

ANWS Annual Meeting:

From Shelters to Social Housing –

How to Construct a Housing Safety

Network for Domestic Violence

Victims

Organizers: The Garden of Hope Foundation

Asian Network of Women's Shelters

Partner Taiwan Social Welfare League

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I. **Introduction**

Asian Network of Women's Shelters (ANWS) is part of the Global Network of Women's Shelters (GNWS) and a regional alliance of Asian Women's Shelters. The members come from 14 different Asian countries, including Bangladesh, Cambodia, Hong Kong, India, Japan, South Korea, Indonesia, Mongolia, Malaysia, Nepal, Singapore, Timor-Leste, Vietnam, and Taiwan. ANWS aims to promote mutual learning, capacity building, and initiatives among shelter-related organizations in the regions of Asia. The Garden of Hope Foundation is the secretariat of GNWS and ANWS.

From 2018 to 2020 the Garden of Hope Foundation launched the Three-Year Project of the Asian Network of Women's Shelters (ANWS), which received the constant support from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Our mission is to prevent as well as to eliminate sexual abuse, sexual exploitation, and domestic violence against women and children, dedicate to social transformation and create a friendly environment for women and children with our determination and courage to pursue justice and love. We take international development as our strategy and sharing our shelter experience as our core concept to pass on our values to Asia.

We have long noticed the insufficiency of emergency shelters and the need for mid-to-long term shelters. In 2012, we launched a service plan called Go the Second Mile, which deals with financial, housing, and relationship repairing issues. Services include employment assistance, economic assistance (including supplies provision), housing assistance (including mid-to-long-term shelter, independent accommodation, renting assistance, finding DV-friendly landlords/real estate agents), legal assistance, relationship advice, and so on. The purpose of providing these resources is to meet the needs of women trying to rebuild their lives and accompany them to gain independence.

In order to incorporate social housing and provide long-term support after women leave the shelters, the Garden of Hope Foundation has looked at shelters and housing in Taiwan and invited lecturers from countries with better social housing development to share their mid-to-long-term housing experiences. Also, we will invite UN representatives and local organizations through the board of GNWS and ANWS, and key political officials in Asia through the R.O.C. Embassies to this online meeting to discuss how to provide mid-to-long-term social housing for women.

II. Objectives

Through holding this online meeting, ANWS Annual Meeting: From Shelters to Social Housing – How to Construct a Housing Safety Network for DV Victims, we hope to achieve the following goals:

1. Connect ANWS members and promote our well-grounded shelter services to the world, allowing Taiwan to exercise real influence and civil power;
2. Learn from countries with better social housing development and share our experience.

III. Organizers

The Garden of Hope Foundation; and
Asian Network of Women's Shelters

IV. Partner Organization

Taiwan Social Welfare League

V. Advisor

Ministry of Foreign Affairs

VI. Dates and Times

Date: Wednesday, August 11th, 2021 to Thursday, August 12th, 2021

Time: 09:00 a.m. to 17:00 p.m (Taipei time, GMT+8)

VII. Meeting Format: Zoom Online Meeting

Registration link: <https://forms.gle/B7do7psm9CKSHKDX8>

VIII. Delegates

1. Asian shelter or social housing policymakers and practitioners.
2. Organizations and institutions focusing on Asian shelter or social housing policies.
3. Practitioners of women and children's protecting service networks.

