


## The 31<sup>st</sup> Outstanding Social Workers Award (2021-22)

This year marks the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Outstanding Social Workers Award in Hong Kong. The Award does not only aim at showing recognition to outstanding social workers and encouragement to new generation social workers, but also promoting a positive image of the social work profession among the general public.

Two OSWA and two JOSWA have been awarded this year. They uphold the value of social work and walk their service users through the hardship period with empathy, open-mindedness, proactive attitude and perseverance, and provide appropriate supports, including tangible assistance, counselling, group work and empowerment with volunteer works and/ or work with a decent pay.

<b>Outstanding Social Worker Awardees</b>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Ms. CHENG Wai-kwan, Scarlett</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Program Director of ArtCompana, and Executive Director of Theatre in the Dark</p>	
<p>Scarlette worked at different NGOs, serving different target groups, including children, youth, women, families, elder people, various disabled persons, etc. In 2013, she decided to leave her work at NGO and set up a social enterprise known as “Theatre in the Dark” with her husband who is visually impaired. In 2017, the couple set up another charity called “ArtCompana”. The organizations provide a platform for art performance and training, including dance and drama, to empower the disabled persons, so that they can develop their potentials and try to earn a decent pay. Integration between the abled and disabled persons is also promoted. Scarlett is also a certified Certified DanceAbility® Master Teacher.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Ms. LI Fong, Fion</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Centre-in-charge Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Neo-Horizon Counselling Centre for Psychotropic Substance Abusers</p>	
<p>Fion is specialized in psychotropic substance abusers service and seasoned in handling cases of drug addicts and their family members. She has been working at the Neo-Horizon Counselling Centre for Psychotropic Substance Abusers for more than 12 years. Upholding the social work value and with perseverance, she walks the service targets through the helping process according to their pacing. She also understood the importance of interdisciplinary collaboration, including doctors, therapists, lawyers, and police, etc. for supporting the substance abusers and their family members. Fion believes that social work is a profession with warmth and life. Although it is challenging, she persists to support the service users throughout the drug abstinence process with outstanding professional competences.</p>	

## Junior Outstanding Social Worker Awardees

### Ms. LAU Po-yu, Kathleen

School Social Worker (Kindergarten)  
Po Leung Kuk



Kathleen aspired to be a social worker when she studied in junior high school. During her social work training at the university, she took her practicum in a rehabilitation hospital in Singapore. Once graduated, she started her first job at another Singaporean integrated hospital as a medical social worker. Upon returning to Hong Kong 2 years later, Kathleen took up a job as a school social worker stationing at kindergartens. Amongst the kindergarten children she serves, 80-90% of them are non-Chinese speakers or Ethnic Minorities. They are from different countries with different family background, speaking different languages, lacking knowledge of local social resources, let alone cultural and religious differences. It is no surprise that the parents feel helpless and disorientated. Kathleen approaches them proactively to check if they need any help, thus, building trust and rapport gradually. Kathleen is devoted to her profession and make changes in lives.

### Mr. LEUNG Siu Kei, Michael

Centre-in-charge  
The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups –  
Youth Crime Prevention Centre



Michael firstly worked at the university, conducting research on juvenile delinquency, and also supporting student affairs after graduated in criminology. He received a master's degree in social work later and started his social work journey. He has been working at the current service unit since 2016, responsible for rendering supports to the youth abstaining from drugs, as well as their parents. The services include counselling, therapeutic groups, outreach at courts and providing relevant legal resources, and mutual support activities, etc. Michael reminded that the drug abstinence process has many ups and downs, not a solution at one go. It is challenging and may take a long time. Not only do the social workers need to be very patient and empathic, they also need to accept their own sense of powerlessness sometimes. However, it is essential not to lose hope and perseverance to support the service users during the whole process.

## 第三十一屆優秀社工選舉 (2021-22)

香港社會工作人員協會舉辦的「優秀社工選舉」於是年度踏入第三十屆。選舉除了表揚優秀及默默耕耘的專業社工及鼓勵新晉社工外，亦促進香港社會各界對社工專業之認識，以及提升社工的專業形象。

今年的優秀社工選舉已順利選出兩位優秀社工和兩位新秀社工。他們皆秉持社工信念，與服務使用者在困境中同行，本著同理心、開放態度、積極主動和毅力，為服務使用者提供適切的支援，包括實際援助、情緒輔導、小組支援，以及透過義工服務提昇他們的能力感，甚或替他們爭取有合理工資的工作。

### 優秀社工得獎者

#### 鄭慧君女士, Scarlett

藝造人才 項目總監; 及  
黑暗劇場 行政總監



Scarlette 曾於多間 NGO 任職社工，服務不同對象，包括兒童、青年、婦女、家庭、長者、不同類型的殘疾人士等。2013 年，她毅然離開 NGO 的工作崗位，與失明的丈夫共同成立社會企業「黑暗劇場」，他們又於 2017 年成立慈善團體「藝造人才」，透過藝術為殘疾人士充權，建立藝術平台和培訓人才(包括舞蹈、戲劇)，讓他們能充分發揮潛能和為他們爭取合理的工酬待遇，且推動傷健共融。Scarlette 亦是 DanceAbility®舞動所能認證深造導師。

#### 李芳女士, Fion

香港聖公會福利協會有限公司  
新念坊濫用藥物者輔導中心  
中心主任



Fion 專長於濫用精神藥物者輔導服務，對於處理戒毒者及其家庭的個案有豐富經驗，她在現職機構「新念坊」工作至今已逾 12 年，本著社工的信念和堅持，按服務對象的步伐，陪同他們逐步走出困境。Fion 亦明白到跨專業團隊合作，包括醫生、治療師、律師、警察等對支援戒毒人士及其家庭成員的重要性。Fion 認為社工是一份有溫度、有生命的工作，縱

使過程是困難的，她仍然堅持與服務對象同行，為他們提供專業支援，陪伴他們齊心脫離毒海。

## 新秀社工得獎者

### 劉寶榆女士, Kathleen

保良局  
幼稚園駐校社工



Kathleen 讀初中時已立志當社工。她修讀社工學士課程期間，曾到新加坡的復康醫院實習，畢業後更到當地一間綜合醫院任職醫務社工，兩年後回流香港。喜愛小孩的她找到了新崗位 - 幼稚園駐校社工。她負責駐守的幼稚園，當中八、九成的學童皆是非華語/ 少數族裔學童，他們來自不同國籍和家庭背景，說不同語言，對社區資源認識不足，更遑論文化宗教差異，這些都讓非華語幼兒家長感到無助及無所適從。「問多一句」是 Kathleen 的座右銘，主動關心他們多點，建立信任，與他們同行，為生命帶來改變。

### 梁兆騏先生, Michael

香港青年協會 青年違法防治中心  
戒毒服務 單位主任



Michael 在大學時期主修犯罪學，畢業後在大學從事青少年犯罪研究及學生事務支援工作，及後取得社會工作碩士學位，投身社會服務；他於 2016 年入職香港青年協會違法防治中心的抗毒服務，提供支援予戒毒及販毒少年及其家人，包括情緒輔導、治療小組、法庭外展服務、相關法律資料、同路家長支援活動等。Michael 表示，戒毒過程涉及不同階段，未必能一步到位，服務對象需要長時間的支援，過程起起伏伏，社工除了給予服務對象耐性和同理心外，亦需要接納自己也有無能為力的時候，但卻不能失去希望，要堅持與他們同行走出陰霾。