

# MY STORY CREATION COMPETITION 2020-21

## CORE JUDGES



### Amimi Cheng

As an illustrator, Amimi enjoys expressing stories and personal insight through the use of traditional mediums. Her work has appeared in publications including AAD outstanding illustration artists in Asia, Creative Talk in Asia and Kuwait's Bazaar Magazine. Amimi also has a passion for enhancing community bonding and empowering individuals through art. She worked with different community settings to provide art facilitation and mentorship.



### Betty Cheung

Betty is an architect, designer and the creator of ART JAM®, the socio-creative painting experience. She is also the co-author of the 2003 book, "the art of artjamming". Her work is rooted in the joy and effortlessness of creative expression. Betty helps large groups access their right brain with intensive and focussed motivation that results in big positive breakthroughs.

Since 2013, she has been a core judge for My Story Creation competition, as well as a creative advisor and workshop facilitator for Kids4Kids.



### Jennifer Chen

Jennifer Chen is the Director of Philanthropic Engagement at Legacy Advisors, a thriving family office in HK. Jennifer is the Chief Executive of The Chen Yet-Sen Family Foundation and is the Asia Lead of the CLEARLY campaign. She is also a Board of Governor/Senior Advisor of Bring Me a Book HK, Social Impact Partners, and the OneSky Foundation.



### Martha Keswick

Martha worked in TV Marketing for Chrysalis Distribution in London and then for the BBC in Hong Kong. In 2002 she completed an intensive Mandarin course at the University of Singapore where a life long love for learning Chinese was born. As an author Martha has published the popular bilingual Max and Mei picture books series, the factual Zhongguo Mingren series about famous people of China and the action-packed Pangu comic series for children learning Chinese as a second language. Martha's work for The Keswick Foundation on disaster related projects in China led her to create COPE, a book series designed to enhance the disaster resilience of children. COPE was commissioned by the UNDRR (United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction) to produce a book for World Tsunami Awareness Day, and collaborated with UNICEF on the COPE COVID booklet to help children stay safe and smiling during the pandemic. Martha and Ben have lived in Asia since 1999 and have four children.



### Ritu Hemnani

Ritu is an author, teacher, TEDx speaker and voice actor who promotes inclusiveness and diversity in her writing. Ritu's stories have been published in the South China Morning Post, Asian Literary Review and Reader's Digest. Ritu is the director of Heritage Publishing Ltd and her children's book 'Gope and Meera – A Migration Story,' seeks to foster awareness and empathy for migrants in our communities. Ritu is a committed writing ambassador for the 'Home of Loving Faithfulness', which serves the disabled of Hong Kong.



### Shea Stanley

Shea Stanley is the Founder & Chief Executive Insider of Little Steps Asia which is a regional digital media company focused on educating, inspiring, and connecting families across the region. Operating in 6 cities in Asia, the dedicated team scouts, tastes, and shops to find the hippest products and places to keep parents in the know and on the go. Content for families is produced across a range of platforms including websites, email newsletters, social media, and video.



### Sherry Lu

Sherry Xiaohui Lu has been core judge for "Writing for a Cause" (now as "My Story Creation" Competition) since 2010 and 2020, and the editor of the winning story collection during that period. Before that, she has worked (2009 - 2011) as the Award Director of Feng Zikai Children's Picture Book Award, after transforming 10 years of working experience in event management / project M&A into the passion for philanthropy. She is now developing her own financial consultancy company. She is a Bachelor of Arts in Foreign Languages, with certificate in children's psychology

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## JUDGING COMMITTEE



### Aiswarya Rambhatla

Aiswarya is currently a high school student with an ardent passion for global politics and law - in particular, the sustainable development goals and how they're enacted in our society. In addition to being an Advocates Leadership Team member, she'll also be giving a TED talk on data privacy and consumer protection! In the future, she hopes to pursue international business and law.



### S. Alice Mong

S. Alice Mong is Executive Director of Asia Society Hong Kong Center (ASHK), an independent non-government organization established in 1990, dedicated to providing educational platforms that present balanced perspectives and promote critical understanding of topics that are relevant to Hong Kong, Asia and the region's role in the world.

