Compassionate Leadership for the Age of Radical Interconnectedness

Nobel Peace Laureates in dialogue with Global Sustainability Leaders

A SERIES OF DIALOGUES STARTING ON MAY 28, 2021

First Dialogue:
The supply chain of gratitude

Kailash Satyarthi, Nobel Peace Laureate
Paul Polman, former CEO of Unilever, Chair of IMAGINE,
In discussion with representatives from youth

The theme of this first dialogue

The global economy is highly connected, yet also highly unfair and unsustainable. There are many “externalities”, both human (low wages, human rights violations etc.) and environmental (carbon, pollution, loss of biodiversity, loss of health etc.) that do not show up in the price of the product. The modern customer does not know the true cost of what he consumes. Let alone that he knows whom he should be grateful for - all those people and resources that made the product possible.

How can we “internalize” these externalities? How can we shed light on the invisible web of connections between various population groups in the world, North and South, the have’s and the have-not’s, which lies behind the glossy end product on the shelf. How can we make interconnectedness visible? How can we create value for the entire value chain and reward all stakeholders? What does this mean for leadership both in society and business? How can this inclusive way of thinking be cultivated and practiced?

We are pleased to offer a series of online dialogues in support of students and young professionals for whom we are developing the Future Planet Accelerator. The Accelerator
is aimed at cultivating the necessary leadership and sustainability-skills to accelerate the changes that are needed to achieve the UN Sustainable Development Goals and EU Green Deal, given that we are moving into the age of radical interconnectedness. In that context, we seek to cultivate compassionate leadership, which includes an expanded sense of our self to provide agency for acting responsibility for the wholeness of the world.

“We can never obtain peace in the outer world until we make peace with ourselves”.  
H.H. the Dalai Lama

Why these online dialogues?

The objective of the dialogues is to connect with and learn from purpose-based, sustainability and compassionate leaders, in order to provide insights and inspiration for young change makers to create a peaceful and sustainable future. These dialogues will serve as inspiration and resource for the development of a Future Planet Accelerator. This will be launched in 2022 with students from diverse backgrounds in partnership with selected colleges, universities, business organizations, NGO's and social enterprises. By connecting the energy of the youth with the collective wisdom of visionary leaders, while co-create opportunities for learning and working with “for-purpose” organizations and green growth sectors in the service of the EU Green Deal and SDG’s. Emphasis will be on working on real-life challenges, creating opportunities and learn by experience.

Honored to host the Nobel Peace Laureates

The Nobel Peace Laureates are an essential pillar of the dialogue series. Their extraordinary examples of shaping a compassionate world serve as the knowledge base of the webinars and will guide the discussions. In cooperation with our co-founding partner Peace Jam, contributions for the webinars will be requested from the following Laureates:

- Desmond Tutu (1984)
- Rigoberta Menchu (1992)
- Jose Ramos-Horta (1996)
- Jody Williams (1998)
- Shirin Ebadi (2003)
- Mohammad Yunus (2007)
- Barack Obama (2009)
- Leyman Gbowee (2011)
- Tawakkal Karman (2011)
- Kailash Satyarthi (2014)
There will also be participation from institutions, which won the Nobel Peace Prize:
- International Panel of Climate Change (2007)
- European Union (2012)
- Medicine Sans Frontiers (1999)
- International Red Cross (1917, 1944, 1963)

‘The world is not going to change, unless we change ourselves’

Rigoberta Menchú Tum
(Nobel Peace Laureate 1992)

What is the Future Planet Accelerator?

The dialogues are designed to provide the inspiration for a new learning and education platform for European youth. Europe has committed to become the first climate neutral continent. To get there, European leaders adopted the “European Green Deal”, the most comprehensive societal change program so far. This requires inspiring leadership at all levels of the society. The Future Planet Accelerator (FPA) is a program to develop such leadership and open up a network of leaders and stakeholders who can provide mentoring and co-creating opportunities for personal and professional growth.

