



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Message from LIN Executive Director**



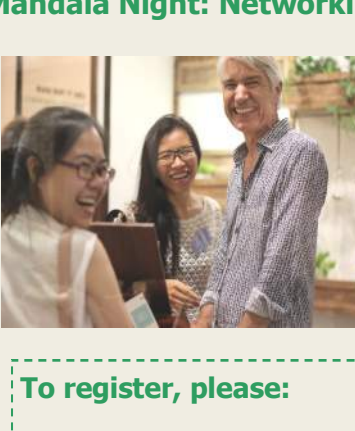
Dear LIN's partners, friends, and supporters,

Do you care about the environment or our next generation?  
Would you like to live on a clean planet or become a greener person yourself?  
Do you want to help choose priority community initiatives?  
Would you like your children to celebrate an environmentally friendly Mid-Autumn?



Join yourself or bring friends, co-workers and family to **LIN's Narrow the Gap Community Event!**

Date: 26 September 2015 (Saturday)  
Time: 13.00 to 17.00  
Location: University of Social Sciences and Humanities (10 – 12 Dinh Tien Hoang Street, District 1)



The event provides an opportunity for you to meet with environmentalists, discover how you (and your family) can live green, meet people like yourself who care about the environment **and - most importantly** – vote for your favorite project among three project finalists to decide the size of grants allocated to three nonprofits working to protect our environment.

All revenue from ticket sales will support LIN's work to build a stronger and better-connected community.

Tickets are now available for purchase on TicketBox.vn:

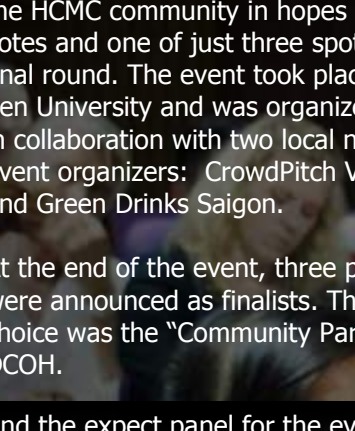
**GET YOUR TICKET HERE**

The LIN team and our dedicated volunteers look forward to welcoming you at the event!

Come, join us, and let our hearts beat green together!

Sincerely,  
Tran Vu Ngan Giang

**Mandala Night: Networking event for skilled volunteers**



This month, Mandala Night returns to connect and inspire skilled volunteers **on 22 September (Tuesday)**. Last month, over 150 professionals joined LIN's first Mandala Night and learned more about how they could lend their skill sets to nonprofit initiatives.

Mandala Night is a network of professionals who are engaged, or would like to engage, in lending their skill sets to nonprofit initiatives in Ho Chi Minh City.

**To register, please:**

Send an email with your full name, company/organization and professional skills and send to: volunteer@linvn.org

The event is designed to: (1) help busy professionals find opportunities to volunteer their skill sets, and (2) learn strategies for effective engagement with nonprofits from their peers and from local nonprofits with a track record of working with skilled volunteers.

Join Mandala Night on 22 September: spend an evening talking about causes that matter with like-minded professionals while enjoying a refreshing drink or cocktail in a beautiful space!

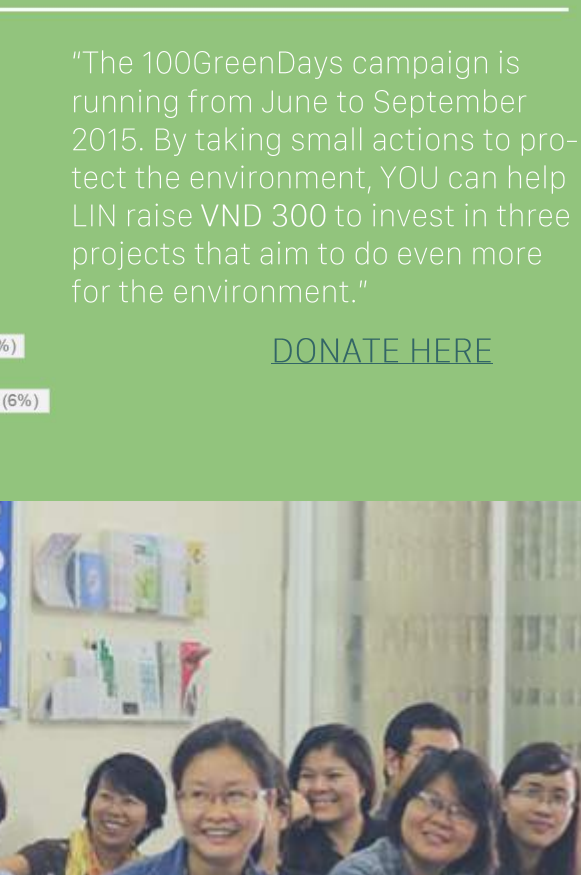
**NEWS FROM AUGUST EVENTS & ACTIVITIES**

