



REVEALING THE
**'WOMEN HIDDEN
FROM HISTORY'**
STORIES OF

#wiki4women

On the occasion of the International Women's Day

8 March 2019, UNESCO Bangkok

As a 14-year-old during the Second World War, Panee Sirivejjabhandu risked her life by smuggling medicine and contraband to war prisoners in camps along the Kwai River. Her father, Boonpong, is widely recognized for saving thousands of prisoners' lives during the war; his teenage daughter's role, however, has been nearly elided from history.

Panee's extraordinary story, which is so little known inside her own country, is just one example of historical narratives ignoring the lives and accomplishments of women. In fields ranging from philosophy and journalism to education and the sciences, women's influential experiences and contributions have shaped our societies, and yet his-story - the past related from a dominant male view - is what is taught to children in schools and visible online and in the media. This distorts most people's view of the world and their commitment to gender equality and sustainable development.

'Women hidden from history' seeks to bring these extraordinary stories to light. In line with the vision of 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, UNESCO is launching the initiative to research, review, document and publish online the accounts of remarkable women that are often overlooked - and sometimes suppressed from history.

On International Women's Day on 8 March 2019, UNESCO Bangkok and Wikimedians in Thailand User Group are inviting students, professionals, researchers, gender-equality advocates and other active members of societies for an edit-a-thon to feature more women's portraits on Wikipedia. Volunteers and mentors will then begin to document women's stories, based both on Thai-to-English translations of existing Wikipedia posts and new research of books, historical and journalistic archives, academic journals as well as online resources contributing to new, better-informed narratives of the people who have shaped our societies. The #wiki4women edit-a-thon will be launched in Thailand but should expand across the region given the relevancy across the Asia-Pacific.

The theme of International Women's Day this year, 'Think equal, build smart, innovate for change', is inspirational for the 'Women hidden from history' project. There is a growing recognition of the transformational contributions that women have made, expanding far beyond traditional 'feminine' roles, recognition that has taken decades to develop and circulate across society. Women's narratives supplanting gender bias on a free online encyclopedia conveys an understanding of the past and the present reality that is simply more accurate.

This first #wiki4women on 'Women hidden from history' is supported by the UNESCO 'Women Make the News Thailand' project.

WHERE?

UNESCO Bangkok Office (5th floor meeting room)
Mom Luang Pin Malakul Centenary Building, 920 Sukhumvit Road
@ BTS Thonglor or Ekkamai

WHEN?

From 9am to 4pm on Friday 8 March 2019

PROGRAMME OF THE DAY

8:30 - 9:00	Registration
9:00 - 9:10	Opening speech by UNESCO Bangkok
9:10 - 9:30	Exploring Wikipedia's gender bias
9:30 - 10:00	Introductory lecture to Wikipedia
10:00 - 12:00	Workshop and edit-a-thon
12:00 - 13:00	Lunch break
13:00 - 16:00	Edit-a-thon

*UNESCO will provide lunch, coffee and tea to all participants throughout the day.

REQUIREMENTS TO PARTICIPATE

- Please bring a laptop or tablet
- Having registered for a Wikipedia account before the event
- If you already have a precise idea, please bring any reference materials (books, media articles, academic journals, photographs, videos, etc) documenting women you would like to feature
- Good understanding of English (the introductory lecture will be provided in English while the workshops will be facilitated in both English and Thai)
- Capacity to read and write in English or Thai as well as basic computer literacy to contribute to Wikipedia
- Enthusiasm to contribute articles on 'Women hidden from history'

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR ATTENDANCE.

To register to the event >> <http://bit.ly/wiki4women2019>

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