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***Sonali Khan to Receive Women's Education Project's Red Bangle Award
at 9th Annual Forum
December 7, 2022 at 9:00AM EST VIA ZOOM***

(New York, NY) Sonali Khan, Managing Director of Sesame Workshop India, will receive the 2022 Red Bangle Award at Women's Education Project's 9th Annual Forum held virtually on December 7th, 9:00AM EST.

The Red Bangle Award is presented annually to a woman who "by her life and accomplishment demonstrates the indomitable eloquence of the human spirit." Inaugurated in 2014, the award recognizes women leaders globally who share WEP's vision and inspire its students, young Indian women, to higher goals.

The Forum will be opened by Anita Bhatia, Assistant Secretary-General and Deputy Executive Director at UN Women and 2021 Red Bangle recipient. Following this, the Award will be presented by 2019 Red Bangle recipient Anjlee Prakash, the Founder and Chairperson of Learning Links Foundation.

After the award ceremony, Sonali Khan will be joined by Bridgit Antoinette Evans, CEO, Pop Culture Collaborative, to engage in a coffee & conversation on Khan's career path from television journalism to her leadership at Sesame Workshop India.

Sonali Khan leads Sesame Workshop's educational mission in India to create innovative and engaging content that maximizes the educational power of all media to help kids grow smarter, stronger and kinder. As Managing Director of Sesame Workshop India, Sonali spearheads the organization that combines the power of mass media with educational outreach to prepare children for school and life. Under her leadership, the organization develops and implements ground-breaking programs to reach children everywhere – especially those who need it the most.

Sonali is a global advocate for human rights and for ending violence against marginalized communities, with an emphasis on girls and women. Her work has focused on promoting gender equity in education, empowerment of adolescent girls, along with ending domestic violence, sexual harassment and early marriage. She began her career as a television journalist covering politics and business and has since worked for a variety of organizations that harness the power of media for social change.

Prior to Sesame Workshop India, she was the Director of Knowledge Creation and Dissemination at Dasra, a leading strategic philanthropy foundation, where her work covered areas including



urban sanitation, adolescent girls' rights, and democracy and access to justice. Previously she has also served as the Vice President and then India Country Director for Breakthrough, where she spearheaded large-scale program implementation, numerous multi platform campaigns promoting gender equity, developed M&E practices and supported global fundraising and partnership development. She also sits on the board of Plan International.

Sonali is a proud recipient of the prestigious Nari Shakti Puraskar (Women's Empowerment Award) from the President of India. In 2016, she also received the Skoll Award for Social Entrepreneurship for her work in ending child marriage.

Bridgit Antoinette Evans is widely recognized as one of the foremost thought leaders in the culture change strategy field. A professional artist and strategist, she has dedicated her career to the relentless investigation of the potential of artists to drive cultural change in society. Fifteen years of work at the intersection of pop culture storytelling and social change has evolved into a vision for a new, hybrid culture change field in which creative and social justice leaders work together to create and popularize stories that shape the narratives, values, beliefs and behaviors that define American culture.

ABOUT THE RED BANGLE AWARD

Previous recipients of the Red Bangle Award: Elizabeth Howard, WEP (2014), Kayce Jennings, Girl Rising (2015), Shabana Basij-Rasikh, School of Leadership Afghanistan (2016), Saba Ismail, Aware Girls (2017), Esther Subhashini, WEP-Hyderabad (2018), Anjee Prakash, Learning Links Foundation (2019), Vandana Goyal, Avanti Fellows & Ramya VenkataRaman, Centa (2020) and Marissa Weseley, Win-Win Strategies (2021) and Anita Bhatia, UN Women (2021).

ABOUT WEP

At Women's Education Project (WEP), young women ages 15 to 24 attend an experiential, vision expanding program to gain knowledge, skills and a broad understanding of their opportunities. As self-reliant and confident leaders, these young women make positive change for themselves, their families and communities and informed choices to earn in careers of their own choosing. To do this, WEP supports NGO partners with an incubator program for female grassroots leaders, to provide young women in their areas a community-rooted, locally-resourced, holistic curriculum: the Leadership Academy.

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