

## ABOUT

### 21-23 May 2014, London

The third annual Nexus Europe Youth Summit will convene young leaders, philanthropists, impact investors, family business members and social entrepreneurs to explore the challenges facing the world today and identify innovative and collaborative approaches to solving them.

The Nexus Europe Youth Summit is a safe space dedicated to authentic conversations, personal leadership development and commitment to action. Connecting the financial, intellectual, creative and social capital of our generation, past Nexus events have resulted in the creation of dozens of new projects and partnerships.

## WELCOME

We are honoured to have you join us for three exhilarating days of discussion, learning, sharing and collaborating.

Nexus was born during the most inter-connected and inter-dependent time in human history. We are citizens of the world, fortunate enough to be able to commit our time, talent and treasure toward the activities and opportunities that build a stronger, more empathetic, just and equitable global community.

At Nexus, we aim to gather those who are most committed to listen and share what they've learned on their journeys. You have been invited to the third annual Nexus Europe Youth Summit because you are creating significant change or have significant potential to do so. What that change might be, or with whom? That's for you to discover here.

Nexus has convened eleven summits in three years. We now have over 2,000 members from more than 80 countries. Our members have donated and invested millions in capital to each other's initiatives and created dozens of new projects together.

One of the most powerful tools that Nexus has is creating space for story telling. Stories give us the power to make sense of or give meaning to the experiences we have. They help us understand our own values and ideals in a larger context. They help us build relationships with others who share our passions. They make us human. Stories are fundamentally the bedrock of any community. That is why we encourage you to bring your story with you, and be excited for the new stories you'll hear.

The Nexus community story is one of great potential and great hope. The future, however, is unclear. Where do we go from here? What stories will we tell together a year from now? Or in ten years? That story is ours to write together.

We're grateful you're here.

Thank you,

Rachel Cohen Gerrol Co-Founder & Global Curator of Nexus Network

James Hurrell Europe Director of Nexus Network

## SOCIAL

### **AFFINITY DINNER**

Always a very popular part of the programme, the Affinity Dinner is an opportunity for participants to continue to meet each other, enjoying conversations themed around areas of shared interest. As with the entire summit, there is no cost to participation in this dinner event however places are limited.

Time: 7:30pm, Thursday 22 May 2014

Location: The Terrace at Le Meridien, 21 Piccadilly, London W1J OBH

### **CLOSING PARTY**

It wouldn't be a youth summit without a party! Thanks to the generous support of nightclub entrepreneur Nick House and his team, we have secured one of the most in-demand venues for our own exclusive use. Intimate and ultra-exclusive, The Rusty Nail is an invite-only bar in the middle of Mayfair that oozes style. A free drink for everybody is on the house at 10:30pm. Let's dance?

Time: 10:30pm, Friday 23 May 2014

Location: The Rusty Nail, 35 Hertford Street, London W1J 7SD

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## **PROGRAMME OVERVIEW**

## WEDNESDAY 21 MAY 2014

The Crystal Ballroom, St. Ermin's Hotel, 2 Caxton Street, London SW1 0QW

6:00pm	Registration
6:30pm	<b>Opening Keynote – A Call for Change</b> Mabel van Oranje, Chair of Girls Not Brides
7:00pm	Welcome Rachel Cohen Gerrol, Co-Founder and Global Director of Nexus Network James Hurrell, Europe Director of Nexus Network
7:15pm	<b>Opening Keynote – A Call for Action</b> Robert Swan OBE, Polar explorer & Founder of 2041 Foundation
7:30pm	<b>Reception</b> Food and drink will be served

10pm **End** 

## THURSDAY 22 MAY 2014

The Clubhouse, 50 Grosvenor Hill, London W1K 3QT

9:00am	Registration
9:45am	<b>Welcome</b> Rachel Cohen Gerrol, Co-Founder & Global Director of Nexus Network James Hurrell, Europe Director of Nexus Network Owen Gregory, Founder & CEO of The Clubhouse
10:00am	<b>Poetry Performance</b> Musa Okwonga
10:15am	Passion & Purpose Björn Larsson, CEO of The ForeSight Group
11:00am	<b>Plenary 1: Ending Human Trafficking &amp; Modern Slavery</b> Nick Grono, CEO of The Freedom Fund Monique Villa, CEO of Thomson Reuters Foundation Aidan McQuade, Director of Anti-Slavery International
12:00pm	Lunch
1:00pm The Lounge	Workshops 1 Workshop 1.1: Half the Sky – Empowering Women & Girls Ingrid Stange, Founder & Chair of Partnership for Change Brita Schmidt, UK Executive Director for Women for Women Shaista Gohir, Chair of Muslim Women's Network UK (MWNUK) Pauline Miller, Advisory Council of Girl Up
The Boardroom	Breakout 1.2: Next Gens Influencing Families and Realigning Business Jennifer Nagtegaal, Netherlands Coordinator of Nexus Network Silja Nyboe Andersen Daniel Shakhani, CEO of RDS Capital/Editor of Financial Times Family Office Survey
Hot Desk Area	Breakout 1.3: Co-Creation – Collaboration Between Social Entrepreneurs, Universities/Incubators and Business Robyn Scott, Co-Founder and Managing Director of OneLeap Christian Busch, Associate Director at the London School of Economics' (LSE) Innovation and Co-Creation Lab Tom Rippin, CEO of On Purpose
Meeting Room 3	<b>Breakout 1.4: Your Philanthropic Legacy</b> Alexandre Mars, CEO of Blisce Michael Harris, Co-Founder of Young Philanthropy UK Mary Galeti, Executive Director & Vice-Chair of the Tecovas Foundation Asmaa Georgiou, Chairperson of the Yusuf Islam Foundation

2:00pm	Break
2:30pm The Lounge	Workshops 2 Workshop 2.1: Storytelling for Change Anastasia Dellaccio, Senior Associate at United Nations Foundation Jacqueline Greis, Head of Development of Videre Mary Carson, Publisher & Director at Guardian Multimedia
The Boardroom	Breakout 2.2: 100% for Impact Eveline Maas, Next Generation Programme Manager at ABN AMRO Private Wealth Management Solange Rouschop, Manager of Sustainability Retail & Private Banking at ABN AMRO James Perry, Chairman of COOK and Chief Executive Office of Panahpur Josephine Korijn Zac Russell, Founder of Russallo
Hot Desk Area	Breakout 2.3: Investment Ready Joar Hagatun, Vice President of Investments at Formuesforvaltning Mark Cheng, UK Director of Ashoka Ellinor Dienst, Co-Founder & Managing Partner of the Funding Agency for Social Entrepreneurship Wolfgang Hafenmeyer, Managing Partner of LGTVP
Meeting Room 3	<b>Breakout 2.4: Why Give to the Arts? An Argument for Social Impact</b> Akala, Award-Winning Hip Hop Artist and Social Entrepreneur Paul Gladstone Reid, Award-Winning Composer-Musician & Media Producer Liz Moreton, Senior Producer at Battersea Arts Centre Aliceson Robinson, Founder of Nine Muses
3:30pm	Break
4pm	Plenary 2: Building a Social Movement Jamie Drummond, Co-Founder of ONE Jeremy Heimans, Co-Founder & CEO of Purpose

