

**PROFESSIONAL FELLOWS PROGRAM
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PARTICIPANT BIOS**

**BAI XIAOJING
UNICEF**



Ms. Bai Xiaojing joined the United Nation Children's Fund (UNICEF) China Office in 2008 as program coordinator in the Social Policy team. In that role, she supports the work of promoting partnerships, developing project plans and budgets, and implementing and monitoring project progress by working with Chinese government counterparts to ensure timely and accurate programmatic intervention. Before that, Ms. Bai worked at the International Cultural Exchange Center of the Ministry of Culture as a project officer, and later for the Beijing Gehua Cultural Development Group as a manager in the International Liaison Department, planning and supervising official cultural exchange program between China and other countries.

Ms. Bai has a master's degree in management and policy from Queen Margaret University in Edinburgh, the U.K., and a bachelor's degree in English language and literature from the Beijing Language and Culture University.

Ms. Bai has been placed at the Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization in Portland, Oregon.

**CHEN WANNING
FRIENDS OF NATURE**



Chen Wanning works for an environmental protection NGO in Beijing, Friends of Nature, and has many opportunities travel, improving her understanding of China and the world. She is very glad to be a member of the 2018 Professional Fellows Program, and hopes to have a rich harvest from the program.

Ms. Chen received her bachelor's and master's degree from Taiwan National University. She studied international relations, rural sociology, and environmental planning. As a student, she participated in various activities in the non-profit field, including AIDS prevention, LGBT advocacy, women's rights, environmental education, ocean protection, community development, sustainable architecture, etc. Volunteering in these areas improved her understanding of charity. After her graduation, she worked for an environmental NGO, a medical mission NGO, and a fundraising NGO; she learned a lot.

Ms. Chen loves outdoor activities, like mountain climbing, rock climbing, scuba diving, river tracing, etc. She has licenses in open water and advanced diving. She also loves to exercise, including jogging and going to the gym. Movies, reading and visiting exhibitions of art, nature and science also interest her.

She has been placed at Communities for a Better Environment in Huntington Park, CA.

CHEUNG HIU TING
GLOBAL NETWORK FOR PUBLIC INTEREST LAW



Catherine Cheung Hiu Ting is the project and operations manager of PILnet's Hong Kong office. She assists the director in Hong Kong in the overall management of operations of the Hong Kong office as well as designs and implements projects aimed at improving access to justice and building a community of public interest-minded lawyers and law students in Hong Kong.

With an aspiration to combat inequality and pursue social justice and civil liberties, Catherine began her career with the Civic Party, a political party striving for democracy, and obtained experience in organizing political campaigns, social movements, and fundraising events in Hong Kong. She has growing interest in human rights in Hong Kong and China through her political participation and work experience with Chinese NGO partners in a London-based NGO promoting human rights and public participation in China.

Prior to joining PILnet, she worked for a philanthropic foundation vetting grant proposals around the theme of safe migration and civil society development in Southeast Asia.

Born and raised in Hong Kong, Catherine graduated with a BA in social policy and administration from the Hong Kong Polytechnic University and an LL.M. in human rights from the University of Hong Kong.

Ms. Cheung has been placed at New York Lawyers for the Public Interest in New York City.

UYANGA ENKHJARGAL
SAVE THE CHILDREN



Uyanga Enkhjargal has six years of experience in the nonprofit sector. She aims to contribute to the creation of a society with equal opportunities. She works as a child poverty program officer at the Save the Children Mongolia office. Her team is working on the Adolescents' Skills for Successful Transition program, focusing on projects promoting entrepreneurship among disadvantaged youth.

Her previous experiences include working with different disadvantaged groups: single mothers, children and youth. Uyanga managed and coordinated a number of projects and research programs, and organized capacity building trainings and workshops.

She earned an MA in development practice from the University of Queensland, Australia, and a BA in international relations from the Renmin University of China. Aside from her native language, Mongolian, she speaks fluent English, Chinese and Russian.

