

Conscious Communities – Hong Kong

air quality

Clean Air Network - hongkongcan.org

CAN is a platform to mobilize public opinion by working with groups that have clean air projects and motivate others.

Clear the Air - cleartheair.org.hk

Promoting the introduction and implementation of measures to significantly reduce Hong Kong air pollution

families services

Birthday Happiness - birthdayhappiness.org

Charity aimed raising self-esteem for children in need by hosting birthday parties.

Child Welfare Scheme - cwshk.org

Caring for children's lives and calling for improvement through education, health and kindness and local communities

KAREN Kids Society - karenkids.org

A registered HK charity providing food, shelter and education for refugee children from Burma living in a camp in Thailand.

KELY Support Group - kely.org

Local charity empowering young people to help themselves through peer support and positive contact with young people

Kids4Kids - kids4kids.org.hk

Empowering children and young people to take responsibility and providing opportunities to give in our local community

Mothers' Choice - motherschoice.org

Providing and promoting loving, nurturing care for babies and children needing permanent homes

The Newsbitt Centre - nesbittcentre.org.hk

English speaking educational programs for adults with learning disabilities and a residential facility to pursue independence

PathFinders - pathfinders.org.hk

Ensuring that the most vulnerable children born in Hong Kong and their migrant mothers are respected and protected

Shamching Youth Association - scyouth.org.hk

Green community activities, including volunteer service, leadership training, youth missions, cultural exchanges

HK Society for the Protection of Children - hkspc.org

Providing care, education and resources for the social development of children and families

food waste

Food Angel - foodangel.org.hk

Rescuing edible surplus food, preparing nutritious hot meals and redistributing to underprivileged communities

Food Grace - hkctu.org.hk

Food recovery organization aiming to help workers through education and training with employment support services

Foodlink - foodlinkfoundation.org

Registered Hong Kong charity dedicated to addressing hunger while simultaneously reducing food wastage

global charities

Amnesty International - amnesty.org.hk

Nonprofit human rights education programs include police training, school talks and workshops, exhibitions

Friends of the Earth - foe.org.hk

Catalyzing the community environmental debate and shaping policy change

global charities

Forest Stewardship Council - fsc.org

Independent, not-for-profit organization established to promote the responsible management of the world's forests

Hagar International - hagarinternational.org

Dedicated to recovery of extreme human rights abuses, human trafficking, gender-based violence and sexual exploitation

Medecins Sans Frontiers - msf.org.hk

International medical humanitarian aid organization providing emergency medical aid to people affected by armed conflict

Operation Smile - operationsmile.org.hk

Accredited medical and non-medical volunteer teams from around the world who treat children with cleft lip and palate

Orbis - hk.orbis.org

Providing tools, training and technology for local doctors and health care professionals address avoidable blindness

Oxfam Hong Kong - oxfam.org.hk

Independent international development and humanitarian organization working against poverty and related injustice

PETA Asia - petaasiapacific.com

Operating under the principle that animals are not ours to eat, wear, experiment on, or use for entertainment.

Peace International Foundation - peace-intl.org

Noot-for-profit organization promoting peace by breaking down the boundaries of race, religion, culture and politics

Room to Read - roomtoread.org

Developing reading habits among primary school children and supporting girls to complete secondary school

ShelterBox HK - shelterbox.hk

Providing emergency shelter and lifesaving supplies for families around the world who are affected by disasters

WWF Hong Kong - wwf.org.hk

Addressing degradation of our natural environment and build a future in which humans live in harmony with nature

marine protection

BLOOM Association - bloomassociation.org

Non-profit organization created in 2004 to protect the oceans by informing the public and educating people about sustainability

Eco Marine - ecomarine.hk@gmail.com

We are promoting local marine awareness and offering marine education and research programs in Hong Kong.

HK Cleanup - hkcleanup.org

Organizing regular cleanups, increasing awareness of importance of communities and advocating for change in public policy

HK Dolphin Conservation Society - hkdc.org

Dedicated to the conservation of whales, dolphins and porpoises of Hong Kong

Living Seas - livingseas.hk

Seeking sustainable policies and programs to ensure recreational, commercial and environmental vitality of HK's marine ecosystem

Ocean Recovery Alliance - oceanrecov.org

Bringing together new technologies, solutions, ideas and projects to help with issues that negatively impact the health of the oceans

Plastic-free Seas - plasticfreeseas.org

Hong Kong based non-profit changing in the way we view and use plastics in society today; education and action campaigns

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marine protection

Sea Shepherd Conservation Society - seashepherdglobal.org

Our team raises awareness about threats to our oceans with stories of crimes against the environment on the high seas.