5:30pm **End** 

## FRIDAY 23 MAY 2014

The Clubhouse, 50 Grosvenor Hill, London W1K 3QT

9:00am	Open
10:00am	<b>Reflections</b> Rachel Cohen Gerrol, Co-Founder & Global Director of Nexus Network James Hurrell, Europe Director of Nexus Network
10:15am	<b>Collaboration Pitches</b> Mike Velings, Founder & Managing Partner of AquaSpark Oliver Wayman, Co-Founder and Director of Bottletop Robyn Scott, Brothers for All
11:00am	Plenary 3: Water Scarcity – The Challenge of the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Phiippe Rohnier, Senior Investment Manager at Pictet Water Fund Sam Parker, CEO of Water and Sanitation for the Urban Poor Dr. Giulio Boccaletti, Managing Director for Global Water at The Nature Conservancy David Norman, Senior Manager of Sustainable Development Policy at SABMiller plc
12:00am	Lunch
1:00pm Meeting Room 3	Workshops 3 Workshop 3.1: Intrapreneurship – Driving Change from Within Eveline Maas, Next Generation Programme Manager at ABN AMRO Private Wealth Management Caroline Guyot, Partnerships Manager at Ashoka UK Amanda Feldman, Director of Impact & Innovation at Volans
The Lounge	<b>Breakout 1.2: Where Has the Environmental Funding Gone?</b> Ben Goldsmith, Founding Partner of WHEB Jon Cracknell, Director of the Goldsmith Family Company Seth Tabatznik, Founding Director of Berti Investments
The Boardroom	<b>Breakout 1.3: Give, Lend or Invest?</b> Mary Galeti, Executive Director & Vice-Chair of the Tecovas Foundation Christiana Wyly, Executive Director of Food Climate Nexus at Avatar Aliance Foundation Shawn Landres, Co-founder & CEO of Jumpstart Labs
Hot Desk Area	<b>Breakout 1.4: Intentional About Impact</b> Caroline Fiennes, Author and Founder & Director of Giving Evidence Benjamin Todd, Co-Founder & Director of 80,000 Hours James Hurrell, Europe Director of Nexus Network
2:00pm 2:15pm	Break Plenary 4: Closing Discussion & Reflections

### **BREAKOUT SESSION DESCRIPTIONS**

### **THURSDAY 22 MAY 2014**

### 1:00pm Workshops 1

#### Workshop 1.1: Half the Sky – Empowering Women & Girls

50 percent of the world's population are under the age of 30. Almost 1 third of youth are unemployed. The challenges this creates are immense, and growing. Young women are especially challenged, with unemployment rates reaching almost 50 % in some areas. At the same time, we know that the social effect of employing young women are strong. We will discuss ways to empower the young women to build sustainable business beyond the micro finance level.

#### **Breakout 1.2: Next Gens Influencing Families and Realigning Business**

The purpose of this workshop is to explore how next gens influence their families and family businesses. Creating agreement across generations and combining family values with business and investing opportunities is challenging. Silja Nyboe Andersen and Jennifer Nagtegaal Jansen give examples from their own families and invite personal reflection and sharing from participants.

## Breakout 1.3: Co-Creation – Collaboration Between Social Entrepreneurs, Universities/Incubators and Business

Co-creation and cross-sector partnerships have been regarded essential for social ventures, businesses, and universities/accelerators alike; however, how do these actually work (or not work) in practice, and how can we facilitate these among Nexus participants? Case studies of both success and failure will be presented and the speakers will engage the audience to share their experiences, and explore potential areas of collaboration.

#### **Breakout 1.4: Your Philanthropic Legacy**

Many of us think about our charitable giving the same way we think about our other work. We build a strategy around our investments, worry about whether we've chosen the right partners, collect data and adjust our plans appropriately given all the information we have available to us. Sometimes, that process takes us into interesting places and unique opportunities to make change. In this conversation, we'll explore unique philanthropic journeys by talking about the important lessons, serendipitous meetings, and catalytic moments that drive us to be better at our giving. It will be an opportunity for story telling, inquiry and exploration.

#### 2:30pm Workshops 2

#### Workshop 2.1: Storytelling for Change

There are more causes and interests fighting for our attention than ever before. With so much information out there, how do you cut through the noise to change the conversation and create true social change? This workshop brings together three organisations that are harnessing the power of new media to create social change. Guardian Media is developing partnerships with advocates and NGOs to power new social changes methods, including on its recent campaign on female genital mutilation. UN Foundation and +SocialGood leverages digital media to reshape policy and create a better world. Videre harnesses the power of new technologies to equip oppressed communities in hard-to-access areas with the tools to expose the human rights abuses they face. In this collaborative discussion, we will provide insight into what methods have (and have not) worked and develop new ideas on how to translate clicks into action.

#### Breakout 2.2: 100% for Impact

Interactive session about how 100% impact can be made with one's investment portfolio. In this workshop next gens are given solutions on how to approach this topic. Focus will be on the type of solutions available in the market place, understanding which questions to ask advisors, and peers sharing their experiences.

#### **Breakout 2.3: Investment Ready**

This workshop will focus on what you need in order to prepare your social enterprise for investment. Come to receive top tips from 3 different kinds of investor on how to prepare, how to sell yourself, and what kind of investor to bring on board. We'll also share insights on how to get the most out of your investors beyond money.

#### Breakout 2.4: Why Give to the Arts? An Argument for Social Impact

Given the current global context, young donors are finding it increasingly difficult to justify giving to the arts, finding them less deserving than social and health causes. However, the arts are a crucial foundation to improve the quality of life, increase participation and build social capital for children, adults and communities worldwide. In this conversation, we will explore using the arts as a vehicle for sustainable social change and approaches to building the next generation of arts patrons.

### FRIDAY 23 MAY 2014

#### 1:00pm Workshops 3

#### Workshop 3.1: Intrapreneurship – Driving Change from Within

Intrapreneurs are redefining the role of multinational business -- from the inside. Meet the people who are driving disruptive innovation in their day job, and what they've learned from impact investors and social entrepreneurs along the way.