She is a graduate of the Ohio State University and received her EMBA from Kellogg and HKUST.



### Allen Cheng

Allen is a Chinese Children Literature writer, the winner of the Youth Literary Awards for 5 years in a row, the tutor of the writer training workshop of Ming Pao and The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups, the judge of several writing competition, the founder of the Little Great Writer writing class.



### Alpha Ngai

Alpha is a Year 11 student with a strong fervour in furthering his horizons and learning more about the world he lives in - one eminent method being through the consumption of knowledge from books.



### Amelia Chen

Amelia Chen is a junior at Williams College and the finalist in 2010 My Story Creation Competition. Her work has been recognized by the Lex Allen Literary Festival, the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards, and the Adroit Prizes, and has appeared in Sine Theta Magazine and The Marble Collection.



### Anjali Mittal

Anjali Mittal graduated from the University of York with a degree in Chemistry and obtained a diploma in Perfumery. Her writing career began in 2009 and since then she has published five books. She presents at schools and offers workshops which she has done in Hong Kong, China, U.K. and Africa.



### Angus Leung

Angus Leung is currently a Year 12 student studying in Renaissance College Hong Kong! He has been volunteering with Kids4Kids for 5 years, and he is now part of the Advocates Leadership Team!



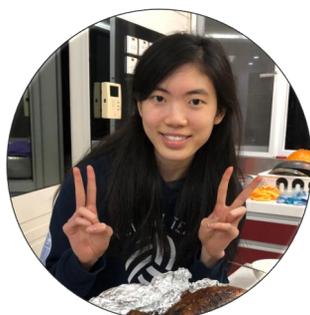
### Athena Cabug

Athena is an avid reader and aspiring educator who enjoyed writing stories immensely in her youth. She was awarded High Merit in 'Shorts' Short Story Competition 2014. She loves to cultivate students' creativity in lessons and is ready to delve into the wonderful worlds created by imaginative children.



### Bailey Cherry

Bailey Cherry is a 10th grade student attending the Canadian International School. In 2017, her story "What a Day!" was a winner in the Kids4Kids My Story Creation Competition. In 2019, she was a winner in the Kids4Kids 'Action for a Cause' competition with her social enterprise, reBooked - Hong Kong's first and largest online store selling pre-loved children's books. Recently, she received the Kids4Kids Action for a Cause 2019-2020 'Most Collaborative Project with Community Partners' Award



### Beatrice Li

Beatrice is a third year student studying medicine in The University of Hong Kong, and is currently an intern at Kids4Kids, as well as a part-time English tutor. She has always loved reading and writing stories, a she has had since primary school. Her love and passion for English has also helped her win the ESF Sha Tin College English Literature Book Award in 2018.



### Bobina Seto

Bobina is currently studying at CityU, majoring in Media and Communication. She first joined Kids4Kids through the 2020 Summer Internship Program and was involved in the facilitation of various programs. She is passionate about feature writing and sharing the joy of language learning with others.



### Brittany Wong

Brittany is a member of the Advocate Leadership Team and the group leader of "Chineasy" - a project that was awarded the most empathetic prize in Action for a Cause. As a literature enthusiast, She views writing as a form of self-expression and a reflection of the contemporary society.



### Cameron Su

Cameron Su, a sophomore at UCLA, authored *Memories Cached*, a YA novel that serves as the basis for an anti-bullying initiative in the Hong Kong schools pursuant to the Kids4Kids Action for a Cause program. The title has been distributed and released in Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaysia, Brunei, Taiwan, Thailand, Australia, New Zealand and Oceania. In 2011, Cameron won the Kids4Kids Writing for a Cause competition with his picture book: "Track Pants | Pinked and Punked."



### Chandni Sacheti

Chandni Sacheti is a sixteen year old student at King George V School with strong interests in psychology, volunteering, environmentalism, philosophy, writing, reading, animal rights and most importantly, learning and the pursuit of knowledge! She strongly believes in the power of writing as she is very passionate about writing as a fantastic form of expression. Hence, she is extremely excited to be a judge for the My Story Creation program!