HK Shark Foundation - hksharkfoundation.org

Registered HK charity dedicated to marine conservation

planning & development

Alliance For a Beautiful Hong Kong - abhk.org

Promoting aesthetic values and the integrity of the natural environment in urban and rural public areas of Hong Kong

Central & Western Concern Group - centralandwestern@yahoo.com

Advocates of balanced urban planning and heritage conservation in Hong Kong

Designing HK Harbour District - harbourdistrict.com.hk

Consensus building among government, business and civic sectors on sustainable planning for the Harbour District.

Friends of the Harbour - friendsoftheharbour.org

Non-profit formed to preserve and promote Victoria Harbour - a valuable asset and the natural heritage of the people of HK

The Harbourfront Commission - hfc.org.hk

Advocacy, oversight and advisory in planning, urban design, marketing and branding, development of harbourfront areas

Hong Kong Design Centre - hkdesigncentre.org

Non-profit helping local designers and businesses by promoting greater appreciation of how design contributes to quality of life

Society for Protection of the Harbour - harbourprotection.org

Non-political and non-profit making environmental organization aimed at protecting our Victoria Harbour from destruction through excessive reclamation

Designing Hong Kong - designinghongkong.com

Local non-profit focused on sustainable urban planning

rights & protection

AIDS Concern Hong Kong - aidsconcern.org.hk

Nonprofit NGO supports and facilitates community-participation in the planning and delivery of AIDS prevention and care services

Liberty Asia - libertyasia.org

Anti-slavery project helping raise awareness and providing a helpline for victims

The Mekong Club - themekongclub.org

Raising awareness of the business of slavery in Asia to eradicate forced labor and save victims of sex slavery

Action for REACH OUT - afro.org.hk

Advocacy and centre; classes on legal rights, HIV/AIDS awareness, money management and employment skills for CSI workers

SoCO - soco@pacific.net.hk

Human rights pioneer in Hong Kong nurturing a sense of civic rights through civic education programs and social actions

STOP. (Stop Trafficking of People) - stophk.org

Working to end modern slavery by providing news, information and resources to the anti-human trafficking community in HK

social welfare

China Hands United - chinahandsunited.org

Organization exploring long term and self-sustainable solutions to promote steadfast prosperity in China's rural countryside

social welfare

Crossroads - crossroads.org.hk

Serving a global need to link those who are in need with those who can provide help

Fu Hong Organization - fuhong.org

Training, education and employment opportunities for people with disabilities; public talks, fundraising; services

social welfare

impactHK - theguestroom.org/category/impacthk/

Creating events to perform good acts for individuals in need with 100% of everything raised going to the cause

social welfare

St James Settlement - sjs.org.hk

Community support for children, youth, families, elderly and mentally disabled; residential care, food bank and home services

Suicide Prevention Services - sps.org.hk

Self-financed operation providing volunteer support to people in emotional distress since 1995

volunteer agencies

HandsOn Hong Kong - handsonhongkong.org

Mobilizing and empowering our community to meet pressing social needs in Hong Kong through volunteer services

Ho-Sum - ho-sum.org

Online meeting place for charities and volunteers

Volunteer Space - volunteer.org.hk

Fostering programs for orphans and abandoned children.

animal rescue & homing

AACCA - atl.aacca@gmail.com

Fundraising alliance of established animal charities Hong Kong Dog Rescue (HKDR), Animals Asia and Stray Cats Home.

Companion Animal Foundation - caf.org

Animal welfare charity founded to promote kindness and to reduce and prevent cruelty and abuse to companion animals

HK Alley Cat Watch - hkalleycatwatch.com

Rescuing and re-homing cats and kittens, raising awareness about responsible pet ownership

Hong Kong Dog Rescue - hongkongdogrescue.com

Rescuing and rehoming stray, abandoned and surrendered dogs and puppies

Kirsten's Zoo Charity - kirstenzoo@gmail.com

Homing dogs and cats in Hong Kong and hosting regular adoption events

PALS (Protection of Animals Lantau South) 2984 1626

Small group of committed volunteers rescuing and re-homing stray and abandoned animals.

