



July to August  
**LIN NHIP CAU**

**INTRODUCING LIN'S NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

On behalf of the LIN Board of Directors and Advisors, I am pleased to announce that Ms. Tran Vu Ngan Giang will take over my role over as Executive Director starting this August.

Since LIN was established in 2009, I supported LIN in a part-time, pro bono capacity. It has now come time to employ a dedicated professional to lead the organization on a full-time basis. The LIN Team is thrilled that Ms. Giang agreed to join us and I am looking forward to supporting her and LIN's mission in my capacity as a Board Member and Legal Advisor.

Sincerely,  
Ngo Quynh Nhu



Dear Supporters, Partners, and Friends of LIN!

My name is Tran Vu Ngan Giang and I am delighted to join LIN Center for Community Development as the new Executive Director from August 2015.

First of all, I would like to thank you for your partnership, investment and contributions to LIN prior to my arrival and, hopefully, for many years to come.

For those who do not yet know me, I worked for nearly eight years as the Head of Programs at an international NGO operating in Vietnam called Saigon Children's Charity (SCC). Before joining SCC, I spent three years in the private sector. During my time with SCC, I realized it was my calling to work in the development sector, which stole my heart and captured my full passion, energy, and commitment.

I have followed LIN's activities since the very first days and, as many of you may understand, I was attracted and amazed by the professional, creative, and effective work that LIN is delivering. I find it my good fortune and honor to have a chance to work with such a committed, dynamic and trusted team. And I could not be more excited to pursue this opportunity to support local nonprofit organizations, the donors and skilled volunteers who are so committed to building strong communities.

I am looking forward to getting to know you and having an opportunity to work with you all very soon!

Sincerely,  
Tran Vu Ngan Giang

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Special CrowdPitch + Green Drinks Saigon + Narrow The Gap Event (27 August)**

Join us for a SPECIAL EVENT, in collaboration with CrowdPitch Vietnam and Green Drinks Saigon, where the six semi-finalists for a grant from the Narrow the Gap Fund for the Environment will pitch for your vote and the vote of four panel experts. The event will take place at Hoa Sen University (8 Nguyen Van Trang, District 1) on Thursday, 27 August from 6:30 PM to 9 pm.

At the event, semi-finalists each have 5 minutes to pitch their project idea to the crowd, another 5 minutes for live feedback from an expert panel, and 5 more minutes for audience interaction. At the end of the event, the audience will choose one project and the expert panel will choose two projects to advance to the final round and a chance to receive VND 150 million for their project.

Event tickets will be made available on Ticketbox.vn by August 10th. For any questions, please feel free to contact our NTG Grants Coordinator, Ms. Thao Vy: [thaoVy@linvn.org](mailto:thaoVy@linvn.org) or 08-3512-0092.

**Other Activities**

- 6/8: NPO Morning Coffee (100GreenDays)
- 22/8: Peer Sharing – Young Leaders Circle 2015
- 28/8: NPO Peer Advisory Day

**Mandala Night: A Networking Event for Skilled Volunteers (25 August)**

With support from UN Volunteers, GRAIN by Luke Nguyen and VICE, LIN is thrilled to announce the first in a series of monthly networking events for professionals who are engaged, or who would like to engage, in lending their skill sets to nonprofit initiatives in Ho Chi Minh City.

The first event will take place on Tuesday, 25 August, from 6:00 PM. At the event, six nonprofits working on environmental issues will introduce volunteer opportunities for skilled professionals. The event will take place at GRAIN by Luke Nguyen (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, 71 Hai Ba Trung Street).

There is no fee to attend the event; however, reservations are required. A no-show fee of VND 100,000 will be assessed to anyone who does not cancel at least 24 hours in advance. Guests arriving without reservations will be asked to donate VND 200,000 to support future Mandala events..

Please contact LIN's Volunteer Coordinator to RSVP: [Volunteer@linvn.org](mailto:Volunteer@linvn.org), 08-3512-0092.

**Donate Today -> Does Your Heart Beat Green for the Environment?**

This summer, LIN's Narrow the Gap Community Fund is focused on the ENVIRONMENT and we need your help! Our goal is to raise 100 million VND (about \$5,000) from 100 individuals.

Would you contribute VND 100,000, \$10 or €20 to the Fund today?

