

Next Frontiers Conference 2024 Speakers

Hall 1

Opening & Welcome



Sophia Parker

Director of Emerging
Futures
Joseph Rowntree
Foundation

[Website](#)

Sophia leads a major new programme of work to imagine and grow radical new approaches to tackling poverty in collaboration with JRF's partners and people with lived experience of poverty. Sophia was formerly CEO of Little Village, a London-based charity founded in 2016 that works to tackle child poverty. Previously Sophia has held senior roles at thinktanks including the Resolution Foundation and Demos. As well as roles in central government, Sophia has been a Fellow at Harvard's Kennedy School, and set up Kent's pioneering Innovation Lab. Sophia brings a track record in policy, research, and designing community-based solutions to social challenges. Sophia is based in York.



Vicki Purewal

Independent

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Vicki has 20 years experience of working in social innovation and social change, in particular designing and delivering funding and support programmes and directly supporting change-makers. She works in a range of environments, supporting people to test and realise ideas or work together differently. Vicki works across local, regional and national statutory systems, with radical change-makers outside of formal structures and with charities and social enterprises. Before working independently Vicki spent 10 years designing, running and leading innovation programmes at Nesta, on a range of subjects including learning, community-led innovation, CO2 reduction and early years. At Nesta Vicki also developed and launched the Centre for Challenge Prizes (now Challenge Works). Vicki enjoys working across system and sector boundaries; designing more effective, fair and sustainable ways to use resources; helping people learn and work together differently; and supporting people with bold ideas to create positive change.



Ashanti Kunene

Founder
Learning 2 Unlearn

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Ashanti is an activist poet, writer, artist and the founder of Learning 2 Unlearn, a decolonial narrative consultancy, supporting people and organisations to align their actions with heart and mind. As a strategic narrative consultant and unlearning designer, she holds a long-term vision to create deep, connective, relational bonds that support a network of funder-activists who have gained new perspectives, embody values of emerging cultures and can work in allyship to dismantle neoliberalism and build post-capitalist infrastructure. Ashanti is a decolonial dialogue facilitator skilled at holding space for deep, difficult open and honest conversations about white supremacy and narrative led systems change. She is also a contemporary African artist.

Panel 1: Meeting this Unprecedented Moment



Indy Johar

Executive Director
Dark Matter Labs

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Indy is an architect by training and a maker by practice, he is a Senior Innovation Associate with the Young Foundation. He, amongst other organisations - co-founded Impact Hub Birmingham and Open Systems Lab, was a member of the RSA's Inclusive Growth Commission and a good growth advisor to the Mayor of London. He is an explorative practitioner in the means of system change & the dark matter design of civic infrastructure finance, outcomes, and governance. Indy is a Director of 00 and Dark Matter Laboratories.



Dr. Kirsten Dunlop

Chief Executive Officer,
Climate KIC

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Dr. Kirsten Dunlop is Chief Executive Officer at EIT Climate-KIC, Europe's largest public-private partnership focused on climate innovation. A creative, energetic and inspirational leader, she brings to her role a deep conviction in our capacity to learn and evolve into a climate-resilient society, and her over 30 years of experience catalyzing systemic transformations in a career spanning academia, consulting, banking, and the insurance industry, across three continents. As an expert communicator and enthusiast, she is a sought-after speaker on systems innovation, financial systems change and societal transformation in the context of climate.

Kirsten serves on various Advisory Boards and is a member of the European Commission Economic and Societal Impact of Research and Innovation (ESIR) expert group. A specialist in experiential learning and cross-disciplinary practice, she holds a Ph.D. in Cultural History from the University of East Anglia and a BA Hons in Art History from the University of Sydney. A global citizen with wide-ranging international experience, she has lived and worked in six countries and is based in Amsterdam with her husband and two teenage children.



Dr. Carolina Alves

Research Fellow

[Website](#)

Dr Carolina Alves is a Joan Robinson Research Fellow in Heterodox Economics at Girton College, University of Cambridge, where her research interests include macroeconomics, political economy, international macro-finance, public debt, money, financialisation and Marxist Economics, with regional expertise in Latin America. Under the perspective of global changes, Carolina has studied international trade, uneven development, international finance flows and financial globalisation. Carolina obtained her PhD in Economics from SOAS, where she researched the dynamics of Brazilian public debt between 1994 – 2014, and is a member of both the Cambridge Social Ontology Group and the Alternative Approaches to Economics Research Group. As part of her responsibilities at Girton College, Carolina is also the Director of Studies for Economics (Part IIA).

Carolina is a co-editor for Developing Economics, a blog that encourages critical perspectives on issues of economic development, and is a co-founder of Diversifying and Decolonising Economics (D-Econ), a first-of-its-kind radical initiative seeking to diversify and decolonise economics in terms of identify and approach. Carolina also sits on the Rebuilding Macroeconomics Advisory Board and on the Progressive Forum Council (PEF).



