

## SANDY CHONG



A Harvard Alumnus, Sandy is an award-winning educator, strategy consultant and active contributor in both profit and non-profit sectors. A passionate advocate of education and economic empowerment for youth and women, Sandy has been a keynote speaker on leadership, entrepreneurship and volunteerism locally and internationally since 2003.

Some notable achievements include: Winner of the State Government's 2016 Western Australia Multicultural Recognition Awards for Outstanding Individual Achievement, and Outstanding Volunteer Award; 2015 Curtin Alumni Achievement Award for Community Service; 2015 Singapore Management Consultant of the Year Merit Award; 2005 Best Lecturer for 'Promoting Internationalisation & Cross-cultural Understanding' at Curtin University of Technology; and named 2007 Top 100 Global Chinese Youth Leader to represent WA as a delegate to China and speak about Cultural Conservation.

Growing up in a military family, Sandy learned the values of civil rights protection, social progress participation and helping the needy. She contributed her time and expertise in migrant communities and organisations that work in areas of mental health and disability. In WA, she founded two community-based non-profits to help improve social engagement and remove racial barriers. In Asia, she works with government bodies to help alleviate poverty for youth and with local schools to raise education opportunities for young girls who come from lower socio-economic families.

Sandy graduated with a PhD in Information Systems in 2003 and was a leading academic working in Australian, Singaporean, Hong Kong, German and American universities. Currently a Principal Consultant of Verity Consulting, Sandy travels regularly to advise government trade agencies and lead internationalisation projects for clients in Asia, Europe and the US.

Sandy is currently the elected Vice-President for the United Nations Association in Western Australia, and serves as a Chairperson, Board member and Executives for various organisations. Her experience in attracting funds has helped secure philanthropic contribution from her local and international clients. Her biggest goal is to bridge the gap between profit and non-profit space – helping businesses to take an active role in social responsibility while raising funds for those who dedicate themselves to improve our lives.

### AVAILABILITY

Sandy is generally available on weekdays after 2 pm (subject to work commitments)

### TOPICS

UN and cultural diversity; Education and economic empowerment for youth and women; Youth entrepreneurship and economic empowerment; UN and social protection of youth workers; Youth leadership and social impact; Sustainability and business inclusion; UN and globalization