The FPA will address the human dimension of the systemic change process, both in terms of behavior (outer) and mindsets (inner). It will support young people to become sustainable change-makers with the necessary life-skills and sustainability leadership competences to operate constructively in the age of interconnectedness and start a career in service of sustainable development and impact.

The FPA program centers on a Summer School to be held in Luxemburg, located in the heart of Europe. Youth from diverse regional, educational, ethnic, vocational and gender backgrounds will work on real-life Green Deal system and value chain challenges such as agri-food, mobility, building, energy and biodiversity, supported by expert stakeholders from business and society. Benefitting from the best coaches and facilitators in the field, participants will learn to unlock inner leadership potential for transformative outer change. Coming out of the program, they are supported by an alumni network to engage with their communities, co-create sustainable work opportunities and bring about real change and impact.

‘The belief that peace is desirable is rarely enough to achieve it. Peace requires responsibility. Peace entails sacrifice.’

Barack Obama
(Nobel Peace Laureate 2009)
Who is the organization?

The organization will be in the hands of Garrison Institute International, representing a coalition of the European Platform for Compassionate Leadership, the University of Luxembourg, Miami University European Campus in Luxemburg, Rotterdam School of Management of Erasmus University, Peace Jam Foundation and Flow Impact Fund, under the high patronage of their Royal Highnesses the Hereditary Grand Duke and the Hereditary Grand Duchess of Luxemburg.
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Programme

Moderator: Sander Tideman, Garrison Institute International

3:00PM–3:40PM:
DIALOGUE THE SUPPLY CHAIN OF GRATITUDE
  • Kailash Satyarthi, Nobel Peace Laureate
  • Paul Polman, former CEO of Unilever, Chair of IMAGINE

3:40PM–4:30PM:
PANEL DISCUSSION – IMPLICATIONS FOR FUTURE LEADERSHIP
  • Kailash Satyarthi, Nobel Peace Laureate
  • Paul Polman, former CEO of Unilever, Chair of IMAGINE
  • Heather Grabbe, Director, Open Society European Policy Institute
  • Shwetal Shah, Youth Representative, PeaceJam
  • Daan Stam, Professor of Innovation Management, Rotterdam School of Management

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4:45PM–5:30PM – BREAK-OUT SESSIONS:

BREAKOUT SESSION 1: PUBLIC LEADERSHIP

Expert lightning talks by
  • Luce van Kempen, SER Crown member
  • Maresa Oosterman, Director SDG Netherlands

Discussion facilitation by PeaceJam European Youth Team in collaboration with Rotterdam School of Management students

BREAKOUT SESSION 2: BUSINESS LEADERSHIP

Expert lightning talks by:
  • Hans Reus, Managing Director Russell Reynolds Associates
  • Edwin van Doorne, Director Global Supply Chain, Friesland Campina

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BREAKOUT SESSION 3: CIVIC LEADERSHIP

Expert lightning talks by:
  • Tine de Moor, prof. Rotterdam School of Management, Social Enterprise
  • Werner Schouten, Young Climate Movement; #1 Trouw Sustainable 100

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‘If we fail our children, we are bound to fail our present, our future, faith, cultures, and civilizations as well’

Kailash Satyarthi
(Nobel Peace Laureate 2014)
Background speakers

Kailash Satyarthi is an Indian social reformer who campaigned against child labour in India and advocated the universal right to education. In 2014, he was the co-recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize along with Malala Yousafzai “for their struggle against the suppression of children and young people and for the right of all children to education.” He is the founder of multiple social activist organizations. Kailash Satyarthi and his team at Bachpan Bachao Andolan have liberated more than 90,000 children in India from child labor, slavery and trafficking. In 1998, Satyarthi conceived and led the Global March against Child Labour, an 80,000 km (ca. 49,710 mi)-long march across 103 countries to put forth a global demand against worst forms of child labour. This became one of the largest social movements ever on behalf of exploited children. The demands of the marchers, which included children and youth (particularly the survivors of trafficking for forced labour, exploitation, sexual abuse, illegal organ transplants, armed conflict, etc.) were reflected in the draft of the ILO Convention 182 on the Worst Forms of Child Labour. The following year, the Convention was unanimously adopted at the ILO Conference in Geneva. He has served on the board and committee of several international organisations including the Center for Victims of Torture (USA), the International Labor Rights Fund (USA), and the Cocoa Initiative. Satyarthi was among Fortune magazine’s “World’s Greatest Leaders” in 2015.

