

## Transcript

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### **Huong Dang (Alumni Impact Awards 2023). George and Ethel Swinburne Social Impact Award Winner.**

NARRATOR: Huong Dang is a social entrepreneur and founder of HopeBox, Vietnam's first social enterprise for women experiencing gender-based violence. HopeBox supports women through employment, training, life skills programs, and safe accommodation. Women in the program create a range of handmade products, including baked goods and candles, with sales helping to provide the women with financial independence.

Growing up in extreme poverty in rural Vietnam, Huong always dreamt of going to university after a stint living on the streets. Hung made her way to Melbourne on a scholarship. After winning Victoria's International Student of the Year, Huong used the prize money to enrol in the Master of Entrepreneurship and Innovation at Swinburne. Huong has many accolades to her name, including being chosen as one of 16 global leaders to take part in a prestigious residential leadership program at Yale University in 2022 and the 2023 Obama Foundation Scholars to study one year at Columbia University in New York City.

Huong's personal journey, the impact she has made through founding two social enterprises, and her passion to improve the lives of those around her is truly inspiring.

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