#### Breakout 1.2: Where Has the Environmental Funding Gone?

Without a healthy environment we have no need for art galleries, museums, even schools and hospitals. If we do not figure out a way to live in harmony with the natural world, all other philanthropic endeavours will have been akin to organising the deck chairs on the Titanic.

#### Breakout 1.3: Give, Lend or Invest?

The choice to deploy financial resources to help achieve social or environmental good is an increasingly complex one. Answering whether or not to give can be easy, but figuring out the right tool can be much more complicated. In this session we'll look at aligning vision, mission, and the right kind of capital-whether it's purely philanthropic, or investing or making loans to a social business. Through discussion and case studies you'll leave with new insights and strategies for change.

#### **Breakout 1.4: Intentional About Impact**

Once you've chosen your cause, you need to find the right organisation through which to give or invest. But how do you know they're any good? How can you make sure your resources, including your time, is used most wisely and strategically to ensure you have the impact to want to have and do so cost-effectively and powerfully?

## **SPEAKERS' BIOGRAPHIES**

#### Akala

MOBO award-winning hip hop artist 'Akala' is a label owner and social entrepreneur who fuses rap/rock/electro-punk with fierce lyrical storytelling (think Wu-Tang Clan and Aphex Twin meets Rage Against The Machine). With his latest album The Thieves Banquet, Akala once again proves himself as one of the most dynamic and literate talents in the UK. Inspired by the likes of Saul Williams and Gil Scott Heron, Akala has also developed a reputation for stellar live performances with his drummer Cassell 'TheBeatmaker' headlining 5 UK tours and touring with everyone from Jay-Z, Nas & Damian Marley, M.I.A. and Christina Aguilera to Siouxsie Sue and Richard Ashcroft, appearing at numerous UK / European and US festivals (Glastonbury, Big Chill, Wireless, V, Hove and SXSW) also partnering with the British Council promoting British arts across Africa, Vietnam (the first rapper to perform a live concert in Vietnam), New Zealand and Australia. In 2009, Akala launched the 'The Hip-hop Shakespeare Company', a hotly-tipped music theatre production enterprise which has sparked worldwide media interest since its inception. Previous collaborators include: British actor; Sir Ian McKellen, actor/musician; Colin Salmon and Royal Shakespeare Company Voice Director; Cicely Berry.

# **Dr. Giulio Boccaletti**, Managing Director for Global Water at The Nature Conservancy

Trained as a scientist, Giulio is an expert on environmental and economic sustainability. He leads the world's largest team of freshwater scientists, policy experts, economists and on-the-ground conservation practitioners. Giulio and his team at The Nature Conservancy are working to identify, test and deploy innovative, large-scale strategies that demonstrate how investments in nature will enable us to secure the water we need to prosper. He believes solving global water challenges, particularly in the face of a changing climate, will determine the future sustainability of the world economy and the health of the people and places that depend on this vital natural resource. He has deep expertise on the intersection of natural resources, public policy and business conduct. Prior to joining the Conservancy, Giulio was a partner at McKinsey & Company, where he built and ran its water security practice and advised CEOs and government ministers in dozens of countries on the implications of water scarcity for their growth and operations. For his work on water, in 2014 he was named a Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum in Davos. Giulio started his career as a scientist with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology focused on atmospheric and ocean sciences and climate adaptation. He has a master's in Physics from the Universita degli Studi di Bologna, and master's and doctorate degrees in Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences from Princeton University.

**Dr. Christian Busch**, Associate Director at the London School of Economics' (LSE) Innovation and Co-Creation Lab

Christian works with governments and (social) enterprises to develop scalable inclusive business models. His related research centers on entrepreneurship, social innovation, and social networks, and he teaches several MSc- courses at LSE. He is the co-founder of Sandbox, the world's leading accelerator for young innovators, where he developed the hub-based structure and expanded the organization and community into 20 countries. He has been named as one of The Economist's 'Ideas People', Diplomatic Courier's 'Top 99 Under 33 Influencers', JCI London's 'Ten Outstanding Young Persons', a TEDster, and a fellow at the Royal Society of Arts (RSA), and his ideas around 'Design an organization that matters' were featured by outlets such as Harvard Business Review. Previously, he worked in politics/business in Kenya, S. Africa, Mexico, Russia, Germany & the US. He has been guest-lecturing at ESADE (Spain) and Strathmore (Kenya), and his work was featured by Le Monde, AP, HBR, The Guardian, France24, WIRED. He completed both his MSc and PhD at the LSE.

## **Mary Carson**, Journalist, Multimedia Producer and Archive Specialist at The Guardian

In her time chasing stories she has travelled extensively, produced and directed, written, edited and photographed for documentaries and books in Ireland, the UK, the Gulf, New Orleans, New York and Australia. She grew up through and reported on the conflict in Northern Ireland and more recently has taken a lead role with colleague Maggie O'Kane in The Guardian's successful multimedia campaigns to highlight and end the practice of female genital mutilation. It is never been boring and she'd like to keep it that way.

# **Mark Cheng**, UK Director of Ashoka and Founding Director of Chelwood Capital

Mark leads the Hybrid Finance programme at Ashoka, which has helped raise investment in many sectors including healthcare, conservation, renewable energy and education. He is also a NextGen angel investor who has personally invested in a range of different enterprises. Mark is a founding member of the ClearlySo Angels network, and a Board Member of the Emerge Venture Lab, an incubator for tech startups focused on education.

# **Rachel Cohen Gerrol**, Co-Founder & Global Director of Nexus Network

Rachel Cohen Gerrol is recognized internationally for her work on millennial philanthropy and her projects have been featured in the NY Times, Forbes, Vanity Fair & The Atlantic. Rachel is Co-Founder of the Nexus Network and serves as Executive Director of PVBLIC Foundation, an in-kind grant making organization that harnesses the power of media to drive social change. In 2014 Rachel curated the White House Conference on Next Gen Philanthropy & organized the first Media for Social Impact Summit at the United Nations. She has chaired the Social Impact Film Awards for The Collective at Sundance since 2012 and Co-Chaired the 2013 G8 Young Summit. She and was recently named 'Jewish Girl of the Year' by gatherthejews.com and is listed in the Diplomatic Courier's '99 Top Foreign Policy Leaders Under 33'. Rachel is a member of the Speaker's Bureau and the National Young Leadership Cabinet of the Jewish Federations of North America

and Chairs the Board of Jumpstart. She proudly serves as an advisor to CharityMiles and sits on the Advisory Council of Invisible Children, the Advisory Council of Girl Up (UN Foundation), the Advisory Board of 'Women's Entrepreneurship Day' and on the Corporate Advisory Board of Semester at Sea.'

