Office, Ministry of Justice and CCTV (China Central Television).

He likes to travel and to read. He is very curious and eager to explore what nature offers. He believes this passion and love of nature makes him a better “NGOer”.

Sun Cheng won a National Geographic Global Explorer Award in 2014. He was also selected by the U.S. State Department in 2015 to join the International Visitors Leadership Program.

Mr. Sun has been placed at China Environment Forum of the Woodrow Wilson Center in Washington, D.C.

TANG JING
SHENZHEN ONE FOUNDATION



Tang Jing has been working in the non-profit sector since graduating from university. In her first job, she worked at Half the Sky which had several education programs in orphanages. The programs provided training to caregivers on child care. Having worked for more than four years, she went to New Zealand for a gap year before starting her current job at the Shenzhen One Foundation. She and her colleagues work in the area of autism, cerebral palsy and rare diseases, trying to improve children's welfare through campaigns, sponsoring individual children, and other programs. They have a new project under development on inclusive education, in hopes that children with special needs won't be rejected by local schools.

Ms. Tang received her bachelor's degree from the Beijing Foreign Studies University.

She has been placed at Stetson & Associates in Houston, Texas.

YE YI
UNITED DEVELOPMENT CENTER
CHINA YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION



Ye Yi's current position is acting assistant director and consultant of the United Development Center, China Youth Development Foundation, in charge of business development and partnerships building. She previously spent four years in the project management practice of the British Council China and was a core member of the founding team of the Social Investment Platform, the first investment platform focused on impact innovation in China. Prior to joining the British Council, she spent three years with the biggest science media group in China.

Ms. Ye received her MBA in 2015 from the Cheung Kong Graduate School of Business (CKGSB). CKGSB aims to develop leaders with a global vision, a humanitarian spirit and an innovative mind-set.

Ms. Ye Yi will be at The Synergos Institute in New York City.

ZHANG YANG
DALIAN STAR FOUNDATION



As the president of Dalian Star Foundation, Zhang Yang plays a key role in the long term strategy, growth and transformation of this non-profit organization. She leads the young but active and effective foundation in Dalian by sponsoring comprehensive community development, especially in children's education centers and retirement houses.

Prior to starting the Star Foundation, Ms. Zhang set up two companies in 2013, one in educational consulting (Dalian Aizhiyi Education Consulting Company) and the other in business communications (AIY Dalian Business Communications Company). Both are now leading in parenting education and education business communications in Dalian, serving more than 50,000 families with the most up to date research and practical consulting.

Apart from her career, her life is about her family and her son, William. Raising William gives her inspiration and wisdom about how to live a better life and change the world by helping people, especially the young and the elderly.

Ms. Zhang has been placed at the Educational Alliance in New York City.

ZHENG WEI
THE JOYWAVE FUND
CHINA CHILDREN AND TEENAGERS' FOUNDATION



Zheng Wei is the fundraising adviser for the Joywave Fund at China Children and Teenagers' Foundation, a major gift fund dedicated to supporting children with hearing disabilities. He is also the lead consultant for the Alliance for Good, a philanthropy network based in Singapore. Previously, Zheng Wei accumulated experience working with different types of donors in Asia as a fundraising specialist for Plan International and the corporate partnerships officer for UNICEF China.

Zheng Wei has a bachelor's degree in journalism from Renmin University of China and a master's in public administration from the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy at the National University of Singapore. He also attended the pilot MPA-Executive program at China Philanthropy Research Institute in 2012 and now occasionally lectures there.

Mr. Zheng has been placed at Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors in New York City.

PROFESSIONAL FELLOWS PROGRAM



The U.S. Department of State has awarded a grant to the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations to implement the Professional Fellows Program for China and Mongolia. This two-way-exchange program includes participants who work in the fields of environment, legal aid, community building with marginalized populations, and philanthropy. The heart of the program is a four-week fellowship placement at an organization in the United States that focuses on the same issue(s) as the fellow and his/her home institution. The placements are tailored to each individual and host organization, and include shadowing staff members, participating in meetings, learning about the host organization's day-to-day work, and observing the overall activity of the host organization. In addition, all participants are responsible for implementing individual projects in their home countries upon their return; the projects must be built upon – or informed by – what s/he learned during the fellowship placement.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON U.S.-CHINA RELATIONS



The National Committee on United States-China Relations is a nonprofit, educational organization that encourages understanding of China and the United States among citizens of both countries. The Committee conducts exchange and policy activities with mainland China, Hong Kong, and Taiwan in the areas of economic development and management, governance and legal affairs, international relations, educational administration, environmental and global issues, and mass communication.

Membership includes distinguished Americans from all parts of the country who represent many points of view but share the belief that increased public knowledge of China, U.S.-China relations, and developments in "Greater China" enhances international understanding and strengthens the Sino-American relationship.

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