Aarathi Krishnan

Founder
RAKSHA

[Website](#)

Aarathi Krishnan is the founder of RAKSHA – Advanced Risk and Decision Intelligence. She is an experienced international aid expert, with almost two decades working directly in fragile, crisis contexts, as well as working with senior decision makers across governments, the UN system and international organizations on all aspects of risk intelligence, foresight, strategy, and governance. Her work has always pushed the boundaries of what is possible, and her published work is known to be standard setting – and incorporated in the pedagogy of the United Nations System Staff College (UNSSC), International Committee of the Red Cross Red Crescent (ICRC), United Nations Development Program (UNDP), Brandeis University and Cornell Tech. Aarathi is widely known, and trusted in the multilateral, humanitarian and academic space. She has been published widely, and is a sought after expert public speaker. Her TED talk has been viewed more than 1.6 million times by TED viewers and translated into five different languages beyond English. She has been featured by Fast Company, The Saturday Paper Australia, ABC Radio Australia, the Centre for Strategic and International Studies amongst many others. Aarathi has advised governments from Bhutan, Maldives, Cambodia, Botswana, and many more. She is a trusted advisor for philanthropic organizations and thinktanks, including the World Economic Forum.

In addition, she is currently an Affiliate with the Cambridge Centre of Existential Risk at the University of Cambridge and has previously been a dual Technology and Human Rights Fellow at the Berkman Klein Centre for Internet and Society at Harvard University as well as a 2020–21 and 2021–22 Technology and Human Rights Fellow at the Harvard Carr Centre for Technology and Human Rights.

Panel 2: Intergenerational Futures



Moira Sinclair

CEO, Paul Hamlyn
Foundation

[Website](#)

Moira Sinclair OBE is Chief Executive of the Paul Hamlyn Foundation, an independent grant maker whose vision is for a just society in which everyone, especially young people, can realise their full potential and enjoy fulfilling and creative lives. In 2022/2023, PHF made £39m grants to organisations and individuals working in the arts, in cultural education, in migration and integration, and in giving young people voice.

Moira is Chair of Clore Leadership, Chair of the London Mayor's Cultural Strategy Board and from March 2024, Chair of Factory International in Manchester. She is also a member of the British Library Advisory Council and of the Investment Committee for the Arts & Culture Impact Fund. In late 2021, she became a Visiting Leadership Fellow at Exeter University Centre for Leadership.

Previously, as Executive Director London and South East for Arts Council England, she oversaw a portfolio of 322 funded cultural organisations and contributed to national policy development, with a particular focus on the resilience and sustainability of the cultural sector and workforce development. She played a key role supporting the cultural programme for the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games and continues to support its legacy at home and internationally.

Before joining Arts Council England, she was Director of Vital Arts, an arts and health charity. She has also worked in local government, and in theatre and production management. A graduate of Manchester University where she studied drama, Moira became a Clore Fellow in 2004/05.



Euella Jackson

Co-Director
Rising Arts Agency

[Website](#)

Euella is Co-Director at Rising Arts Agency, a dynamic, radical, youth-led social enterprise that advocates for young creative leaders.

In 2020, Euella was appointed a commissioner for the Commission for Race Equality for the City of Bristol and sits as the chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board. Her work and interest in radical governance has meant that she is part of the Transformational Governance Stewarding Group - funded by Lankelly Chase. As a film-maker, she co-runs Fam Films Productions, an indie that specialises in telling diverse stories by a female-led team and is on the board of Encounters Short Film Festival - focusing on support for diverse, emerging film-making talent.



Sophie Howe

[Website](#)

Described by The Guardian as ‘the World’s First Minister for the Unborn’ for the last seven years Sophie Howe was the first Future Generations Commissioner for Wales, the only role of its kind in the world. She held the Government to account on how their decisions affect future generations, securing policy transformation on climate, education and social justice and influencing other countries to follow suit including advising on governance for future generations at UN level. Named at number 5 in the BBC Women’s Power List and as leading a Welsh plot to save the world, she is one of the UK’s Top 100 Changemakers, a Global Ambassador for the Wellbeing Economic Alliance and Anticipatory Governance Adviser with the School of International Futures. Known for a being a straight talking and inspirational advocate for those yet to be born, she is working globally to inspire other countries to adopt future generations legislation and support policy makers, progressive corporates and NGOs to help them to develop sustainability and wellbeing strategies based on future generations thinking.

**Panel 3: Humanising &
Organising wealthy
people**



Iris Brilliant
Money Coach

[Website](#)

Iris Brilliant (she/her) is a money coach based in Minneapolis, MN. She guides wealthy people who are confused about what to do with their money to create a deeply liberating vision and plan for their wealth, lead values-aligned lives and help fund social justice, and has been running her coaching practice for six years. Iris first became passionate about moving money to support social justice when she unexpectedly inherited wealth at age 22. After some soul-searching, she joined staff at [Resource Generation](#), to build community with and guide others who could relate to her experience. Iris worked as a donor advisor for Movement Voter Project, where she fundraised over \$5M to swing states and advised donors on their political giving towards the 2020 and 2022 elections. Iris also worked as a Social Justice Strategist at Adasina Social Capital to develop new social justice screens in the public equity



Michael Gast

Founder,
Organize the Rich

[Website](#)

market and help investors divest from destructive industries. She is a JRF fellow and working on a book about wealth redistribution.

Michael Gast is the former Director of Resource Generation (RG), where he spent 13 years as a member, leader, and staff person, organizing young people with wealth towards the equitable distribution of land, wealth and power. He has worked as a development director, fundraising consultant, donor educator, organizer and advisor with groups such as Movement Voter Project, Chinese Progressive Association, Showing Up for Racial Justice, Thousand Currents, Generative Somatics, Climate Justice Alliance, East Bay Community Foundation, Justice Funders, and more. He's helped numerous organizations develop their strategy and practice for engaging and fundraising from their middle class and wealthy supporters. He founded and writes for the Organize the Rich blog.