# Jon Cracknell, Director of the Goldsmith Family Company

Jon Cracknell has managed the Goldsmith family's philanthropic activity since 1997. He has been instrumental in the development of the Environmental Funders Network which brings together 150 foundations supporting environmental initiatives, and he has served on the boards of the US Environmental Grantmakers Association and the European Environmental Funders Group, both of which link together leading philanthropic foundations with environmental interests. Jon has co-authored multiple reports on environmental philanthropy, and the structure of the environmental movement in different countries around the world.

# Anastasia Dellaccio, Senior Associate at United Nations Foundation

Anastasia overseas special initiatives and outreach for the United Nations Foundation as part of the global public affairs and communications team. This outreach work includes helping plan strategic initiatives and outreach related to Washington DC Diplomatic, Corporate and Non-Profit community, The Social Good Summit, +SocialGood and a new holiday focused on giving back called #GivingTuesday. Anastasia has won a Global PRNews Award, A SABRE, and an International Cannes Lions award projects she has worked on. Anastasia graduated from The George Washington University with a degree in Visual Communications and Marketing and then went to work for the United States Senate Committee on Foreign Relations under Vice President Biden before completing her Master's Degree in International Policy at the University of London. Anastasia is a board member for Creative Minds International Public Charter School, a Steering committee member of the Refugees International Young Humanitarian Circle, an National Advisory Committee Member for

the Millennium Action Project, Co-Chair of the Millennium Action Council, and a Truman National Security Project Political Partner and has been named a Young Professionals in Foreign Policy Global Leader.

**Ellinor Dienst**, Co-Founder & Managing Partner of the Funding Agency for Social Entrepreneurship

Since 2008, Ellinor works as an independent marketing & fundraising consultant for social enterprises and was interim-board member at HAND IN AG. In 2012 she took on a position as an investment manager at BonVenture and then continues her engagement for the social sector at the financing agency and the social entrepreneurship academy. Ellinor studied in Lausanne and Oxford Brookes, completing a Bachelor in Hotel & Restaurant management. Between 2000 and 2008 she worked for brands like Dom Pérignon, Dior and Falke in product marketing and built up the waxing & beauty chain 'Senzera' with friends.

#### Jaime Drummond, Co-Founder of ONE

global pressure group with nearly 4 million members around the world, ONE fights against the injustice of extreme poverty. ONE is pushing for transparency in the extractives sector, open budgets and smart domestic and foreign money for agriculture and health, and responsible private sector investment to boost the economic transformation of developing economies. Jamie was previously the Global Strategist for Drop the Debt (which helped cancel \$110b of mainly African debt) and cofounder of DATA.org (which helped doubled smart aid and boost trade deals for Africa).

# Amanda Feldman, Director of Impact & Innovation at Volans

Amanda's experience in nonprofit management, public health policy and impact evaluation has shaped how she thinks about our generation's role in crafting the future. She founded a volunteer group in the USA that launches global service projects driven by young people's ideas, and has since helped scale impact ventures across Europe, Africa and Asia. She holds a B.A. from the University of Pennsylvania and a Master in Public Administration (MPA) from the London School of Economics.

## **Caroline Fiennes**, Author and Director of Giving Evidence

Giving Evidence is a consultancy and campaign enabling charitable giving based on sound evidence. She has advised donors and foundations around the globe, taught about effective philanthropy at Cambridge University, Yale and Oxford, and spoken at TED and umpteen conferences. Her writing about evidence-based giving has appeared in the FT, The Economist, The Daily Mail, Freakonomics and elsewhere. Caroline's book about effective giving, *It Ain't What You Give*, was acclaimed for its clarity and insightfulness. She was an award-winning charity CEO, serves on boards of The Cochrane Collaboration, the US Center for Effective Philanthropy, and charity rating agency Charity Navigator.

Mary Galeti, Executive Director & Vice-Chair of the Tecovas Foundation

Tecovas Foundation funds social innovation and entrepreneurship by focusing on building community and leveraging new service models domestically and internationally. She is also a principal at Shiplake Partners, a strategic community engagement consultancy. Mary serves on the Board of Directors of the Council on Foundations, and chaired the Family Philanthropy Committee. She also serves as a Global Board member of the Global Shapers Foundation, an initiative of the World Economic Forum. She is the Vice-Chair of the StartingBloc Social Innovation Fellowship Program and was a 2008 Fellow. She is a frequent speaker on the issues of generational transition, leadership and building communities.'

#### Jacqueline Geis, Head of Development at Videre

Jacqueline joined Videre as Head of External Relations in November 2012. Prior to this, she oversaw government and foundation relations at the Brookings Institution's Foreign Policy program. Before joining Brookings, Jacqueline worked at the U.S. Department of State, U.S. Senate and the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia, where she worked on the transfer of cases to national courts in the former Yugoslavia and the development of the War Crimes Chamber within the State Court of Bosnia and Herzegovina, among other initiatives. She is a graduate of Georgetown University and a Mount Holyoke College,

### **Paul Gladstone Reid**, Award-Winning Composer-Musician & Media Producer

An award-winning composer-musician and media producer, who also enjoys extending creativity and innovation in the fields of cultural leadership and social enterprise. As an artist, working across genres of classical music and contemporary culture, his compositions have been performed by orchestras such as The London Philharmonic Orchestra, Deutsche Kammerphilharmonie, Royal Philharmonic Concert Orchestra; whilst he collaborates with hip hop artists such as Akala and world music artists such as Baba Maal. He has been an advisor to the Home Office; Department of The Environment The Royal Commonwealth Foundation, Royal Commonwealth Society, Associated Board of Royal Schools of Music, Duke of Edinburgh Award, The Arts Council of England, Octavia Hill Trust, Voices Foundation and the London 2012 Olympics. Renowned for is youth, community and educational work, he is co-founder and former chairman of the award-winning Rising Tide Trust, developing young people for creative industry careers. He founded a Youth NGO/Think Tank, Foundation for Youth / Atlantic 2000, which held bi-monthly symposia at The House of Lords.

was awarded an MBE for services to music and community in the 2007 Birthday Honors List and was formally invested by HM The Queen in a ceremony at Buckingham Palace on the 23rd October 2007.