LAP Lifelong Animal Protection Charity - lap.org.hk

Operating a network of rescuers, foster homes and other volunteers helping homeless companion animals

SPCA (HK) - spca.org.hk

Promoting animal welfare with mainly volunteer support

Stray Cats Home - straycatshome.org

Volunteers sharing a goal and vision of helping HK's street cats through Trap, Neuter & Return and homing where possible

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animal rescue & homing

Tai O Home for Stray Cats - taiostraycathouse@yahoo.com.hk
Group of volunteers in Tai O providing services for stray cats and services including neutering

wildlife protection

Animals Asia Foundation - animalsasia.org
Hong Kong-based charity dedicated to ending cruelty and restoring respect for all animals in Asia.

Lantau Buffalo Association - lantaubovine@gmail.com
Helping local residents and visitors understand the buffalo in their local habitat and help in their conservation

Traffic East Asia - traffic.org
International organization with an aim to ensure that trade in wild plants and animals is not a threat to the conservation of nature

maternity & child care

La Leche League Hong Kong - lll-hk.org
Providing support, encouragement and information to women who want to breastfeed; monthly meetings

conservation

DB Green - dbgreen.org
A grass roots green group making Discovery Bay greener with beach cleanups, tree planting and recycling activities

Eco-Environment Conservation & Education Association
Promoting environmental protection awareness among rural residents and encouraging them to live harmoniously with nature

Friends of Hoi Ha (FOHH) - friendsofhoiha.com
Local conservation activities and education programs to raise awareness and take a lead in protecting the ecosystem in Hoi Ha

Greeners Action - greeners-action.org
A local group managed by university students and young professionals, empowering youth to be green leaders

Green Peng Chau Association - gpccmail@gmail.com
Green Cultural Island Program, sustainable development concepts like waste reduction, eco-tourism, education and organic farming.

HK's Cleanup Crew - pwhleung@gmail.com
A relaxed group for those who care about Hong Kong coming together once every 4-6 weeks to clean up trash

HK Env Protection Association - hkepaorg@yahoo.com.hk
NGO engages in conservative environment programs to sustain the natural and original ecosystem of Hong Kong.

HK Perma Club - permaclub.org
Using ecological design principles to improve and promote clean air, clean food and a healthy sustainable lifestyle

Green Glass Green - greenglass.org.hk
Volunteer collection programs and public awareness campaigns; and glass recycling resource book for green/social advocates

Living Islands Movement - livingislands.org.hk
A South Lantau based community organization that promotes sustainable islands development

Living Lamma - livinglamma.org
Addressing the degradation of natural beauty and village character; concrete, metal fences, construction waste dumping

Save Aberdeen Harbour Alliance - saveabderdeenhharbour.hk
Uniting people committed to creating sustainable solutions to tons of rubbish thrown into the waters and carried out to sea

conservation

Tai Po Environmental Association - taipoea.org.hk
Non-profit to attend to local environmental issues, to conserve and improve the environment with conferences, eco-tours, training camps, competitions and training

Teng Hoi Conservation Association - tenghoi.org
Developing programs linked to the environment and education to encourage participation and interest providing measurable results

associations & societies

Asia Society Hong Kong - asiasoc.org
Non-profit, NGO dedicated to fostering understanding of the countries and cultures of Asia

The Royal Geographical Society Hong Kong - rgshk.org.hk
Local and international speakers from the world of geography exploration, travel, research and conservation.

Slow Food - slowfood.com.hk
Local organization following the global slow food movement, partnering with local restaurants for slow food gatherings

Hong Kong Vegan Association - vegan.hk
Regular meetings and sharing information on veganism/vegetarianism and local restaurants.

clubs & meet-ups

CleanTuesday - cleantuesday.asia
Gathering green economy entrepreneurs, investors and enthusiasts with the latest innovations

Green Drinks - hkgreendrinks.org
Open networking for anyone interested in environmental & social issues, sustainable development and CSR

Hong Kong Philosophy Café - philosophycafe@yahoo.com
Free, public, informal, philosophical discussions - Kowloon, Fringe, Lamma, French, Chinese Branches

GoVeg Club - vegan.hk
Collaborating to organize activities including gathering at veg restaurants, travel and entertainment, sharing our multi-cultural members

Hong Kong Vegetarian Society - vegsochk.org
Meetings and discussions open to anyone interested in exploring vegetarian options

Hong Kong Cycling Alliance - hkyclingalliance@gmail.com
Volunteer group working to make Hong Kong a more bike-friendly city by encouraging government reform of cycling policies

Hong Kong Hiking
Active hiking group with more than 10 hikes a week open to anyone of all abilities from novices to semi-professional

Meat Free Hong Kong - vegan.hk
Regular gatherings at various locations in Hong Kong to share herbivorous vegan food and discussion

Vgirls Club - vgirlsclub.com
Events and activities for vegetarians, vegans and veggie-friendly people to mingle and try out a healthy way of living

local resources

Fair Trade Hong Kong - fairtradehk.org
Trading partnership based on dialogue transparency and respect which seeks greater equity in international trade.

