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## Tony Blair talks about his Philanthropic efforts



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On Monday June 22nd, Tony Blair took part in The Business of Giving Series at 92 Y in New York. This series is hosted by Matthew Bishop, New York Bureau Chief of The Economist and author of *Philanthrocapitalism: How the Rich Can Save the World* and features leading philanthropists talking about their efforts to try and make the world a better place.

Mr Blair spoke candidly about the various strands of his philanthropic work and commitments - which range from interfaith work- through the establishment of his interfaith charity The Tony Blair Faith Foundation- His role as [Quartet Representative in the Middle East](#), providing governance and capacity building to African Nations through his [Africa Governance Initiative](#) and his [Climate Change](#) work.

He highlighted the fact that none of these challenges can be surmounted alone and independence no longer exists: we are now 'Interdependent'. No one

nation is strong enough to deal with these challenges alone - "not even America ." However, he warned that if the worlds' nations are to work together effectively they must focus on their common values and a shared sense of purpose: the pursuit of Justice.



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"That's the only way a global community works: through justice, fairness, solidarity, treating people as equals, as partners, whatever their colour creed or nation.

So that's what I do, and if the power nowadays is less, in time at least, I hope the influence can be more."

The Tony Blair Faith Foundation is setting out to achieve greater interfaith understanding through practical programmes: by encouraging different faiths to work together to help achieve the Millennium Development Goals, with an initial focus on malaria; to increase religious literacy by connecting classrooms across the world; and by nurturing a deeper intellectual understanding of the dynamics of faith and globalization. Please visit our projects page to find out more.