# Shaista Gohir, Chair of Muslim Women's Network UK (MWNUK)

Shaista is a leading Muslim women's rights activist in Britain and the Chair of Muslim Women's Network UK (MWNUK). Prior to joining the MWNUK board, Shaista was the Executive Director of MWNUK and transformed a small informal group of Muslim women into the only national Muslim women's organisation in Britain. Under her leadership, membership is now at 600 of activists and groups onwardly linked to more than 50000 women at grassroots. Shaista has worked in international campaigning and advocacy roles at Oxfam and Save the Children. Shaista is also a member of the International Advisory Group (the highest decision making committee) for Musawah, a global Muslim women's movement, which has membership from across the world. As a leading Muslim women's rights activist in Britain, Shaista was featured in the national newspaper, The Times (March 2011), as 'Britain's Most Feminist Muslim.' She regularly contributes to mainstream, international and niche broadcast and print media. Shaista also speaks at events locally, nationally and internationally, which includes presenting at the United Nations Human Rights Forum to speak on the human rights of minority women. In 2013, Shaista was the lead researcher on grounding breaking research investigating sexual exploitation of Asian girls and young women in Britain and authored the report, Unheard Voices. She also runs her own consultancy SNG Consultancy providing training workshops, research and advise on gender related issues. In recognition of her work, she was awarded the MBE honour in the Queen's birthday honours list in 2008. In 2009, Shaista was included in the Muslim Women Power list, which named the most influential Muslim women in Britain. In the same year she also won the Asian Woman of Achievement Award in the Social and Humanitarian Category.

#### Benjamin Goldsmith, Founding Partner of WHEB

As well as chairing the Goldsmith family, and its philanthropic foundation (the JMG Foundation), Ben is a founder of WHEB, a leading European sustainability-focused investment firm. WHEB invests across technology private equity, renewable energy infrastructure and listed equities. Ben also founded the UK Environmental Funders Network and chairs the UK's Conservative Environment Network.

#### Nick Grono, Inaugural CEO of the Freedom Fund

The Freedom Fund is an ambitious seven-year effort to raise and deploy \$100 million to combat modern slavery. It was launched by President Bill Clinton at the Clinton Global Initiative in September 2013. Nick was previously the CEO of the Walk Free Foundation, a leading international actor in the fight against modern slavery, and before that he was the Deputy President of the International Crisis Group, the world's leading conflict prevention NGO. Nick is a lawyer by background and worked as Chief of Staff to the Australian Attorney-General from 1999-2001.

#### Caroline Guyot, Partnerships Manager at Ashoka

Caroline's work includes finding and supporting innovative partnerships between business and social sectors. She is currently working on a range of innovation pilots to explore where Ashoka can add value to social intrapreneurs. She holds two Masters degrees: one in history and one in diplomacy. Her previous experiences include consulting for a an international microfinance organisation in South Africa, supporting the growth of a young social enterprise and analysing African politics for a London think tank.

# **Wolfgang Hafenmayer**, Managing Partner of LGT Venture Philanthropy

Before starting LGT Venture Philanthropy in 2007 Wolfgang gained rich experience in the industry as an investment manager with BonVenture, the first social venture fund in german-speaking Europe and helped set up Forma Futura, a sustainable asset management company. Previously, he was the executive director of the IT and management consulting firm Consileon and also worked for the consultancy Bain & Company.

### **Michael Harris**, Co-Founder of Young Philanthropy UK

Michael Harris joined PwC in 2010 and currently works for their crowd-sourcing innovation team, bringing the brainpower of PwC's 17,000 people to its clients. Qualifying as an ICAEW Chartered Accountant this year, Michael is also the co-founder and chair of Young Philanthropy (YP), a social enterprise whose mission is to inspire generous leaders to improve society, by means of targeted venture philanthropy syndicates.

#### Jeremy Heimans, Co-Founder & CEO of Purpose

Purpose is a home for building 21st century movements and ventures that use the power of

participation to change the world. Since its start in 2009, Purpose has launched several major new organizations including All Out, a 1.9 million-strong LGBT rights group, built the world's first open source global activism platform, and advised institutions like the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the ACLU, and Google. Before this, he co-founded GetUp, an Australian political organization and internationally recognized social movement phenomenon that today has more members than all of Australia's political parties combined. And in 2007, Jeremy co-founded Avaaz, the world's largest online citizens' movement, now with more than 35 million members. In 2011, Jeremy received the Ford Foundation's 75th Anniversary Visionary Award for his work as a movement pioneer and the World Economic Forum named him a Young Global Leader. Jeremy began his career with the strategy consultants McKinsey & Company and he has degrees from Harvard University and the University of Sydney.

### James Hurrell, Europe Director for Nexus Network

James Hurrell is the European Director of Nexus, an international network of 1000+ young people dedicated to improving and increasing philanthropy, impact investing and social entrepreneurship through dialogue, learning and collaborative problem solving. Responsible for developing the activities and membership of Nexus in Europe, including the annual Nexus Europe Youth Summit, James is an experienced social entrepreneur and philanthropist himself.In 1998, then 17 years old, James co-founded an entirely youth-led conflict resolution charity in London, pioneering a model of youth empowerment through peer education that eventually informed public policy on the engagement of young people in UK society. From organising grassroots anti-racism and interfaith projects around the world to working as an advisor to the UK government, James became an advocate for developing the leadership potential of young people as innovators and creators of social change. He went on to found several other non-profits, including a grant-giving foundation in Brazil, and designed a cutting-edge action learning programme for young social entrepreneurs. More recently James co-founded a for-profit music company, producing events and

managing some of the top recording artists in the world. James has also served on the boards of several organisations and worked extensively as a freelance consultant and writer

## Josephine Korijn, Social Finance Associate at Ashoka

Joesphine Korijn works at Ashoka providing social finance services to social entrepreneurs, specialising in hybrid business models. She previouslyl worked for SharedImpact, which provides financial intermediation services for social investments. She also founded the SEEED student steering committee to organize an annual conference that brings social enterprise support organizations across the US together to share best practice.

# Shawn Landres, Co-Founder & CO-CEO Jumpstart Labs

Shawn Landres has earned international recognition for his award-winning leadership in social innovation. A widely published essayist and editor whose work has been featured by the White House and covered by TIME, The Wall Street Journal, and The New York Times, Shawn is cofounder & CEO of Jumpstart Labs and a Quality & Productivity Commissioner for the County of Los Angeles, California. He serves on the Boards of Managers of HUB Los Angeles and SPARK Experience and advises The Mother Company and InVenture; he was a charter co-chair of the Clinton Foundation Millennium Network Leadership Council. Shawn holds degrees from Columbia, Oxford, and the University of California, Santa Barbara.

# **Björn Larsson**, Economist, Journalist, Diplomat & CEO of the ForeSight Group

Since 1979, the ForeSight Group has offered 3.5 million employees opportunities to contribute to corporate innovation and renewal. This includes Passionate Investments, a partnership with the oldest bank in Scandinavia, Swedbank, supporting their Family Office and 10 million retail clients to co-invest and scale what works well in social and environmental activities globally. Björn is a member of the Clinton Global Initiative and since the inception an International Ambassador for The World's Children's Prize, the world's largest empowerment initiative on rights and democracy for the next generation to which Nelson Mandela, Desmond Tutu, Aung San Suu Kyi are patrons.