Rye Young

Director, Sprocket
Foundation

[Website](#)

Rye Young is the Director of the Sprocket Foundation and the head of Rye Young Consulting, LLC. Rye Young Consulting works with individual donors and philanthropic institutions to align their values with their practices and to invest boldly and strategically in social justice movements. Rye was immersed in social justice philanthropy during his ten years at Third Wave Fund (formerly Third Wave Foundation) where he started as an intern in 2008 and eventually served as its Executive Director from 2014–2018. Under his leadership, Third Wave Fund bounced back from the brink of closure to what it is today; a thriving and sustainable institution that resources and supports feminist, queer, and trans organisations led by young people of colour, as well as the only youth-led fund in the U.S. Rye serves on the boards of Funders for LGBTQ Issues, the Freeman Foundation, and Unite for Reproductive and Gender Equity (URGE). He got his start in political organising in New York City with Jews for Racial and Economic Justice where he was a Grace Paley Organizing Fellow and worked to organise employers of domestic workers to help pass and implement the Domestic Workers' Bill of Rights in New York.



Rajasvini Bhansali

Executive Director,
Solidaire Network &
Solidaire Action

[Website](#)

Rajasvini Bhansali (she/her) is the Executive Director of Solidaire Network and Solidaire Action, a community of donor organisers mobilising critical resources to the frontlines of social justice. She is a passionate advocate for participatory grassroots-led power building and a lifelong student of social movements. In a wide-ranging career devoted to racial, economic and climate justice, she has previously led an international public foundation that funds grassroots organising in Asia, Africa and Latin America; grown a national youth development social enterprise; managed a public telecommunications infrastructure fund addressing the digital divide in the Southern United States; and worked as a community organiser, researcher, planner, policy analyst and strategy consultant.

Panel 4: Family Offices as a Focal Point for Change



Bridget Kustin

Director,
Ownership Project 2.0:
Private Capital Owners &
Impact

[Website](#)

Bridget is an economic anthropologist and Senior Research Fellow at Oxford Saïd, where she is Director of the global research Initiative, Ownership Project 2.0: Private Capital Owners & Impact.

Bridget holds a Bachelor's (BA) degree in English (summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa) from Whitman College, a liberal arts school in Washington State. She received her PhD in Economic Anthropology from Johns Hopkins University, where she was a National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellow and a Fellow of the Institute for Money, Technology, and Financial Inclusion. With a focus on economic topics in South Asia, she was a Fulbright Scholar to Bangladesh, Fellow of the American Institute of Bangladesh Studies and Language Fellow of the American Institute of Indian Studies to support Bengali language proficiency via full-time language study in Kolkata, India.

Bridget was previously a fellow in residence at the WZB (Centre for Social Science Research) in Berlin and has served on the World Economic Forum's Global Futures Council for Development Finance.



Juliet Agnew

Head of Philanthropy,
Barclays Private Bank

[Website](#)

Juliet brings more than 20 years' experience to her role at Barclays Private Bank. She began her career on the frontline of social change, working with grassroots charities in Africa and Asia. Subsequently Juliet went on to lead several foundations including the corporate foundation of Investment Manager, Ashmore and the Utley Family Foundation. She was also a Director of the UBS Optimus Foundation and part of UBS' Philanthropy Services Team, and Head of Philanthropy at I.G. Advisors. She has extensive experience of providing personal guidance to individuals and families of wealth, to develop giving and legacy strategies which span a range of causes, geographies and approaches. She is passionate about the power and potential of positive philanthropy, and the importance of high quality advice within the wealth management industry.



Francesca Spoerry

Head of Training &
Partnerships, Center for
Sustainable Finance and
Private Wealth

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Francesca Spoerry is an expert in impact investing within private wealth. She is the Head of Trainings and Outreach at the Center for Sustainable Finance and Private Wealth (CSP) at University of Zurich. She is responsible for all of CSP's training programmes, alumni engagement and partnership management. Before CSP, Francesca was the Head of Knowledge Development at the Global Steering Group for Impact Investment, where she was responsible for Knowledge creation and knowledge development activities across a global community of impact investors. She previously worked at SystemIQ, Big Society Capital and Morgan Stanley. She is a board member at North Kensington Community Energy, a cooperative creating community owned solar energy projects in London.



Harlin Singh-Urofsky

Global Head of Sustainable
Investing, Citi Global Wealth

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As Head of Sustainable Investing for Citi Wealth, Harlin Singh works across Citi's investment divisions to develop and embed a comprehensive framework along the full spectrum of sustainability – Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) integration, Socially Responsible, Thematic and Impact investments – to help ensure the integration of sustainable practices aligns with Citi's best thinking on portfolio management, research and asset allocation. Harlin is an observing member of the Global Investment Committee and oversees the sustainable investing platform. She is also a representative on Citi's Net Zero Task Force to help Citi reach its goal of net zero emissions by 2050.

Prior to joining Citi in 2017, Harlin served as Associate Director of Innovative Finance at the Milken Institute, where she brought together private and public sector leaders to design and recommend investment structures to address funding gaps in the social sector. Prior to the Milken Institute, she spent over five years as a Capital Markets and Foreign Exchange Specialist, advising ultra high net worth individuals and family offices at Deutsche Bank and Citi.