### Christine Choi

As the founder and director of Elephant Community Press (ECP), Christine Choi is passionate about inspiring young writers and publishing writing by kids. Since 2008, ECP has been running writing workshops and publishing books by Hong Kong kids to inspire more young people to read, write and share their ideas. As a teacher, writer and editor, Christine believes firmly in the power of storytelling and is proud to support Kids4Kids' My Story Creation Competition.



### Eddie Tay

Eddie Tay is a poet and street photographer. He is an associate professor at the Department of English, Chinese University of Hong Kong. He has published research in the areas of creative writing and street photography. He teaches undergraduate courses such as Children's Literature, Reading Poetry, and Creative Writing. He also teaches the postgraduate course Writing, Photography and Social Media. He is also the Director of the Research Centre for Human Values, which supports academic research and community outreach.



### Gitanjali Pies

Gitanjali Pies is a year two student at the University of Hong Kong. She has volunteered with Kids4Kids in the Advocates Leadership Team for four years. She is now an office ambassador helping with the 'Sharing for a Cause' competition and Buddy Reading.



### Grace Zheng

Grace is a 16-year old student in Hong Kong. She is a firm believer in youth empowerment and particularly, the impact of young changemakers in bringing about positive change to issues of both local and global scales. Last year, she helped create [kids4kidsyouth.org.hk](http://kids4kidsyouth.org.hk), a platform for the youth by the youth that promotes opportunities for student engagement.



### Haani Jetha

Haani is a junior at Cornell University. His interest in art has continued to grow. He was recently featured in a group show at the Johnson Museum of Art in Ithaca, NY. He has been involved with Kids4Kids since first winning the Writing For A Cause Competition in 2009. He is currently repurposing old sneakers into a collection of painted works.



### Jasmiran Dhaliwal

Jas is currently doing a gap year. Whilst she is volunteering with Kids4Kids via the Advocates Leadership Team. And she loves reading in her free time and she thinks writing is such a fun way to put our imagination into reality! She is really looking forward to seeing the amazing things storytellers create!



### Jennifer Walker Frisinger

Jennifer Walker Frisinger is a marketing, communications and product development professional. She is a corporate storyteller who has experience in the areas of public and media relations, branding, advertising, event management, crisis management and corporate social responsibility. Jennifer is an active member of the Women in Publishing Society in Hong Kong and a contributing editor to various publications including The Hong Kong Arts Foundation. She currently is the CEO of Walk DVRC Ltd, an NGO that hopes to revitalize Hong Kong's Central Business District through a series of pedestrianisation and placemaking efforts. Jennifer has a M.F.A. in comparative literature and a keen interest in the arts and sports.



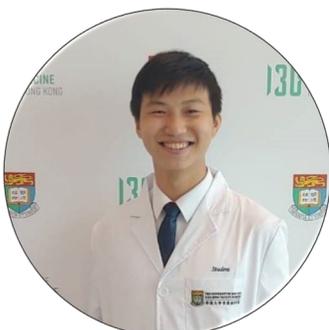
### June Shum

June is currently studying Education at HKU. As a teacher, June enjoys teaching primary students writing because they can always bring her some unexpected stories. She is passionate about reading and encouraging children to develop their creativity. Also, June was an editor & art designer of a community newspaper in Hong Kong, she loves doing community services with children and youth.



### Mako Kawada

Mako is from the Kids4Kids Advocates Leadership Team, and she is honoured to be a judge for this year's My Story Creation Competition. She has loved to read and write ever since she was a kid, and she believes that writing is an amazing way to let kids' hidden talent loose and harness their creativity.



### Marco Lam

Marco is currently a Year 3 medical student in the University of Hong Kong. He joined Kids4Kids in March 2021 as an intern. Since he was young, Marco has enjoyed reading and writing. While he likes reading fiction, he is more intrigued by the moral behind the stories.