### **Eveline Maas**, Next Generation Programme Manager at ABN AMRO Private Wealth Management

Eveline Maas believes that 'blended value' of financial and ecological/social return is the business model of the future. As a 'social intrapreneur' at ABN AMRO Bank she uses her energy and talents to contribute to a more sustainable bank (and financial industry). Her focus is particularly on philanthropy, impact investing, social entrepreneurship and stimulating the next generation (of clients and colleagues) to apply their resources to make a positive impact on the world. In her 'formal role' she is responsible for the bank's Global Next Generation Programme, which focuses on family business successors.

#### Alexandre Mars, CEO of Blisce

Alexandre is a serial entrepreneur, an expert in new technologies, digital communication and an engaged philanthropist. He is founder and CEO of blisce/, his holding company with advisory, private equity and real estate investments, as well as philanthropic activities. Over the last 15 years, Alexandre has successfully launched and sold several companies in Europe and the US within diverse business sectors, including venture capital, Internet, mobile, social media and advertising. As CEO of EPIC Foundation, Alexandre's goal is to 'disrupt the act of giving'. This not-for-profit organization supports child wellbeing around the world, connection leading philanthropists with outstanding NGOs, social enterprises and development projects.

### Aidan McQuade, Director of Anti-Slavery International

Anti-Slavery International is the oldest international human rights organisation in the world. During his tenure as Director Anti-Slavery's achievements have included holding the state of Niger to account in an international court for failing to protect its citizens from slavery, obtaining a new statute in British law proscribing forced labour, mounting a series of investigations identifying where forced labour is used in the production of goods for Western markets, and establishing a new Anti-Slavery office in Bangkok to work on forced labour issues in SE Asia. Before joining Anti-Slavery International Aidan worked for over 13 years in humanitarian response, development and human rights. This included periods in Ethiopia and Eritrea working on rural water supply and soil conservation, and Afghanistan, in the months before the Taliban take over, where he undertook emergency water supply in the war displaced persons camps outside Jalalabad. He spent five years in Angola at the end of the civil war managing an emergency relief programme for over a quarter of a million people in the besieged cities of the interior as well as working with the UN on the implementation of a programme of human rights protection of civilians from military excesses.

#### Pauline Miller, Advisory Council for Girl Up

Pauline Miller serves on the Advisory Council for Girl Up, a campaign of the United Nations Foundation that galvanizes teens from across the globe, to advocate and raise awareness for the world's most marginalized adolescent girls. In her role with Girl Up, Pauline travelled to a UNHCR refugee camp in Ethiopia, where she met a number of girls being served through Girl Up's reach. Professionally, Pauline serves as EMEA Global Inclusion Manager at State Street. She is responsible for all diversity and inclusion strategies at a local and regional level, to facilitate change and transform organizational culture to create an engaged and inclusive organization for all employees. During her time at State Street Pauline has led and implemented a number of global projects including accountability for inclusion, employee engagement and most recently building an inclusive culture and unconscious bias learning for managers.

### **Liz Moreton**, Senior Producer at Battersea Arts Centre

A theatre producer who identifies and supports visionary theatre makers of the future and works in participatory arts settings to empower people from peripheral communities to transform their realities through art and culture. She has a decade of experience developing creativity through rich, empowering, effective and fun processes and has worked internationally, nationally and locally on projects which fit in tiny rooms with audiences of 1 to large-scale projects and shows which have toured the world. Currently working as a Senior Producer at Battersea Arts Centre, Britian's most influential theatre (The Guardian) she has produced the work of Little Bulb Theatre, The Paper Cinema and Punchdrunk. She co-produced the Rio Occupation an international Olympic exchange programme for Brazilian and British artists in London 2012. And has founded several programmes of work for young people and communities including BAC's Beatbox Academy and The Agency UK: a programme from the favelas of Rio De Janeiro which develops young people's entrepreneurial capacity through a creative methodology.

### Jennifer Nagtegaal Jansen, Netherlands Coordinator for Nexus Network

Jennifer is a creator and facilitator of leadership development programs across sectors and within organizations. Helping entrepreneurs realize their strategic goals through effective leadership behaviour and professional development of individuals and teams. Jennifer is a co-creator and facilitator of ABN AMRO Mees Pierson's international Next Gen seminars, currently working with the bank to set up a leadership seminar for their Next Gen clients. Jennifer is also Netherlands Coordinator for Nexus Network, an international community of young business leaders, family business members and entrepreneurs collaborating to drive positive social change. Philanthropy and impact investing are central to Jennifer's family identity and a core part of her values, which she brings into her work with companies.

# **David Norman**, Senior Manager for Sustainable Development Policy at SABMiller

David is responsible for the company's engagement in policy processes across sustainable development issues. Before this role, he was Director of Campaigns for WWF-UK, as well as being a trustee of Saferworld, which works to create safer communities in places affected by conflict. David has also worked in senior campaigning, communication and policy roles in Westminster, at Amnesty International and in international development charities, including Oxfam and Save the Children.

#### Silja Nyboe Andersen

Silja currently works for The Big Issue Foundation, where she liaises closely with Big Issue vendors and is continuously looking for innovative ways, particularly through art, to connect people who are homeless to the broader society. She is passionate about the Big Issue's powerful ethos of helping people help themselves and applies this philosophy across her philanthropy, social enterprise engagements and investments in Zambia and Denmark. Silja is 5th generation of a Danish engineering firm. She is a board member of a family owned forestry company where she focus her efforts on keeping a family legacy and supporting a sustainable strategy for the area. She holds a Master of Science degree in Economics from Copenhagen University with courses from London School of Economics and Copenhagen **Business School.** 

# Sam Parker, CEO of Water and Sanitation for the Urban Poor

Graduating from Oxford University in 1983, Sam worked in business for 17 years, first in international agrochemicals and then in commodities trading. In 2002, Sam moved to a senior role at the International Save the Children Alliance and in 2006 joined Water & Sanitation for the Urban Poor (WSUP) as its first CEO. WSUP offers a creative package of expertise from private sector, NGOs and academia, equipping cities with the capacity and incentives to serve all citizens in their city on a commercially viable basis. The programme has reached over 2 million low-income consumers. In 2014, Sam won a Skoll Foundation Award for Social Entrepreneurship.

### James Perry, Chairman of COOK and Chief Executive Office of Panahpur

The social-hearted business which he co-owns with his brother, COOK employs over 500 people and is rolling out across the UK. In 2004 he started working with Panahpur, a UK-based charitable endowment, as it sought solutions to the constraints of charity. Panahpur invested in numerous funds and social enterprises in the UK and majority world, including the first social impact bonds, the Social Stock Exchange (where he serves as Deputy Chairman) and the Big Society Finance Fund, a prototype fund for Big Society Capital. James has written extensively on charity and 'social capitalism' and divides his time between his work with Panahpur and COOK. James sits on the UK Advisory Board to the G8 Social Impact Investment Taskforce, and the Advisory Board to Big Society Capital.