Ms. Enkhjargal has been placed at The Plantory in Lexington, Kentucky.

BATTULGA GANBAATAR
INDEPENDENT LIVING CENTER



Mr. Battulga Ganbaatar, known as Tulga, is a staff member responsible for foreign relations at Universal Progress Independent Living Center in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. He is a wheelchair user due to a car crash in 2008. He uses the wheelchair in his daily life. Generally, he can manage by himself but sometimes needs assistance from others when going up and down stairs or in an otherwise inaccessible environment.

Battulga will divide his time between the National Council on Independent Living in Washington, D.C., and the ENDependence Center of Northern Virginia in Arlington, Virginia.

HU MIN
CHENGDU URBAN RIVERS ASSOCIATION

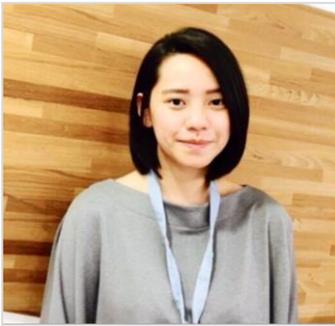


Hu Min is a young environmental protection activist, with nearly 10 years of environmental protection practice in China. She loves rivers, mountains and nature, especially lakes, so it is appropriate that her family name means “lake” in Chinese (湖, pronounced “hu”). She enjoys going into the wild, climbing and hiking.

Ms. Hu is general secretary of the Chengdu Urban Rivers Association (CURA) and Min River Waterkeeper. As the leader of CURA, she does fundraising, coordinates complicated matters among multiple stakeholders including the government, and manages CURA’s young team.

Ms. Hu has been placed at the Potomac Riverkeeper Network in Washington, D.C.

KO YUN-CHING
TAIWAN INNOCENCE PROJECT



Ms. Yun-Ching Ko works as the communications director for the Taiwan Innocence Project (TIP), the only NGO in Taiwan that is committed to exonerating the wrongfully convicted through providing legal services and reforming the judicial system. She is in charge of fundraising, media and public relations, international networking, and raising public awareness of wrongful convictions.

She received her master's degree in sociology from National Taiwan University; her solid academic training has equipped her to cooperate well with professionals from various disciplines. Prior to joining TIP, she spent six years in an informal settlement as a community organizer, assisting the residents fighting against forced eviction.

Ms. Ko will be at the Wisconsin Innocence Project in Madison, Wisconsin.

PRISCILLA SHAM
UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG AND HER FUND



Priscilla Sham is project manager at the HER Fund, the only community foundation which advances gender justice in Hong Kong through its grant making and capacity building programs. She obtained her master's degree from the University of Hong Kong in 2012. Her research investigates how some 'Post-90s' girl activists struggle for recognition via their political participation. She then worked at the Chinese University of Hong Kong, mainly to promote service learning initiatives among the students. She currently is the program manager at the University of Hong Kong, where she organizes students to volunteer their time to deliver interactive English classes to deprived communities in Southeast Asian countries such as Myanmar and Thailand.

Priscilla feels strongly about emancipating the subjugated voices in the society. She believes that women should be provocative and stand up against injustices in social spheres including family, romantic relationships, and even the workplace. She continuously examines such practice to see how it affects personal relationships and self-advancement. She contends that to obtain freedom, women should give voice to their own feelings, perspectives and sufferings.

Ms. Sham will be at the Women's Funding Network in San Francisco, California.

SHI YUZH

LANZHOU NEW GREEN ENVIRONMENT RESEARCH INSTITUTE



Mr. Shi Yuzhi, aka Allen, is a Chinese lawyer who focuses on environmental protection. He started public interest work in 2010 as a pro bono lawyer who helped pollution victims all over China.

He is based in northwest China's Gansu province, working as chief of a local NGO named *New Green*, mainly doing legal publicity, pollution investigation, information disclosure, and filing legal cases against polluters.

Mr. Shi received his bachelor's degree in law from the Institute of Politics and Law in Gansu.