**CHANGE, DCOH and ECO Vietnam Group advance to the final round NTG 2015**

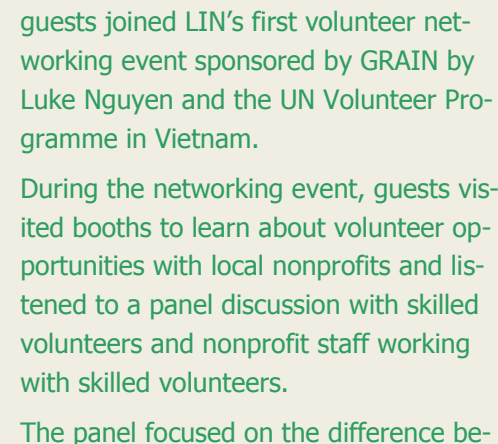
On Thursday evening, 27 August, six semi-finalists for a grant from the Narrow The Gap Community Fund for Environment pitched their projects to 130 members of the HCMC community in hopes of winning votes and one of just three spots in the final round. The event took place at Hoa Sen University and was organized by LIN in collaboration with two local networking event organizers: CrowdPitch Vietnam and Green Drinks Saigon.

At the end of the event, three projects were announced as finalists. The popular choice was the "Community Park" by DCOH.

And the expect panel for the evening, including Ms. Chi Nguyen (Starbucks), Dr. Ha Minh Tri (Open University), Ms. Melissa Merryweather (Vietnam Green Buildings Council) decided that CHANGE's "Climate Camp" and ECO Vietnam Group's "For Our Environment" projects will join DCOH in the final round. [Read more](#)

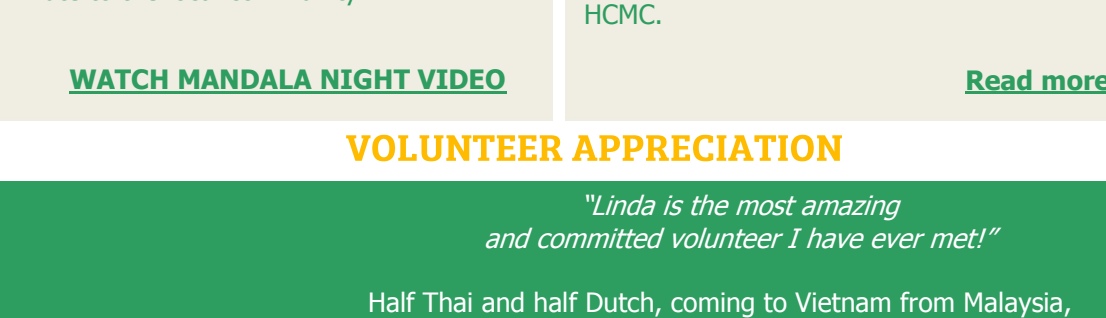


**100 GreenDays**



"The 100GreenDays campaign is running from June to September 2015. By taking small actions to protect the environment, YOU can help LIN raise VND 300 to invest in three projects that aim to do even more for the environment."