#### Tom Rippin, Director of OnPurpose

After some years researching cancer, Tom started his non-academic career at management consultants McKinsey & Company, where he worked across the private, public and non-profit sectors. He transitioned into the social enterprise space, first advising the CEO of Comic Relief on private sector matters and then working at (RED), the business founded by Bono and Bobby Shriver to help eliminate AIDS in Africa, where he was Managing Director for Europe and Director of Business Development for (RED) International. As well as running On Purpose, Tom is the Chairman of Spice, and a non-executive director at the Shaftesbury Partnership.

#### Aliceson Robinson, Founder of Nine Muses

In 2012 she launched a boutique, culture-focused concierge firm Nine Muses, after 8 years at McKinsey & Company and time at the Lincoln Centre in New York and the Charleston-based Spoleto Festival. She is a Trustee for the Royal Academy of Dance where she Chairs the Marketing & Membership Committee and an Ambassador for The National Theatre where she sits on the Young Patrons Committee and is Co-Chair of the upcoming Gala to celebrate the opening of the Dorfman Theatre. She is a Trustee for Pennard Road Productions and sits on the Advisory Board for the theatre company non zero one. Through her work with Nine Muses she also works to nurture arts companies, providing business guidance and introductions to potential angels and corporate contracts. Previously, Aliceson was an Officer of the Harvard Business School London Alumni Board and

spent 7 years on Terrence Higgins Trust Gala Fundraising Committees. Aliceson has an MBA from Harvard Business School.

### Philippe Rohner, Senior Investment Manager at Pictet Water Fund

Philippe Rohner joined Pictet Asset Management in 2002 and he is a Senior Investment Manager. Philippe is co-manager of Pictet's Water funds. Previously he was at Pictet, as an Equity Analyst in the Institutional Brokerage Services (now Helvea SA) starting in 1998. He began his career as a Chemical Engineer at Texaco's Port Arthur Research Labs (Air & Water Conservation Dept). Then he joined Ciba-Geigy where he held managerial positions in R&D and Manufacturing both in Switzerland and the UK. As Investor Relations Manager, he was part of the task force in the successful spin-off of Ciba Specialty Chemicals as part of the Ciba-Geigy and Sandoz merger. Philippe holds a Ph.D from the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH), an MBA Degree from the University of Strathclyde and completed post graduate courses in Environmental Engineering from the University of Texas

## **Solange Rouschop**, Manager of Sustainability Retail & Private Banking at ABN AMRO

Sustainability Manager for Retail and Private Banking at AMN AMRO bank with a focus on sustainable investments. Solanage held various roles in asset management as well as Private Banking for the last 18 years. Out of these she worked for 11 years in multiple countries in Asia.

#### Zac Russell

Zac has always been passionate about how to tell a story better. He founded Russallo in 2013, a narrative consulting firm focused on listening, designing and implementing holistic communication and marketing plans for a wide variety of organizations, from tech entrepreneurs, to reality television shows. He is a long time advocate for next generation philanthropy, impact investing, and global social entrepreneurship for non-profits and foundations. Zac has worked as a Hawaiian cattle hand, Marketing for FOURPOINTS a French international equities fund manager, and is in the New York Peace Institute Mediation Apprenticeship. He is a graduate of Sarah Lawrence College with a concentration in Nonfiction Writing and global economics. Zac serves on the board of directors of the Russell Family Foundation as a part of their investment committee.

## **Cameron Saul**, Co-Founder and Director of Bottletop

With a background in the fashion industry, Cameron worked for Mulberry in London, Hugo Boss in Paris and Maurizio Baldassari in Milan. During a gap year spent teaching sexual and reproductive health education for Relentless Development in rural Uganda, Cameron discovered a handbag made from recycled bottle tops. The product became the best selling centrepiece of The Mulberry Bottletop Campaign, raising vital funds for grass roots education projects and generating incomes for craftsmen in Africa. He co-founded the Bottletop Foundation with his father, Roger, in 2002 and has continued to build the charity and Bottletop brand through strategic partnerships, diversified fundraising streams and products with an uncompromising focus on quality and design. Cameron launched the music side of Bottletop through the UK wide 'Sound Affects' campaign, sponsored by hotel group Malmaison, in 2005 and the art side through the 'Full Circle' programme in 2009. Cameron co-founded Bottletop, the premium ethical fashion company, with Oliver Wayman in 2011. Bottletop launched its luxury collection in 2013 at Harrods (UK), Jeffrey (USA), Holt Renfrew (Canada) and Isetan (Japan). Supermodel Candice Swanepoel is the face of the brand and fans include Anna Wintour, Jessica Alba, Claire Danes and Livia Firth amongst others.

# **Brita Schmidt**, UK Executive Director for Women for Women

Brita has a strong record of work on women's human rights, gender, social inequality and development. She has worked with a number of different national and international human rights and development institutions over the past 17 years, including Womankind Worldwide and the European Women's Lobby in Brussels. Brita led the Gender and Development Network in the UK as its Chair for 5 years. She also served as Commissioner to the National Women's Commission from 2008-2010. Brita is a member of the Management Committee of GAPS - Gender Advocacy for Peace and Security, a UK network.

# **Robyn Scott**, Co-Founder and Managing Director of OneLeap

OneLeap helps the world's leading organisations be more entrepreneurial by working with the world's best entrepreneurs. That means innovating and building ventures in weeks - not months - saving time, money and allowing companies to experiment on the edge while staying revenue focused. OneLeap also includes a Forbes-featured online community that introduces exceptional entrepreneurs to corporate business leaders, investors and influencers. Robyn is also a founder of Mothers for All, a non-profit social enterprise that teaches business and entrepreneurship skills to the caregivers of AIDS orphans. Founded in 2008, and backed by grants from Barclays and the World Bank, Mothers for All now sustainably supports hundreds of orphans. Brothers for All, a new venture, helps former inmates become positive agents of change in their communities. She is a Global Ambassador for Sandbox Network, a World Economic Forum Young Global Leader and was named one of Wired Magazine's 2012 50 People About to Change the World.

# **Ingrid Stange**, Founder & Chair of Partnership for Change (PfC)

Ingrid is founder and Chair of Partnership for Change (PfC), and the PfC Social Innovation Fund, in which Aung San Suu Kyi is honorary chair. The fund helps build local business and civil society in countries transitioning towards democracy. Ingrid is a business leader, impact investor, serial social entrepreneur, and philanthropist. Her cross sector background has convinced her of the need to brake the silos between the sectors and collaborate to create necessary change. Ingrid's focus is children and youth, women empowerment and the environment. PfC is now developing the Brava Fund, an impact investing fund for young women.