**How To Help:**

- 1 **Outside Vietnam:** Donate to the Fund using GlobalGiving. Click on the following link to visit LIN's project page: [Vietnam.GiveHearts.BeatsGreen.For.the.Environment](http://Vietnam.GiveHearts.BeatsGreen.For.the.Environment)
- 2 **Inside Vietnam:** Donate to the Fund using 123Pay, Bank Transfer or by contacting LIN. Details can be found on the Narrow The Gap website: [Donate](http://Donate)
- 3 **Everyone:** Share with your friends, family and colleagues

**REPORT ON PAST**

**CPI 2015: Meet & Greet**



"Sometimes, language cannot express what we want to say... Sometimes, we can just give someone a tight hug and they will know what we want to say."

Effective communication was the focus of LIN's Meet & Greet event for 33 Human Resource management professionals and 11 nonprofit professionals who are all participating in the Community Partnership Initiative (CPI) 2015 with the objective to improve human resource management within local nonprofit organizations to build a stronger community.

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**100GreenDays "OFFLINE"**



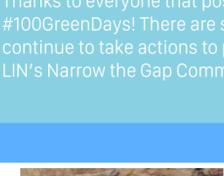
In July, LIN team and volunteers organized a booth at the Saigon Green Fair to promote the 100GreenDays campaign for the environment. During the Fair, which took place on Saturday and Sunday July 18 & 19, LIN asked visitors to commit to taking an action to support the environment within seven days.

One participant asked, "How can LIN ensure I will follow through on my pledge?"

Do you want to know LIN's response? Click to

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**NPOs join Start-Up Fair Sai Gon**



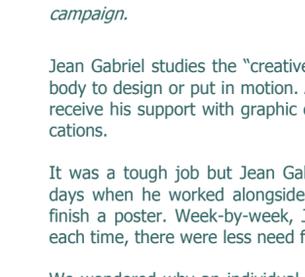
"[After attending Start-up Fair Saigon on July 25th...] I realized that NPOs need to become more professional and organized in their work. It is no longer enough to work solely with enthusiasm and the desire to dedicate our lives to address the needs of society."

Ms. Nguyen Thuy Tien, Director of the Breast Cancer Network Vietnam and member of LIN's NPO Young Leaders Circle, shared her reflections from joining Start-Up Fair Saigon.

What else did Ms. Thuy Tien discover?

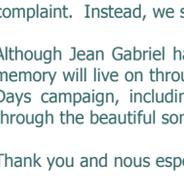
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**100GREENDAYS UPDATE**



321 Participants posted 705 Photos raising over VND 98 Million for Narrow the Gap Fund for Environment

**Number of Photos**



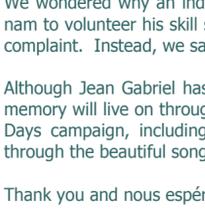
**Number of Participants**



**Funds Raised (USD)**



Thanks to everyone that posted photos and helped to spread the word about #100GreenDays! There are still six weeks left in the campaign so we hope you will continue to take actions to protect the environment, which will help raise funds for LIN's Narrow the Gap Community Fund.



**Jean Gabriel – A little Paris wind**

In April 2015, the LIN team - with many women and only one man - felt enthusiastic when hearing that a French Masters student would volunteer with the LIN Narrow the Gap Community Fund during the summer and lend his creative skills to the 2015 campaign.

In May, Jean Gabriel joined the LIN team, bringing "a little Paris wind" into the LIN office. Not only did he bring the style of a "français" original - with his bobbing hair and humble gestures, but also a unique perspective and typing style, "one - two - tree, race!" (instead of "three") when he focused on designing one of many posters for the environment focused campaign.

Jean Gabriel studies the "creative mindset," which means providing ideas for someone to design or put in motion. And design he would! The LIN team was thrilled to receive his support with graphic design for the Narrow the Gap campaign communications.

It was a tough job but Jean Gabriel was willing to make every effort. There were days when he worked alongside LIN's campaign coordinator until 8 pm at night to design a poster. Week-by-week, Jean Gabriel's designs became more beautiful and, each time, there were less need for changes.

We wondered why an individual from such a far away country would come to Vietnam to volunteer his skill sets for 40-hours a week, unpaid. We never heard a single complaint. Instead, we saw calm clarity and love in his cyan eyes.

Although Jean Gabriel has already said goodbye to LIN and Vietnam last week, his memory will live on through the templates and designs he created for the 100GreenDays campaign, including the lovely Green Diary for disadvantaged children and through the beautiful songs about Paris that he shared with us.

Thank you and nous espérons vous revoir bientôt, Jean Gabriel!"

**Thao Vy**  
(Jean's supervisor)

**Check out some of the designs by Jean Gabriel:**



**THANKS TO OUR PARTNERS AND SUPPORTERS IN JULY**

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