**Panel 5: Hacking the
Wealth Defense Industry**



Dana Bezerra

External Advisor
Greater Share

[Website](#)

For more than two decades, Dana has worked with asset owners, philanthropists and NGOs to unite purpose, investment and wealth to help unleash shared value. Prior to joining Greater Share, Dana served as President of the Heron Foundation, having spent nearly 18 years in the organisation. She played a key role in rotating the foundation's entire portfolio to better reflect Heron's mission, screening 100% of its assets for impact. Dana started her career at Merrill Lynch's Private Banking & Investment Group where she specialised in Philanthropy and Non-profit Management.

Always committed to systems change, Dana has been active in the leadership of several organisations, including two privately held investment firms: CapShift and TILT, as well as Duke University's Fuqua CASE i3 Advisors and as a frequent guest lecturer at the Tamer Center for Social Enterprise at Columbia University, and as part of Harvard's Advanced Leadership Initiative designed to unleash the potential of experienced leaders to help solve society's most pressing challenges.



Dr. Astrid Scholz

Co-Founder, CFO/COO
Armillaria

[Website](#)

Dr. Astrid J. Scholz is a polypreneur with a purpose: she is the co-founder and CFO/COO of Armillaria, a tech-for-good company that creates digital infrastructure for more effectively and equitably mobilizing data, people, and capital towards addressing the most urgent challenges of our time. She is also a co-founder and game master at Game The System, a company that is creating serious games about stupid systems, using the power of empathy to change real world outcomes. Astrid is also known as a co-founder of Zebras Unite, a global movement for and by founders and investors who are building the businesses that are better for the world. She was previously President of Ecotrust, a conservation-based development organization with more than \$300 million in assets under management where she first learned about using business as a force for good. She holds degrees from the Universities of St. Andrews, Bristol, and California at Berkeley, and serves on the boards of Living Oceans Society, Habitat Media, and the nonprofit arm of Zebras Unite.



Leo Freeman

Co-creator
Capital J

[Website](#)

Leo Freeman is a co-creator of capital J, a catalytic strategy consulting collective that supports individuals and organizations who, inside our current capitalist system, seek authentic and intentional approaches to align their justice-centered values, their legacies and their financial practices.

Leo is a thinker and a tinkerer with a musician's brain and an activist's heart. For the past eight years, Leo has worked inside of the financial services industrial complex as a traditional financial advisor, then as a social justice financial advisor with adasina social capital, and most recently as the director of fund development with seed commons.

Leo is a founding member and inaugural steering crew member of radical planners, organizing progressive financial advisors and coaches around a post-capitalist, abolitionist vision for society to further a just transition. Leo is the co-founder and co-director of (re)define, a diversified solidarity economy fund of funds project that seeks to support and capitalize investments in right relationship with community members and movements by democratizing investment decision-making power, increasing investor access, and leveraging a non-extractive and relationship-based due diligence process. Leo is a just economy institute fellow, serving alongside fellow financial activists working to shift the flow of capital and power to solve social and



Evan Steiner

Sensemaking & Research
Team
One Project

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environmental problems. Leo is a member of the transformative 25 (t25) committee, building a regular list of funds, banks and initiatives transforming finance for people and planet.

Evan Steiner (he/him) helps develop One Project's resource mobilization methodology by researching advanced strategies and tactics to drive resources to communities. The focus of Evan's career has been to explore the structural roots of global challenges, which has led him to develop expertise in topics such as new economics, ecology and the environment, impact investment, social entrepreneurship, and philanthropy. He started a new economy think/do tank, Whole Person Economy, to explore the intersection of political economy and whole person development. Previously, he worked at Impact Hub SF and Social Capital Markets (SOCAP), where he developed entrepreneurial support programs for seed-stage social entrepreneurs. Evan holds an MBA from Oxford University Oxford University Said Business School where he focused on impact investment. He also holds a Masters in Environmental Management from UMGC and a Bachelor in Music from Indiana University.



Kate Barron-Alicante

Co-creator
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Kate is a co-creator of capital J, a catalytic strategy consulting collective that supports individuals and organizations who, inside our current capitalist system, seek authentic and intentional approaches to align their justice-centered values, their legacy and their financial practices.

Kate is a board member of Taproot Earth, a global climate justice organization that centers the leadership of the Black Diaspora and frontline communities in climate solutions. She is also a founding member and inaugural steering crew member of Radical Planners, organizing progressive financial advisors and coaches to better support a Just Transition. For over half a dozen years Kate has strategically worked inside the financial services industry, from Financial Advisor, Relationship manager, Director of Impact and Board Member within a \$3B B financial advisory firm and B Corp.

**Panel 6: Bio-Regions as
Units of Transition**



Urvi Kelkar

Emerging Futures Fund
Lead, Joseph Rowntree
Foundation

[Website](#)

Urvi Kelkar is Fund Lead within the Emerging Futures team at the Joseph Rowntree Foundation, supporting an emerging ecosystem of organisations who are bringing to life what a just and regenerative economy could look like within their places and communities. Over the last 15 years, she has worked in the fields of human rights, sustainable agriculture, impact investing and more recently, regenerative development. Urvi grew up in Mumbai, India which was her earliest grounding in navigating complex social systems and she currently lives in London.



