

REVOLUTIONISING PHILANTHROPY

Strengthening resources for feminist movements

Eight women's funds of Asia and the Pacific¹, members of the Prospera network, are organising *Revolutionising Philanthropy*, the first edition of a unique Asia-Pacific convergence that brings donors, funders, and women and trans*² groups and activists and other feminist allies together to interact and learn from one another.

Where and When

Three and a half days of activities, panels, and sessions will be organised from **25 – 28 September 2019 at the Avani Sukhumvit in Bangkok, Thailand.**

What is it about?

Revolutionising Philanthropy aims to be a call for sustained and flexible funding dedicated to the progressive realisation of women's, girls', and trans* human rights throughout 34 countries supported by Prospera Asia & Pacific members. Through this convergence, we hope to:

- deliberate on how to bring about transformative change in funding politics and democratise philanthropy in the region; and
- establish the leadership and voices of women, girls and trans* persons and strategically invest in these communities to be agents of change, rights holders, and solution builders.

How do we aim to do this?

- *By facilitating a space for activists and donors to share learning, build solidarity, ownership as well as strengthening local, regional, and global links.*
- *Centring feminist philanthropy in Asia and the Pacific by highlighting the framework of intersectional political analysis as well as approaches of women's funds through linking*

¹ Fiji Women's Fund, Her Fund – Hong Kong, Korean Foundation for Women, Mongolian Women's Fund, South Asia Women's Foundation India, Tewa – Nepal Women's Fund, Urgent Action Fund Asia and the Pacific, Women's Fund Asia

² *This document endorses use of the term trans* with an asterisk, denoting a placeholder for the entire range of possible gender identities that fall under the broad definition of trans.*

evidence and existing knowledge.

- *Unpacking the concept* of transformative funding for feminist movement building.
- *Fostering a clearer understanding of the geopolitical context of Asia and the Pacific* and how women’s and trans* organizations and women’s funds are navigating these restrictive landscapes.

The convergence will also have specially curated thematic spaces for activists and donors to share learnings, exchange ideas, and facilitate opportunities for collaboration.

We will be hosting approximately 150 women’s rights activists, academics, and donors from countries in Asia and the Pacific where our member funds are active. We hope to build this convergence into a critical regional space that fosters exchange, interaction and learning within the women’s fund ecosystem. As a conference that will support grantees from multiple ethnicities and geographical areas, we hope to ensure strong and active participation through facilitation and translation support in various languages of Asia and the Pacific.

The Schedule for Revolutionising Philanthropy (Tentative)

25 September	Day of exchange and learning for the activists and women’s funds. This day will be closed to other donors
26 September	Convergence of all activists and donors.
27 September	
28 September (half day)	Closed day for donors to reflect and deliberate with other donors.

The convergence intends to create spaces for an open dialogue enriched with dynamic exchanges, where both grantees and donors discuss local and regional collaborations; and explore feminist discourses and concepts, especially around **issues of labour rights, environmental justice, sexuality and sexual rights, political participation, and security of women, girls, and trans* rights defenders.**

For more information, please contact the member fund that you work with or send an email to events@wf-asia.org.