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Green Living Education Foundation - producegreen.org.hk
Found in 2004 to restore natural wisdom and recognition of our basic responsibilities as global citizens

HK Culture Heritage Studies and Promotion Association
A non-profit organization dedicated to promoting all aspects of Hong Kong cultural heritage studies

Hong Kong Organic Resource Centre - hkbu.edu.hk
Local certification body of organic products set up under the Agricultural Development Fund to facilitate the development of organic farming

Kadoorie Farm and Botanic Garden - kfbg.org
Conservation and education centre focused on sustainability in HK to increase awareness of our relationship with the environment

SEED - Sustainable Ecological Ethical Development Foundation Ltd
seed.org.hk
By uniting resources from different sectors, we promote simple and sustainable lifestyle.

social welfare organizations

A Drop of Life - adropoflife.org
Providing disaster relief and poverty alleviation; visiting and distributing supplies to elderly and disadvantaged in Hong Kong

Bo Charity Foundation Limited - bofoundation.org.hk
Conserving the environment, caring for underprivileged, reducing food waste, alleviating hunger and poverty in Hong Kong

Feeding Hong Kong - feedinghk.org
Registered charity with a mission to reduce hunger along with amount of quality food being sent to Hong Kong landfills

HK Explorers Initiative - hkexplorers.org
Encouraging people to get outside and appreciate the city's wild side; supported by the National Geographic Society

HK Women Development Assoc - hkwda.org.hk
Self-confidence, self-reliance, self-reliance and advancement of women; rights; advocacy, promoting women's work

LEAP - Life Education Activity Programme - leap.org.hk
Working in partnership with schools, teachers, parents, government and agencies to prevent substance abuse

Tuen Mun District Woman's Association Limited
tm-women.org.hk
Employment opportunities; social services including development and support, elderly care, youth and child development

publications

Namaskar
Free quarterly magazine for yoga practitioners published by volunteers to share knowledge, learning and experience

websites

Hong Kong Mountaineering Union - hongkongclimbing.com
Route information, photos and comments on climbing sites in HK

business resources

Business Environment Council - bec.org.hk
Sustainable solutions; strategic development, baseline assessments, system development, conferences and training.

Community Business - communitybusiness.org
Lead, inspire and support businesses to continually improve their positive impact on people and communities

Green Monday Hong Kong - greenmonday.org.hk
Organizations and individuals committed to reduce carbon emissions and lessen our individual impact on the environment

Green Sense - greensense.org.hk
Raising environmental consciousness with research, monitoring, publicity and education

Heritage Hong Kong - heritagehk.net
Conservation group promoting social enterprise development projects benefiting both employees and customers

Redress - redress.com.hk
Promoting environmental sustainability in Asia's fashion industry with workshops, events, exhibitions and design award

Synergy Social Ventures - synergysocialventures.org
Supporting entrepreneurial solutions to global problems by working with early-stage social ventures for sustainable impact

Hush The Bus - hush-the-bus.com
Concerned residents fed up with noise pollution on buses aiming to minimize passenger annoyance from broadcasting.

yoga, arts & meditation

Yama Foundation - yamafoundation@gmail.com
A non-profit organization making yoga, art and meditation accessible to everyone, including those with chronic illness, disabilities and special needs

Community organizing tips:

- Be clear about your intention
- Maintain offline contact lists
- Thank you supporters regularly
- Use digital resources like MeetUp
- Create volunteer job descriptions
- Organize work parties for one-off tasks
- Make and share a list of stuff you need
- Establish business partnerships
- Build relationships with the media
- Communicate consistently
- Honor personal privacy

Get in touch:

- Register your organization with HK heartbeat
- Request an introduction to organizations
- Promote your programs and services
- kinzie@heartbeat.com.hk

This list is provided as a guide to illustrate the range of community organizations operating in Hong Kong over the past 10 years. Some of these details may be out of date and the contact many have changed. Get in touch for more ...

Conscious: aware of and responding to one's surroundings; awake.