Samantha Power

Founder and principal
consultant,
Finance for Gaia

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Samantha Power is the Founder and Director of the forthcoming BioFi Project and the Founder and Principal Consultant of Finance for Gaia. She is a Regenerative Economist, Futurist, and Bioregionalist based in Oakland, CA on the ancestral land of the Ohlone people. Samantha has harnessed her experience working at the World Bank and in the financial sector – advising finance ministries, central banks, and investors – and is now telling a story about the need to build a new layer in the global financial architecture that decentralizes financial decision-making and puts resources in the hands of people living in relationship to place. Samantha and her colleagues will soon publish a white paper on Bioregional Financing Facilities (BFFs) and launch the BioFi Project – a collective of experts supporting bioregions around the world to design, build, and implement BFFs. The paper makes the case for and explains how to shift capital to place-based regenerators in order to achieve global climate and nature-related goals.



Willem Ferwerda

Founder
Commonland

[Website](#)

Willem is the CEO-founder of Commonland, an organization that is active worldwide in making system change practical through the restoration of large degraded areas using a holistic framework. From 2000–2012 he was director of IUCN Netherlands: topics managing large ecosystem grants programs and initiated an international business network of CEOs biodiversity. Between 1995 and 2000 he led the Tropical Rainforest small grants Program at IUCN Netherlands. In 2012, Ferwerda developed the 4 Returns Framework for Landscape Restoration as common language and tool to



Martin Kirk

Program Director
NoVo Foundation

[Website](#)

make restoration happen at scale with all stakeholders. Ferwerda is chair of the Thematic Group Business and Ecosystem Management of the IUCN Commission on Ecosystem Management, Executive Fellow Business & Ecosystems at the Rotterdam School of Management-Erasmus University. He is board member of several organisations on nature, biodiversity food and agriculture. He received awards and led the Sustainable 100 of 2016 of Dutch people with the most influence on the environment and sustainability. Ferwerda studied tropical ecology, tropical agriculture and environmental sciences in The Netherlands and Colombia.

Martin Kirk is a Program Director with the NoVo Foundation, supporting individuals, organizations and communities who are working to regenerate their bioregion – particularly watersheds – in broad community with others and in ways that create new systems of human organization, from the relational to the economic. Prior to joining NoVo, Martin was co-founder and Director of Strategy for /The Rules, a global collective of activists of all types dedicated to challenging the root causes of global poverty and inequality, where he worked to bring insights from the cognitive sciences, memetics, and systems theory to bear on issues of public understanding of complex global challenges. Before that, Martin was the Head of Campaigns at Oxfam UK, and Head of Global Advocacy for Save the Children. He lives in upstate New York with 2 dogs, 4 ducks and, occasionally, sheep.



Atossa Soltani

Director of Global Strategy
Amazon Sacred
Headwaters Initiative

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Atossa Soltani is the Director of global strategy for the Amazon Sacred Headwaters Initiative, an alliance of 30 indigenous nations in Ecuador and Peru working to permanently protect a bioregion of 86 million acres of rainforests in one of the most biologically diverse ecosystems on Earth. She is also the founder and board president of Amazon Watch and served as the organization's first executive director for 18 years. In response to the Amazon fires in 2019, Atossa helped co-found Artists for Amazonia to catalyze global action for the Amazon. In recognition for her life's work as rainforests and indigenous rights campaigner, Atossa was named the Hillary Institute's 2013 Global Laureate for Climate Leadership. Atossa is also a member and contributing author to the Science Panel for the Amazon. Atossa is currently serving

as a judge for the XPrize Rainforest competition for novel technologies that can expedite the monitoring of tropical biodiversity.

Panel 7: Practices of Transition



Cassie Robinson

Associate director Paul Hamlyn Foundation,
Associate Director of Emerging Futures at JRF

[Website](#)

Cassie works at both the [Paul Hamlyn Foundation](#) as an Associate Director and as Associate Director of [Emerging Futures at the Joseph Rowntree Foundation](#). In addition to these two roles she is working with [Arising Quo](#), a transformative wealth redistribution project in Europe and in a field-building role with [Partners for a New Economy](#) globally. She's the Co-founder of [Stewarding Loss](#) – supporting civil society organisations to die well, the [Care + Climate cultural space](#) in London, and [The Point People](#).

She runs a Philanthropy in Transitions Lab for [Philea](#) and has Policy Fellowships at both the [Institute of Innovation and Public Purpose](#) and the [Leverhulme Centre for the Future of Intelligence](#) at Cambridge University. As a creative entrepreneur and strategic designer, she's won awards from Nesta as a Creative Pioneer, an Ideas and Pioneers grant from Paul Hamlyn Foundation and a Leader in Philanthropy award from the European Foundation Centre. She holds a 1st Class BA honours in Fashion Design and Textiles, and an MSc in Applied Positive Psychology from UEL. Cassie is also certified as an [ORSC practitioner](#), a [CTI coach](#) and has a certificate in energy chakra healing from the [College of Psychic Studies](#).

Cassie currently has Board roles at [Organise HQ](#) and the [Real Farming Trust](#), and is on the Strategy Group of the [Funders' Collaborative Hub](#). She teaches on the MSc in Ecological Design at [Schumacher College](#), is on the [Faculty of States of Change](#), and is one of the [International Futures Forum Clan](#).



