

Tomorrow's Women announces award-winning documentary filmmaker Holly Morris as its new executive director

Morris' acclaimed career focused on global women's empowerment combined with her vast experience in cross-cultural relationships equip her with the skills to lead the organization through these unprecedented times and beyond.

Employing the power of storytelling and through the lens of a camera, Morris has shared the stories of women changemakers and peacemakers across the globe, from her award-winning documentaries, to the TED Talks stage, to writing *Adventure Divas: Searching the Globe for a New Kind of Heroine*, which was named a *New York Times* Editor's Choice. Now, Morris is ready to lead the organization in its next chapter and share the inspiring lessons of Tomorrow's Women with broader, global audiences.



Morris is well-known to the Tomorrow's Women community for two highly lauded documentary films she produced and directed. *Exposure*, a film she shared with our 2023 young women campers from Palestine and Israel, follows the extraordinary journey of an expedition of women from Arab and Western countries as they train and ski together to the North Pole. *The Babushkas of Chernobyl* highlights the resilience of women living in the Chernobyl Exclusion Zone in Ukraine.

In addition, Morris is an accomplished author, has led her own organization developing young women writers, and was the editorial director of a feminist book publishing company. "While it is understandably a time of political rage, grief, and wartime overwhelm, my hope is that in chaos there lies opportunity. In the years ahead, Tomorrow's Women will be more important than ever and I'm grateful to bring my skills and experience to help chart the path forward," says Morris.

"Morris was selected amongst a large number of impressive candidates nationwide. Her accomplishments, professional experience, and devotion to giving voice to women worldwide make her a natural next leader for Tomorrow's Women," shares Board Chairman Tony Gerlicz. "Under her direction, I believe we will build on the success of prior EDs Tarrie Burnett and Dottie Indyke and take TW to new heights continuing our mission of training young Israeli and Palestinian women to work together to improve civil society in a region desperate for their influence of hope and change."

Morris will replace Tarrie Burnett, who is stepping down after five successful years. Burnett ushered in the rebrand efforts to Tomorrow's Women including a new website. She doubled the organization's donor base while implementing a legacy giving program. Through a significant new partnership with Canadian Global Affairs, TW received its largest institutional grant, funding the first-ever Dialogue Facilitation Program, training our alumnae to become leaders in the peacebuilding field. She leaves the organization with a substantial endowment dedicated to funding the Young Leader Program (Camp) in perpetuity.

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