

Message from Renee Wong, Youth Host of the Podcast Season 6

I first came across This Hong Kong Life through a volunteer opportunity from school, receiving the text of looking for teenagers to share their life living during pandemic time. Being able to express my own voice to other teenagers was such a pleasurable experience and it was also like a reflection of teen life in Hong Kong. Therefore, I decided to take this opportunity and be one of the youth interviewees.



After around a year's time, I received a message from KELY Support Group asking whether I was interested in being the host. I said "yes", although deep down I was unsure if I was capable of being a host, although I know that I will be able to listen to more personal experiences of different teenagers across the city, as well as their life changing stories. During my first recording, I'd say, yes, it's scary and nerve wracking although I found out that I would be able to truly understand more about my own culture and the local youth culture, being able to be the host of the season has also taught me an important concept as a youth host which is 'Growth', I have truly learnt a lot in the process of recording, shared moments of joy with my guest.



I have once interviewed a 17 year old teenage boy, a locally raised Hong Kong boy that goes to an international school who has a strong passion in art. Interviewing him as a person who has a similar background as me has truly made my eyes open of how he held his own art exhibition, with limited resources and support. Listening to the stories of other teenagers has truly made me realise how talented teenagers nowadays are. Understanding that each and every single person has something unique about them and how behind each and every interesting stories shared on this podcast it has a reason behind it.