He has been placed at the Natural Resources Defense Council in Washington, D.C.

SUN ZHONGKAI

BEIJING STARS & RAIN EDUCATION INSTITUTE FOR AUTISM



Mr. Sun Zhongkai has been executive director of the Beijing Stars and Rain Education Institute for Autism since 2010. He was previously development officer for the same organization. Also since 2010 Mr. Sun has been a principal trainer for the Heart Alliance Autism Network. He has helped the 20 NGO's in the network with training on fundraising, how to develop a strategic plan, and other information.

Mr. Sun has a bachelor's degree in social work from the Ministry of Civil Affairs College and a master's degree in social policy from Beijing Normal University.

Mr. Sun has been placed at the National Autism Center at the May Institute in Randolph, Massachusetts.

WU DI

EASY INCLUSION



Ms. Wu Di is the co-founder and program director of Easy Inclusion, a Beijing-based social enterprise that mainstreams disability inclusion and workplace diversity in China. Di is also a national consultant on equality for the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) in China, and a UN Disability Equality Training (DET) facilitator. Previously, she led the equal rights and rule of law portfolio at UNDP China, and worked extensively on issues including disability rights, gender equality, and civil society development.

Di is originally from Wuxi, Jiangsu Province, China. She went to Nanjing University and the University of Tokyo for her undergraduate study, and holds a

master's degree from the University of Oxford with a research focus on discrimination.

Ms. Wu has been placed at the Institute for Community Inclusion at the University of Massachusetts, Boston.

XIN YING
BEIJING LGBT CENTER

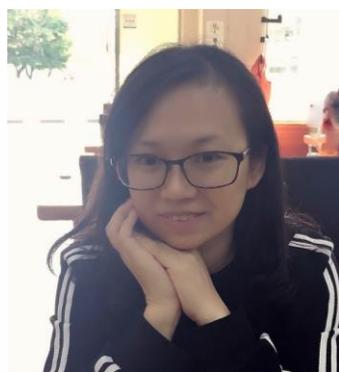


Xin Ying (Iron) received her master's degree in public administration from the Zhongnan University of Economics and Law. She has worked as an LGBT activist in the sexuality equality area since 2009, and currently she is the executive director of the Beijing LGBT Center. She participated in leadership training organized by the Los Angeles LGBT center in 2011, and became a full time staff member at the Beijing LGBT Center a year later. Ying is co-founder of Wuhan Rainbow, a volunteer-based organization in Wuhan which was founded in 2010. She was also the co-curator of the China Women's Film Festival from 2012 to 2015.

She initiated many LGBT campaigns including gay wedding performance art in 2011, lesbian couple's registration in 2013, the de-pathologization of LGBT campaign since 2012, and Chinese LGBT affirming psychologists' training in Beijing, Tianjin, Guangzhou and Xi'an, etc. She initiated the first national survey based on SOGIE (Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity and Expression), and the first national transgender survey in China, along with UNDP and Peking University. She initiated the first queer youth and transgender leadership training in China. She has been invited to lecture by international and national institutes and organizations in the private sector. Her work has been covered by media at home and abroad.

Ms. Xin has been placed at OutRight Action International in New York City.

XU SUQIONG
CHONGQING NORMAL UNIVERSITY



Dr. Xu Suqiong is an assistant professor at Chongqing Normal University where she teaches courses on special education inclusion, and curriculum and instruction. She was a consultant on inclusive education for Handicap International from 2010 to 2011, and a special education teacher at the Holy-love Special Education Training Center from 2002 to 2006. To date she has published 14 academic papers and presided over two provincial projects, including one in Tibet. Her research and professional interests lie in inclusive education and its policy, curriculum and pedagogy, Chinese core cultural values, and disability rights.

Dr. Xu received her doctorate in special education and counseling from the University of Hong Kong.

She has been placed at the Maryland Coalition for Inclusive Education in Elkridge, Maryland.