IX. Meeting Agenda (tentative)

Wednesday, August 11th, 2021

| Time | Topics |
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| 09 : 10-09 : 30 | Online check-in and preparation |
| 09 : 30-09 : 50 | Opening ceremony and distinguished guests' remarks |
| Part 1: From Policy to Execution: The Role and Functions of the Government | |
| 09 : 50-10 : 00 | Host: Chen-Yu HO, Assistant Professor at Department of Social Work, National Quemoy University |
| 10 : 00-10 : 30 | [Central Government's Perspective] The Development Strategy and Challenges of Social Housing in Taiwan Keynote speaker: Ching-Chun HUA, Deputy Interior Minister |
| 10 : 30-11 : 00 | [People's Perspective] Residence Justice: How to Make Social Housing Truly Affordable for Underprivileged People Keynote speaker: Convener of the Social Housing Advocacy Consortium |
| 11 : 00-11 : 30 | [Local Government's Perspective] Launching Diverse Shelter Plans with Cross-functional Integration Keynote speaker: Chin-Li CHANG, Commissioner of the Department of Social Welfare |
| 11 : 30-12 : 00 | Panel Discussion |
| 12 : 00-13 : 30 | Lunch Break |
| Part 2: From Residence to Services: Abused Women's Path to Recovery | |
| 13 : 30-13 : 40 | Host: Mei-Kuei YU, Professor at Graduate Institute of Social Work, National Taiwan Normal University |
| 13 : 40-14 : 10 | [Sharing Experience from Taiwan] The Development of Housing and Services for Abused Women: Take the Garden of Hope Foundation as an Example Keynote speaker: Wen-Chen LAI, Director at Taoyuan Branch Office, Garden of Hope Foundation |
| 14 : 10-14 : 50 | [Sharing Experience from the Netherlands] Empowerment After the Shelter 1 Keynote speaker: Maria van Helbergen, Orange House |
| 14 : 50-15 : 20 | [Sharing Experience from the Netherlands] Empowerment After the Shelter 2 Keynote speaker: Janet Hudson, Orange House |
| 15 : 20-16 : 30 | Panel Discussion |
| 16 : 30-17 : 00 | Concluding remarks |

Thursday, August 12th, 2021

| Time | Topics |
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| 09 : 10-09 : 30 | Online check-in and preparation |
| Part 3: From Theory to Practice – the Local Experience of NGO Organizations | |
| 09 : 30-09 : 40 | Host: Yueh-Hao WANG, CEO of the Garden of Hope Foundation |
| 09 : 40-10 : 20 | Analyzing Taiwan’s Housing Issue from a Global Perspective: Connecting Theories and Local Experiences Keynote speaker: Yi-Ling CHEN, Professor at University of Wyoming |
| 10 : 20-11 : 00 | US Housing Policy & Practice During the Pandemic—Centering Survivors and Increasing Access to Safe and Stable Housing Keynote speaker: Debbie Fox, Senior Housing Policy & Practice Specialist at National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV), United States |
| 11 : 00-11 : 30 | Left Home? Lost Home? The Housing and Independence Need for Vulnerable Children and Youths Keynote speaker: Ya-Ting YU, Director of Teli Housing at Good Shepherd Social Welfare Foundation |
| 11 : 30-12 : 00 | Panel Discussion |
| 12 : 00-13 : 30 | Lunch Break |
| Part 4: Residence Justice and Social Safety Net | |
| 13 : 30-13 : 40 | Host: Wei-Ting WU, Professor at Graduate Institute for Gender Studies, Shih Hsin University; Board Member at the Garden of Hope Foundation |
| 13 : 40-14 : 10 | Soft Measures to Housing Crisis Under Pandemic - Focused on Projects in SH Keynote speaker: CHEON Seong-hee, General Manager of Planning Department, Seoul Housing and Communities Corporation, South Korea |
| 14 : 10-14 : 40 | Constructing a Social Safety Net with Residence at Its Core Keynote speaker: Yu-Ju LIN, Director of the Social Housing Advocacy Consortium |
| 14 : 40-15 : 10 | Exploring the Possibility of Using Social Housing as Anti-poverty Strategy Keynote speaker: Wei-Chen LIU, Researcher, Taiwan Social Welfare League |
| 15 : 10-15 : 20 | Break |
| 15 : 20-16 : 30 | Panel Discussion Gathering experiences and how to develop next move |
| 16 : 30-17 : 00 | Concluding remarks |

X. Expected Benefits

1. We hope to facilitate conversations about the shelter policy design and practice through this two-day online conference. The estimated number of participants for two days is 180 people.
2. We hope to promote mutual learning between ANWS members through the experience sharing of shelter experts and practitioners at home and abroad. Around one thousand people will gain access to the highlights of the meetings and relevant information.
3. We hope to connect ANWS members through the meetings and promote our well-grounded shelter services to the world, allowing Taiwan to exercise real influence and civil power.