Elissa Sloan Perry

Prefiguring Futures Lead
Change Elemental

[Website](#)

Elissa Sloan Perry (any pronouns) is of African and Mississippi Choctaw descent, hails from Missouri (Osage homelands), and is a 30-year resident of California (Miwok and Tongva homelands). She supports people with a vision for an interdependently thriving planet to be better in what they do. Elissa joined Change Elemental in 2013 as the Program Catalyst for the Network Leadership Innovation Lab, became CoDirector in 2015, and transitioned to the Leadership Hub in 2021. Elissa supports and accompanies Change Elemental clients with liberatory leadership development deepening in “be-how” and know-how for advancing complex systems change. In addition to her work with Change Elemental, Elissa teaches in the MA in Leadership Program at Saint Mary’s College where she facilitates diverse, cross-sector learning communities in developing a 5 Elements practice.



Justin Cook

Executive Director, Center
for Complexity
Rhode Island School of
Design

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Justin W. Cook is the founding director of RISD’s Center for Complexity. He is a strategic designer working on the world’s most challenging problem sets, such as healthcare, sustainability and education. His passion is to tackle these systems challenges by designing innovative organizational architectures. Until 2018, Justin was senior lead for strategy at the Finnish Innovation Fund Sitra, where he spent a decade working to focus Finnish society on greater sustainability and human well-being. His portfolio included strategic design, urban systems, decarbonization, impact investing and the future of education. In 2018, Palgrave published his book Sustainability, Human Wellbeing and the Future of Education. While at Sitra, Cook was a founding member of the Helsinki Design Lab. In 2016 he joined the OECD’s Observatory for Public Sector Innovation as an advisor. He has worked with organizations such as the UNDP, IAEA, Special Operations Command, RI National Guard, Harvard, MIT, Johns Hopkins University, Google, IBM, Infosys and Fidelity Investments. Justin holds a Master of Architecture from Harvard University and a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Washington.

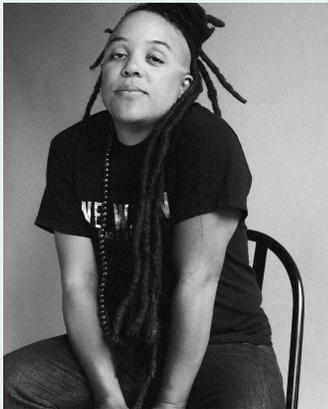


Vanessa Reid

Director, Wolf Willow
Institute, Co-founder Living
Wholeness Institute

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Vanessa Reid is an architect of cultural evolution who works at the intersection between systems and soul. She has worked around the world to co-create cultures and communities of practice dedicated to systems transformation amidst complexity, collapse and chaos. She holds Masters degrees in both architecture and process-oriented psychology. Vanessa is the former executive director of Santropol Roulant and publisher of ascent magazine. A translocal practice leader, she co-founded the Living Wholeness Institute and The Art of Hosting -Athens and works with Trailblazery's Hedge School that has been lauded for its 'exploration of the possible.' Vanessa has a particular call to work with transitions, transformation and the natural cycles of life - from the mess and excitement of creating new systems and initiatives to Conscious Closure and the Wild life of Dying.



Syrus Marcus Ware

Vanier Scholar, Artist and
Activist

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Syrus Marcus Ware is an artist, activist, scholar and 2021 Nobel Peace Prize co-nominee. He is a co-founder of Black Lives Matter Canada and Wildseed Centre for Art and Activism and his life and work are dedicated to the unfinished work of dismantling slavery and systems of oppression. He is a deeply committed advocate for racial justice, for transgender parents, and for people with disabilities. He has worked for decades to transform systems and cycles of incarceration. Syrus is a widely exhibited visual artist, a member of the Performance Disability Art Collective and the author of multiple books and articles. He is a Vanier Scholar and is a recently appointed faculty member at McMaster University.

Hall 2

Panel 1: Ancient, New & Regenerative Economies



Vicki Saunders

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Vicki Saunders is an entrepreneur, award-winning mentor, advisor to the next generation of change-makers and leading advocate for entrepreneurship as a way of creating positive transformation in the world.

Vicki is Founder of #radical generosity and Coralus (formerly SheEO), a global community of radically generous women supporting women-led Ventures working on the World's To-Do List. Vicki has co-founded and run ventures in Europe, Toronto and Silicon Valley and taken a company public on the Toronto Stock Exchange. Vicki has received numerous awards for her work at Coralus including; UBS Global Visionary in 2020, YWCA Women of Distinction Award in 2020, Business Leader of the Year 2019 by the Toronto Regional Board of Trade, 2018 Startup Canada Entrepreneurship Promotion Award and was selected as a Global Leader for Tomorrow by the World Economic Forum in 2001.



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Anastasia Mourogova Millin has 19 years of corporate banking experience and in-depth knowledge of the commercial real estate sector. She helped launch Canada's first Schedule A impact bank – Vancity Community Investment Bank. At Vancity, she oversaw an existing \$1.3 billion real estate portfolio and originated \$250 million in new loans to B Corps, social enterprises and not for profits. In her subsequent role as global director of Capital and Investments at Dark Matter Labs, Anastasia focused on building new markets for civic infrastructure, including nature based solutions such as soil and biodiversity, in order to re-imagine the existing systems of capital formation, deployment and value aggregation. Most recently she joined forces with Larry Waters to form the Ombrello Solutions partnership.



Ecko Aleck

Sacred Matriarch founder &
visionary

[Website](#)

Ecko (stage name SacRED) is an award-winning Nlaka'pamux artist, founder, and CEO raised with the shishalh Nation and currently living on Pentlatch (Qualicum) Nation lands on Vancouver Island.