"Stories are the secret reservoir of values." - Ben Okri



### **Megan Wong**

Megan Wong is a student currently studying in her final high school year at Island School. She has been volunteering with the Kids4Kids Advocate Leadership Team for the past two years and has recently established a Kids4Kids Club at her school.



### **Mimi Tang**

Mimi is the Founder & CEO of Wing's Share Company Limited. Mimi has more than 45 years of experience in the fashion and retail industry, of which 30 years was in the top executive role of luxury retail. She established her own consulting company "Wing's Share" in January 2015 with an aim to providing training and consultancy services to develop retail experts and to reinforce retail excellence. Mimi was awarded Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters by Savannah College of Art and Design in June 2016.



### **Minhee Ho**

Minhee is from the Kids4Kids Advocates Leadership Team and she's super excited to join the My Story Creation Judging committee, as reading and writing have been huge passions for her since primary school. In her free time, she enjoys publishing articles for Renaissance College's online newspaper and reading books.



### **Minnie Tsai**

Minnie is both a volunteer in Kids4Kids and a secondary student from Victoria Shanghai Academy. She is currently one of the club leaders for her school's Kids4Kids Club, and was also a student ambassador for Young Readers Book Club in Sep-Nov 2020. Her hobbies include reading and writing short stories.



### **Natalie Fu**

Natalie Fu is from the Kids4Kids Advocate Leadership Team. She strongly believes that writing is an extremely powerful tool of communication, and since a very young age, writing has enabled her to express herself through a creative manner. Writing is a great way to unleash people's creativity, and she is exhilarated to see where their creativity takes them in these amazing stories!



### **Natalie Tianyi Yang**

Natalie Yang is currently a sophomore at Columbia University, New York. Her first experience with Kids4Kids was during primary school in Hong Kong when she illustrated the 2010 Writing For A Cause winner "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" with co-author Katherine Yang. This is her sixth year returning as a judge on the panel. Natalie continues to love drawing and she occasionally writes poetry and prose, which she has published in the Indicator magazine at Amherst college and to her personal blog.



### **Nicole Leung**

Nicole is a Harry Potter Fan and loves indulging herself in stories. She believes stories inspire people and are especially important for children as stories are like windows through which they see the world. Now a social worker who previously majored in literature, Nicole hopes to share her love for stories with every child and teenager she works with.



### **Susan Blumberg-Kason**

Susan Blumberg-Kason is a Chicago-based writer and graduate of CUHK's Department of Government and Public Administration. She's an author and book reviewer, mostly covering stories set Asia. In her free time, she volunteers with senior citizens in Chicago's Chinatown.



### Tiasha Dadlani

Tiasha is a 16-year-old student at West Island School. She has worked with Kids4Kids in the past and is excited to be one of the judges for this year's My Story Creation Competition! Tiasha enjoys reading because it allows her to be creative and experience unworldly and unimaginable events. Tiasha is looking forward to reading what everyone has come up with this year!



### Victoria Wong

Victoria is currently a 10th grade student studying at Diocesan Girls' School. She really loves expressing her thoughts and ideas through drawing and she also loves reading books. Judging these stories is fun and interesting because she can see the imagination all these young writers have.



### Dr. Vivian Ching

Dr. Vivian Ching is a HK-Canadian professor at Kwantlen Polytechnic University, the second largest undergraduate business school in British Columbia, Canada. Specializing in business management, she holds a PhD in Quality Management, as well as 2 Master's degrees in Law and Management respectively from top-ranked universities in US & UK, and has had extensive corporate experience including working in book publishing. Dr. Ching is also an accomplished artist who has in 5 years held 11 art exhibitions with widespread regional media coverage. During 2014 in collaboration with Canon, she became the first HK artist to showcase artwork in space. The project was extensively reported by HK, Chinese and Canadian media including in Xinhua, People's Daily, TVB, Ming Pao, Cosmopolitan and Harper's Bazaar.



### Vivian Kwok

Vivian has been working closely with Kids4Kids since 2016 and she is currently involved in the development and facilitation of programs. During the My Story Creation workshops, Vivian always encourages her students to be creative and have fun. Outside class, Vivian enjoys scuba diving, bouldering, and of course, reading!