

Hi everyone, here is the Effective Altruism Newsletter for this week.

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## **Personal Essays**

### **Saving the World, and Healing the Sick**

[http://effective-altruism.com/ea/f5/saving\\_the\\_world\\_and\\_healing\\_the\\_sick/](http://effective-altruism.com/ea/f5/saving_the_world_and_healing_the_sick/)

Gregory Lewis earns to give as a doctor in the United Kingdom. Here's his story of how he became, and is continually becoming, more effective in his altruism.

### **Hope: How Far Humanity Has Come**

[http://effective-altruism.com/ea/fj/hope\\_how\\_far\\_humanity\\_has\\_come/](http://effective-altruism.com/ea/fj/hope_how_far_humanity_has_come/)

Jess Whittlestone is a Ph.D. student in Behavioral Science at Warwick University, and recently wrote a tribute to humanity, life, and how much progress we've made for the wedding of her friends, Miranda and Ruby. She writes about how much progress in improving its own station in life humanity has made in such a short period of time, and how this provides hope for the challenges of improving the world we'll face in our own lifetimes

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## **Funding Opportunities For Effective Projects**

### **Announcing Effective Altruism Ventures**

As part of the Centre for Effective Altruism's 'EA Outreach' initiative, Effective Altruism Ventures has been launched. It's a coalition of funders who will provide funding for effective projects, whether they're for-profit or non-profit. They aim to help in create value for a flourishing world, but not capture it like typical investors. They're also looking for partners, experts, and entrepreneurs to work with, so consider applying!

[http://effective-altruism.com/ea/fh/six\\_ways\\_to\\_get\\_along\\_with\\_people\\_who\\_are\\_totally/](http://effective-altruism.com/ea/fh/six_ways_to_get_along_with_people_who_are_totally/)

### **\$10,000 of Experimental EA Funding**

[http://effective-altruism.com/ea/fk/10k\\_of\\_experimental\\_ea\\_funding/](http://effective-altruism.com/ea/fk/10k_of_experimental_ea_funding/)

Paul Christiano and Katja Grace will be funding \$10,000 USD over 2015 to already completed humanitarian projects they believe will have an effective long-term impact. They're purchasing certificates of impact rather for ongoing projects rather than providing grants to launch projects as an experiment as an experiment to incentivize more projects toward effectiveness. They expect to give out 10 \$1,000 certificates of impact over 2015, and the first round of application ends in 2015.

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## **Learning Through Communication**

### **How to Network**

<https://80000hours.org/2015/03/how-to-network/>

80,000 Hours has been searching for the best guide they can find on networking for career success. They've discovered it's *Never Eat Alone*, by Keith Farrazzi, which makes evidence-based

recommendations to adopt a "giving mindset" when meeting people, and the importance of maintaining a large and diverse network of "weak ties".

### **Six Ways to Get Along With People Who Are Totally Wrong**

[http://effective-altruism.com/ea/fo/announcing\\_effective\\_altruism\\_ventures/](http://effective-altruism.com/ea/fo/announcing_effective_altruism_ventures/)

As a movement comprising people with a diverse set of values and different ways of assessing information, those identifying with effective altruism often disagree with one another, or others they're introducing to effective altruism. Rob Wiblin wrote some tips for getting along with those you disagree with during debates, discussions, or arguments.

### **Seth Baum Q&A**

[http://effective-altruism.com/ea/fv/i\\_am\\_seth\\_baum\\_ama/](http://effective-altruism.com/ea/fv/i_am_seth_baum_ama/)

Seth Baum is the executive director of the Global Catastrophic Risk Institute, a non-profit think tank focused on learning about risks to human societies and their stability such as climate change, nuclear weapons, and dangerous new technologies. The GCRI does so in the hopes of preventing them. He had a Q&A on the Effective Altruism Forum last week. While it's over now, you can still read all the interesting things he had to say to our peers.

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### **Updates From Givewell**

#### **Traditional Work on "Top Charities"**

Givewell has published a progress report for their work in 2014 on their traditional charity recommendations (in the cause area of poverty reduction and public health in impoverished countries). [For their progress report for 2014](#), Givewell believes they've improved on their performance from 2013, since they were able to return the Against Malaria Foundation to its status of top-recommended charity, move \$28 million dollars to their top recommended charities, and also recommend 4 standout charities which may be candidates for top charities in future years.

[For 2015, Givewell's plans include](#) conducting new reviews for all of their eight recommended charities, expanding capacity to evaluate more charities, review new charities and publish intervention reports on experiments in aid, and work with charitable foundation Good Ventures to provide funding to promising up-and-coming charities.

#### **The Path to Biomedical Progress**

<http://www.goodventures.org/research-and-ideas/blog/the-path-to-biomedical-progress#When:15:56:00Z>

In evaluating opportunities to make grants for scientific research, Givewell has looked at biomedical research in particular. They've biomedical research can be broken down into categories of basic research into techniques and technology, the understanding of health, and various levels of testing treatments for specific diseases from generating treatments to medical trials. In their opinion, Givewell reports gain significant gains in improving health can be gained by funding and supporting all types of biomedical research.

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