Paul Polman Paul is Co-founder and Chair of IMAGINE, a social venture accelerating business leadership to achieve the Global Goals. He is also Chair of the International Chamber of Commerce, The B Team, Said Business School and The Valuable 500, and Vice-Chair of the U.N. Global Compact. He was CEO of Unilever for a decade where he demonstrated that a long-term, multi-stakeholder model goes hand-in-hand with good financial performance. During his tenure, Unilever was one of the best-performing companies in its sector, delivering ten years of consistent top and bottom-line growth. Paul was appointed to the U.N. Secretary General’s High-level Panel that developed the Sustainable Development Goals and has played a leading role since in highlighting the business case for the 2030 development agenda, including as a founder member of the Business & Sustainable Development Commission. He remains a U.N.-appointed SDG Advocate. Paul engages across industry sectors and global organisations to maximise impact, including as a member of FCLT Global, the Global Commission on the Economy and Climate and the Food and Land Use Coalition, which he chairs. He has received numerous awards, including the Rainforest Alliance Lifetime Achievement Award, the U.N. Environment Programme’s Champion of the Earth Award and the Oslo Business for Peace Award. He has been honoured with France’s Chevalier de la Légion d’Honneur, and was named an Honorary Knight Commander of the Order of the British Empire for services to business. He is a recipient of the Public Service Star from the Government of Singapore and received the Treaty of Nijmegen medal. He founded the Kilimanjaro Blind Trust with Kim Polman, working to improve the lives of blind and visually impaired children in East Africa. He also supports and mentors’ young leaders as a Counsellor and Chair of the Global Advisory Board of One Young World.

“Worrying about a problem is not a strategy for change.”

Jody Williams

(Laureate 1997)
Future webinars:

**The Business of Peace – Rebuilding Conflict zones**  
*Host:* University of Luxemburg  
*Potential Speakers:*  
- Jody Williams, Nobel Peace Laureate  
- Jesper Brodin, CEO IKEA / Better Shelter.org  
- Steve Killelea, Founder and Director of Institute of Economics and Peace, Sydney, Australia  
- Dr. Scilla Elworthy, Founder and Peace Direct and author of Business Plan for Peace and The Mighty Heart. United Kingdom

**Leading with compassion: Education of the Heart**  
*Host:* Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland  
*Speakers:*  
- H.H. Dalai Lama  
- Daniel Siegel, neuro-psychiatrist

**Peace & Health & Business**  
*Host:* Garrison Institute  
*Speakers:*  
- Nikhil Seth, President of UNITAR  
- Frans van Houten, CEO Philips

**Female Leadership**  
*Speakers:*  
- Shirin Ebadi, Nobel Peace Laureate  
- Christine Lagarde, President ECB  
- Rose Marcario, former CEO of Patagonia

**Leaving No-one Behind**  
*Speakers:*  
- Barack Obama, Nobel Peace Laureate 2009  
- Ursula von der Leyen, Chairman EU Commission  
- Heather Grabbe, Open Society Insitute

**Climate Change and Global Engagement**  
*Speakers:*  
- Rigoberta Menchu, Nobel Peace Laureate  
- Greta Thunberg, Youth for Climate  
- Sathya Nadella, CEO of Microsoft
“I am like a drop of water on a rock. After drip, drip, dripping in the same place, I begin to leave a mark, and I leave my mark in many people’s hearts.”

Rogoberta Menchu Tum
(Laureate 1992)

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