Ecko is a modern day shape-shifter through digital arts, storyteller through movement, and a medicine woman of many mediums. She is on a mission to support all people and the planet to return to a natural rhythm of well-being. While on her journey to self-determination from freelance artist to CEO, Ecko has gathered a tool kit of knowledge that she now carries forward into the ever-evolving transformation of her own healing journey and her business, Sacred Matriarch Creative. She weaves together ancestral guidance, circle teachings, sacred space facilitation, medicine, tools, technology, land-based ways of knowing, and a vision of New Earth.



Jo Swinson

Director
Partners for a New Economy

[Website](#)

Jo Swinson has been Director of P4NE since 2020, and has a long-standing passion for new economics. A former UK Government Minister, Liberal Democrat party leader and MP, in 2009 she co-founded a cross-party group of MPs to work collaboratively on new economic thinking and wellbeing economics.

**Panel 2: Beyond Impact
Investing – Driving a
greener, fairer more
resilient economy**



Sarah Teacher

Executive Director
Impact Investing Institute

[Website](#)

Sarah leads relationships with our external funders, and key projects for the organisation on sizing the UK impact investing market, place-based impact investing and encouraging charitable endowments to allocate for impact.

Sarah joined the Institute from Lendlease Europe where she was Social Impact Investment Manager. Prior to her work at Lendlease Sarah worked in roles at the intersection of social impact, sustainability and private capital – be that corporate investment or philanthropic. She was a Consultant at Sancroft International (2013-2017), an international sustainability consultancy focused on the social, environmental and ethical risks faced by major businesses; an Associate at On Purpose, a one-year programme for early-career professionals identified as future leaders in social enterprise (2012-13); and Director for Next Generation Philanthropy at the Institute for Philanthropy (2006-2010), leading workshops for philanthropists interested in increasing the impact of their giving.



**Rasmus
Nørgaard**

Co-founder
Home.Earth

[Website](#)

Rasmus Nørgaard has a diverse work experience spanning over several years. Rasmus is currently the Founder of Home.Earth, a position they have held since March 2021. In addition, they are the Founder and Chairman of Nordhus CPH, a role they began in October 2023. Rasmus is also a Board Member at JunkFood CPH, starting their position in September 2023. Furthermore, they are a Co-founder and Board member at Urban Partners, a company dedicated to urban problem-solving and investment. Rasmus has been with Urban Partners since May 2023. Rasmus has a long history with NREP, where they have served as a Co-founder, Board Member, and Partner & CIO from 2005 to 2020.



Kunle Apampa

Head of Client Solutions & Partnerships
Capricorn Investment Group

[Website](#)

Kunle Apampa is a Director and Head of Client Solutions at Capricorn Investment Group, one of the largest mission-aligned investment firms globally managing \$9B in assets on behalf of families, foundations, and institutional investors. Kunle is responsible for the institutional growth of Capricorn as an Outsourced Chief Investment Officer (OCIO).

Prior to joining Capricorn, Kunle was a Vice President at Goldman Sachs Imprint, an ESG & Impact Investment platform within Goldman Sachs Asset Management. Kunle spent over a decade at Goldman Sachs, holding several leadership roles within the firm's Global Markets division as well as the Finance division. Kunle holds a BSc in Chemical Engineering, specializing in Energy, Environment & Economics, from the Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago.

Kunle serves on the members committee of Confluence Philanthropy and in a personal capacity, works with some of the most active investors in Africa. Kunle is based in New York City



Harry Davies

Principal
Ceniarth

[Website](#)

Harry Davies is a Principal at Ceniarth, where he helps lead on organisation-wide strategy, impact management and pipeline origination. Ceniarth is the impact-first, single-family office of Diane Isenberg and focuses on investments that benefit underserved communities globally. Together with the Isenberg Family Charitable Foundation, we deploy capital to funds, financial intermediaries, and social enterprises that support marginalized and vulnerable populations. We invest with non-profits, for-profits, and hybrid organizations with an emphasis on sectors such as agriculture, affordable housing, financial inclusion, and climate justice. We prioritize investments that are catalytic in nature and may require flexibility on risk and return parameters. Prior to joining Ceniarth, Harry worked extensively across Sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia helping to design and scale inclusive business models that can improve outcomes for low-income groups.

**Panel 3: From Private
Ownership to Community
Stewardship**



Immy Kaur

Co-founder & Director
Civic Square

[Website](#)

Immy Kaur is a co-founder and director of CIVIC SQUARE. CIVIC SQUARE is a public square, neighbourhood lab, and creative and participatory platform focused on regenerative civic and social infrastructure within neighbourhoods. She is part of a creative and dynamic leadership team who work alongside the local neighbourhood, to offer a bold approach to visioning, building and investing in civic infrastructure for neighbourhoods of the future. She is also an active member of Project 00, the Resourcing Racial Justice Coalition, and the National Lottery Community Fund Advisory Fund. Kaur is part of the Doughnut Economics Action Lab Advisory Team, a Birmingham Hippodrome Trustee, a Birmingham Open Media (BOM) Board Member and an Inclusive Economy Partnership Board Champion. Kaur was a founding director of Impact Hub Birmingham, which was open between 2015 and 2019. Impact Hub Birmingham was on a mission to help build a fairer more equal and just city, through people place and open movements. On a voluntary basis, Kaur also led and ran TEDxBRUM between 2012 and 2017.



