

TÄLLBERG FOUNDATION

The Tällberg Foundation, launched in 1981, exists to provoke thinking—and action based on thinking— about the issues that are challenging the evolution of liberal democracies. Those challenges are profound: the world that we have known since the mid 20th century, which produced unprecedented peace as well as constant human advance, is changing at a pace and in directions that already seem to exceed society’s ability to cope, never mind manage.

But the forces for “good” still exist even if they need to be renewed, made more muscular and more effective. The Foundation aspires to be part of that process.

Tällberg’s foundational premise is that people of good will, from different cultures, backgrounds, political orientation, religions and expertise, can best explore the challenges facing humanity—and then imagine creative solutions—through informed, respectful, fact and values-based conversation. The core idea is to convene diverse, different minds, ideas, cultures, and perspectives. In that sense, the Tällberg Foundation is more a platform than an organization: it is a constantly evolving network, rather than a membership organization; and it is nomadic by design, rather than place-based.

The Tällberg Foundation principally focuses on issues that are defining the 21st century and on encouraging the kinds of leadership demanded by those emerging realities. The Foundation convenes workshops to understand and encourage innovative action in three areas:

- **Mass migration.** Driven by inexorable push and pull forces, renewed mass migration is creating humanitarian crises, challenging basic commitments to defend human rights and the rule of law, and changing the political landscape in origin, transit and destination countries.
- **Disruptive technological change.** Technological change is accelerating at an accelerating pace, with profound implications for the nature of work, of war, of how societies are organized, of the nature of life itself. The Foundation aims to

promote a conversation about those impacts between those who understand and are creating the technology and those who ought to be shaping societal responses.

- **Climate change.** Long forecasted impacts are rapidly intensifying with important economic, political and social consequences. The global failure to limit carbon emissions and other climate change drivers risks is becoming a global failure to cope with the consequences as local disasters rather than global phenomena.

The connective tissue linking these issues is that they all require innovative, courageous values-based, global leadership. Unfortunately, rising demand is not being met by rising supply, which is why Tällberg devotes considerable energy and resources to identifying and encouraging great leadership.

Our leadership initiative rests on two key activities:

- First, we award the Eliasson Global Leadership Prize of the Tällberg Foundation, named after a leading global and Swedish diplomat. The Prize is awarded for leaders in any walk of life and from any country who embodies global, courageous, optimistic and values-based leadership of the kind needed in every aspect of human endeavor. Two to four Eliasson Prizes are awarded annually; each laureate receives a stipend of \$50,000. The nomination process is conducted online and is open to all—except for the international jury who selects the winners.
- Second, we seek to promote a conversation about the challenges of leadership in the 21st century. To this end, we convene workshops around the world to explore new thinking about leadership, leveraging the talents and experiences of Eliasson Prize winners and others to demonstrate that values-based, global, dynamic courageous and optimistic leadership can transform societies.

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