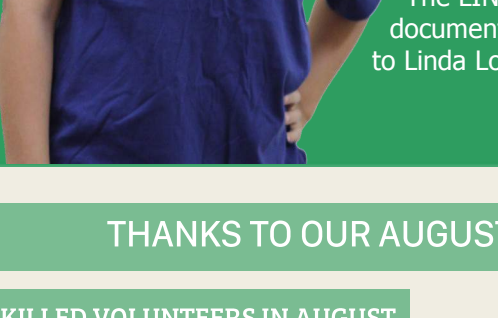
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**NPO Morning Café: 100GreenDays - LIN's Experience Using Social Media to Raise Funds and Awareness**

"LIN designed 100GreenDays as a cooperative, win-win-win model, to inform people about small actions they can take to protect the environment, to raise funds for the Narrow the Gap Community Fund and to give credit to individuals, NPOs and companies who support this cause. Although we are new to this approach, I hope that other NPOs can learn from LIN's experience and find better and more creative ways to raise funds for their own causes"

- Mr. Pham Truong Son, the Deputy Director of LIN Center [Read more](#)



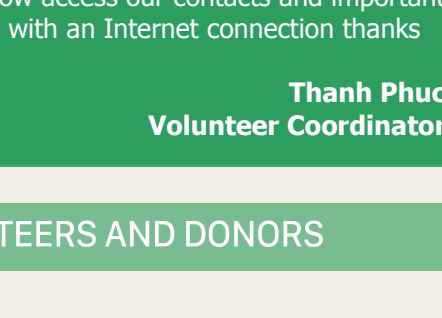
**A FULL HOUSE AT LIN'S FIRST MANDALA NIGHT**

On Tuesday evening, 25 August, 160 guests joined LIN's first volunteer networking event sponsored by GRAIN by Luke Nguyen and the UN Volunteer Programme in Vietnam.

During the networking event, guests visited booths to learn about volunteer opportunities with local nonprofits and listened to a panel discussion with skilled volunteers and nonprofit staff working with skilled volunteers.

The panel focused on the difference between skilled and traditional volunteers and how skilled volunteers can contribute to the local community.

[WATCH MANDALA NIGHT VIDEO](#)



**NPO LEADERSHIP CIRCLE: HOW LOCAL NPO LEADERS CAN SUPPORT EACH OTHER?**

In the morning, on 8 August, ten members of LIN's NPO Young Leaders Circle (LC) discussed how they can help each other to grow and improve their respective not-for-profit initiatives.

On 26 September, these young leaders will put their ideas into practice by building relationships at LIN's annual Narrow The Gap Community Event an event designed to connect nonprofits with each other as well as with the donor and volunteer community in HCMC.

[Read more](#)

**VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION**

"Linda is the most amazing and committed volunteer I have ever met!"

**"THANK GOODNESS FOR LINDA!"**



Half Thai and half Dutch, coming to Vietnam from Malaysia, Linda Loosie joined LIN as a skilled volunteer in August 2014.

Focusing on the development of LIN's information management system, Linda already helped the LIN team to identify and adopt two cloud-based systems to better manage and share our contacts and information. She is now working to help LIN mainstream both systems into the day-to-day work.

"Linda is detailed-oriented and results-driven. She organizes and plans projects with LIN staff and implements in a smooth and committed manner. And, the LIN team and volunteers working with Linda adore her and feel so grateful for her support."

Thank to Linda, LIN has a much better system for backing-up and sharing important documents. After evaluating all viable client relationship management software available to nonprofits, she took on the huge task of learning an open sourced CRM system so LIN can manage over 7,000 contacts without heavy annual fees.

"The LIN team can now access our contacts and important documents anywhere with an Internet connection thanks to Linda Loosie!"

**Thanh Phuc**  
Volunteer Coordinator

**THANKS TO OUR AUGUST VOLUNTEERS AND DONORS**

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- Ms. Karen Schmit
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**Organizations contributing to Narrow the Gap Community Fund**



**NEW NPOS JOIN IN VIETNAMCAUSES WEBSITE**

- St. Joseph Charity School
- Viet Nam - Organic Food
- Anh Duong Community Development and Support Center

VietnamCauses ([www.VietnamCauses.org](http://www.VietnamCauses.org)) is an online, searchable directory of local nonprofit organizations. The website helps philanthropists to find, learn about and get in touch with local nonprofits addressing the causes they care about. It also helps local nonprofits to build bigger networks of support and keep their networks up-to-date.

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