# **Robert Swan OBE**, Polar Explorer and Founder of 2014 Foundation

Polar explorer, environmental leader and the first person ever to have walked to the North and South poles. In 1992, on completion of the walks to both poles, Robert Swan was charged by world leaders at the first 'World Summit for Sustainable Development', held in Rio de Janeiro, to undertake a ten year global and local environmental mission involving industry, business and young people. Upon the successful completion of the missions, Swan reported back to world leaders at the second World Summit in 2002, held in Johannesburg. Here he committed to a further ten-year mission to inspire youth to become sustainable leaders and promote the use of renewable energy for a sustainable future. His contribution to both education and the environment have been recognized through his appointment as UN Goodwill Ambassador for Youth, a visiting Professor of the School of the Environment at Leeds University and in 1994 he became Special Envoy to the Director General of UNESCO. He was awarded an OBE (Order of the British Empire) in 1995. During 2003 Robert and his company, 2041, delivered the first corporate Antarctic Expeditions on teamwork and leadership through positive participation and real missions. Over five years, the 'Inspire Antarctic Expeditions' (IAE) teams have helped design and build the world's first education station (The E-Base) in Antarctica. His experiences from the past 25 years have evolved into an exceptional and dramatic story of success, failure, the ability to learn from one's mistakes and ultimately, inspiring others to pursue their dreams. Some of those achievements include; leading a team of successful business executives to Antarctica to focus on leadership training; environmental clean-up and education initiatives successfully removed and recycled over 1500 tonnes of waste from the Antarctic Peninsula, an undertaking that took five years to plan, fund and execute; led One Step Beyond Expedition to the Antarctica and brought together 35 young explorers from 25 nations to raise international awareness of environmental threats to the region; to raise international awareness on aids in Africa, '2041,' and led the 'Earthship Mission Possible' overland expedition 12,000 km across South Africa. Robert has just completed a fiveyear global 'Voyage for Cleaner Energy' aboard his renewable energy sailboat which finished in Singapore in 2011. Its aim was to showcase sustainable living practices and transport alternatives that run solely on renewable energy.

### Seth Tabatznik, Founding Director of Berti Investments

Bert is an impact investment company focused on the UK's low carbon sector, which aims to reduce carbon emissions through for-profit investments; all profits are reinvested. In 2009 Seth founded One Way Theatre, the UK's first solar powered mobile outdoor cinema. Seth also acts as non-executive Director of WHEB Partners LLP, Firefly Solar Generators Ltd, Belltown Power Ltd, Solstice Renewables Ltd and holds advisory roles with ecoConnect CIC and The Bertha Foundation.

# **Benjamin Todd**, Co-Founder and Director of 80,000 Hours

In under three years with Ben's leadership, 80,000 Hours has grown from a student society, to an Oxford affiliated charity, featured on TED, the Washington Post, the BBC Today Programme and more. Ben has a 1st from Oxford in Physics and Philosophy, has published in Climate Physics and speaks Chinese. Before 80,000 Hours, he was the first undergraduate to intern as an analyst at a top investment fund. Rather than taking the job, he persuaded the Chairman to donate £60,000 to start 80,000 Hours.

#### Mabel van Oranje, Chair of Girls Not Brides

A global advocate for freedom, justice and development for two decades, Mabel van Oranje is the initiator and chair of 'Girls Not Brides: The Global Partnership to End Child Marriage'. She is also cofounder and the executive chair of the European Council on Foreign Relations. She is a member of the (advisory) boards of the Coalition for the International Criminal Court, Crisis Action, Global Witness, the Open Society Foundations and The Elders. In 1993, Mabel founded the European Action Council for Peace in the Balkans and was its CEO until 1997. In 1997, she joined the Open Society Foundations in Brussels as Executive Director, becoming OSF's London-based International Advocacy Director in 2003. From 2008 until 2012, she was the first CEO of The Elders. Mabel helped found the Dutch foundation War Child (1995), the global NGO coalition 'Publish What You Pay' (2002) and the Independent Commission on Turkey (2004). She has been actively engaged in the fight against HIV/AIDS and in global efforts that led to the establishment of the International Criminal Court in 2002. Mabel holds masters degrees in Economics and Political Science (cum laude) from the University of Amsterdam. In 2005, the World Economic Forum named her one of its Young Global Leaders.

# **Mike Velings**, Founder & Managing Partner of AquaSpark

A lifelong entrepreneur, Mike has spent decades jumpstarting a range of successful businesses. Among other ventures, he co-founded Connexie, which has helped catalyze a professional employment industry across the Netherlands. Mike naturally combines his business background with environmental and social engagement. He's concerned for the planet and its inhabitants, and understands the potential for business to create durable solutions to complex world problems. With this in mind, Mike founded A-Spark Good Ventures: an investment company that assists entrepreneurs across the globe in realizing their visions of a start-up with a world-changing element. A-Spark invests in a broad range of ventures – from US-based software companies to international organic food manufacturers to India-based transportation systems. Each of A-Spark's investments are both commercially successful and good for the planet, the population, and future generations. Not unlike A-Spark itself, each has a spirited, passionate, and innovative entrepreneur at its helm.

### **Monique Villa**, CEO of the Thomson Reuters Foundation and Founder of TrustLaw

Since her appointment in 2008, she has transformed the company's Foundation, launching a number of groundbreaking programs which leverage the expertise of Thomson Reuters to trigger change and empower people across the world. Among them, TrustLaw, a global pro-bono service connecting NGOs and social enterprises with the best law firms around the world; and the annual Trust Women Conference, an international annual event to put the rule of law behind women's rights. Under Villa, the Foundation's award-winning editorial team covers the world's underreported stories, emphasizing humanita rian relief, climate change, corruption, women's rights and social innovation.

**Christiana Wyly**, Executive Director of Food Climate Nexus at Avatar Alliance Foundation

Since 2008 she has been an operating partner at Satori Capital, an investment firm focused on helping to grow the market for products and firms dedicated to a sustainable future. Christiana's unique perspective as a twenty-something businesswoman has landed her on the cover of Kiplinger's and inside The New York Times, C Magazine, the Dallas Morning News, and The Herald Tribune among others. In addition to contributing regularly to HuffingtonPost.com, Christiana is a frequent lecturer. Among several board positions she holds a board leadership role at Global Green, USA. She was a founding partner of Zaadz.com- an online network for people who want to change the world, which was sold to Gaiam, inc. Christiana inspired her family's concern for environmental issues which ultimately led them to found a leading clean-energy company, Green Mountain Energy, which sold to NRG, inc. It was this experience that showed her how business can be a powerful force for change.

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