



THE GLOBAL INTERCULTURAL SISTERHOOD ACADEMY WELCOMES GUEST SPEAKER CAROL HANLON TO TAIWAN

The Global Intercultural Sisterhood Academy 2024 welcomes Carol Hanlon of Belmont Business Enterprise Centre Inc. (Belmont BEC), Textile Clothing Footwear Resource Centre WA Inc. (TCFWA), not-for profit associations based in Western Australia, and Past President of Business Professional Women WA (BPW) as a guest speaker at their event being held in Taichung, Taiwan from May 22nd to May 25th.

The Global Intercultural Sisterhood Academy coordinated by BPW Taiwan aims to foster a supportive environment where women can enhance their leadership and many other skills while actively contributing to the global transition toward sustainability. This exceptional event features diverse, enriching courses, a captivating Low Carbon Sustainable Exhibition, hot spring hotel accommodations, and rejuvenating forest hiking experiences in an immersive blend of education, networking, and nature.

When it comes to fashion sustainability, Carol speaks from experience in how consumers, designers and the textile fashion industries can make a positive difference to the UN Sustainable Development Goals, understand how to make sustainable apparel purchases, support accredited transparent supply chains, and create circularity.

In the 1970's, Carol Hanlon established her own fashion design company; growing it to become a manufacturing, wholesale, retail, and export business over the 20 years that followed. In 1994, Carol established Western Australia based non-profit community organisation, Belmont Business Enterprise Centre Inc. (BEC), and in the years that followed founded the Textile Clothing Footwear Resource Centre WA Inc. (TCFWA), Designedge Fashion Incubator, TCF Australia and TCF Global, along with many other community initiatives such as the Belmont Clothes Library in the mid'90's.

Her not-for-profit projects have assisted over 33,000 individuals and small businesses in WA, across Australia and beyond with low cost or 'no cost' training, and mentoring to develop business skills and business growth potential that has included over 25,000 women in Western Australia and across Australia, including regional/remote areas, Indigenous and culturally linguistically diverse (CaLD) entrepreneurs. Through her TCF Global, BEC Global, and BPW Business Incubator, Carol's networks are across 120 countries, she has assisted in empowering women in developing countries and facilitating micro sewing projects, a continuing passion that Carol pursues wherever possible.

Carol attributes her success to her passion to empower entrepreneurs and create unique opportunities and support for small businesses.

"I look forward to speaking at this amazing event on May 23rd where I will discuss not only fashion sustainability, but also provide tips for women in small business on future planning to achieve their business goals," Ms Hanlon says.

Carol is committed to continuing to make an impact through her work and her vision for the future is to keep being innovative through her small business projects that deliver online business training and mentoring to small businesses all over Australia and beyond. She is also passionate about generating projects for emerging fashion designers and creatives to start and build their global fashion businesses. Carol's passion has always been to assist the economic empowerment of women and expand the BPW Business Incubator for women in business, providing support to many more thousands of women in developing countries with the opportunity to gain online training and support to start and/or grow their own small business.

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