Juliet Can

Founder & Director
Stour Trust

[Website](#)

Juliet is a Director of Stour Trust and co-founder of Stour Space, providing affordable work, civic and creative spaces. Juliet co-led the formation of the Hackney Wick & Fish Island Community Development Trust and sits on the Board of London Community Land Trust. She has worked in the third sector, focussing on social justice issues. Juliet is a Member of the Portfolio Investment Committee.



Bex Trevelyan

Co-founder
Platform Places

[Website](#)

Bex co-founded Platform Places after 8 years spent activating buildings for local benefit – including growing her own community-led enterprise Library of Things to 11 London high street hubs. Bex had found that one of the biggest barriers to community enterprises starting and sustaining was the lack of access to affordable, secure and long-term property. She found that asset owners and councils were struggling to find amazing people and ideas to activate buildings for local benefit. So she brought them together to kickstart the conversation. Now she leads on recruiting, rallying and fundraising, taking an entrepreneurial approach with the big ambition in mind.



Jess Steele

CEO & Commoner at Large
Hastings Commons

[Website](#)

Jess has thirty years of experience as a local community activist and entrepreneur in Deptford and Hastings, as well as at a national level working with government, funders, corporates and academics. An active social entrepreneur, she has established community enterprises in publishing, heritage, tourism, childcare, financial management, neighbourhood development, workspace and, more recently, homes that are genuinely affordable in perpetuity and leisure for everyone.



Dilys Winterkorn

Project Director
Pathway Fund

[Website](#)

Dilys Kyeiwaa Winterkorn is the Project Director at the Pathway Fund, positioned to be Britain's first Black-led social investment wholesaler. Over the last 20 years, Dilys has spearheaded philanthropic collaborations, programmes, and investments in the UK and the African Continent. Her work focuses on advancing the impact of philanthropy through equity and wealth. She advises foundations, philanthropists, and social investors on redefining their strategies to create genuine equity and 'doing philanthropy differently.' Dilys is a PhD researcher in private African Philanthropy at SOAS and a board member at the Pret Foundation.

**Workshop 1: Decolonizing
Wealth: Practices for
transition, hospice and
emergence**



Azul Duque

Gesturing Towards
Decolonial Futures

[Website](#)

Azul Caroline Duque (she/her) was born and raised in between the Andes mountain-ranges and the pacific coast of Colombia, and is currently a settler in Coast-Salish territories (colonially known as Vancouver). She is a member of the Gesturing Towards Decolonial Futures Collective and her artistic practice involves working with embodied sound(ing) as a tool for re-membling ourselves out of our collective denials. These explorations are informed by her experiences as a death doula and a mime. She is also learning about how to walk the path of relating to music as a living entity and teacher as opposed to a product to be consumed or exploited. She is the producer of the 'En Cuidado da terra' podcast series, a conversation with Indigenous Elders on the paradoxes of sustainability; and is currently producing the "Towards Eldering" podcast series, a decolonial lens on maturity in times of collective infantilization.



Camilla Cardoso

Gesturing
TowardsDecolonial Futures

[Website](#)

Camilla Cardoso is a Brazilian activist, consultant, and educator, who specializes in systemic transition, decolonial perspectives, and knowledge relations. As a co-founder of the Terra Adentro Institute and a member of the Gesturing Towards Decolonial Futures collective, Camilla is actively involved in collaborative networks such as Teia das 5 Curas, which brings together Indigenous and non-Indigenous researchers from Brazil, Peru, and Canada. Her work supports Indigenous initiatives in the Amazon, emphasizing community-led solutions with a focus on reparations-based philanthropy. Delving into the complexities of climate false solutions and their impacts on Indigenous livelihoods, Camilla emphasizes the urgent need to rethink traditional models of philanthropy and investment. Through curating and creating content for projects like "We Will Dance With the Mountains" with Bayo Akomolafe and the documentary "What is emerging?", she underscores the importance of reimagining narratives for emergent futures. As a facilitator at the Facing Human Wrongs course at the University of Victoria, she bridges academia and activism, continuously learning about how to navigate the weight of responsibility.

**Workshop 2: Shifting
Philanthropy to Post
Capitalist realities:**

Hacking narratives & Changing practice



Lynn Murphy

Transition Resource Circle

[Website](#)

Lynn Murphy is the co-director of the *Transition Resource Circle* and co-author of the book *Post Capitalist Philanthropy. Healing Wealth in the Time of Collapse*. She serves as an organiser and strategic advisor across foundations, NGOs, and activists, with a focus on the geopolitical South. Previously, she was a senior fellow and program officer at the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation where she focused on international education and global development. She resigned as a “conscientious objector” to neocolonial philanthropy. She holds an MA and PhD in international comparative education from Stanford University.



Felipe Viveros

Culture Hack Labs

[Website](#)

Felipe is Chilean-born artist, strategist and academic specialising in storytelling for impact, program design and fundraising. He has worked with governments and organisations globally, and helped to co-found Culture Hack Labs, a not-for-profit consultancy that supports organisations, social movements and activists to create narrative-led systems change. Throughout his career Felipe has championed epistemic justice, social and Indigenous peoples rights. Felipe is a Bertha Fellow, a member of the UN Harmony with Nature initiative and a board member at Amazon Watch. He holds an MSc in Whole Systems Ecology from Schumacher College, in the UK.

Fishbowl: Transforming Finance from the Edges



Donna Morton

Edge Finance Accelerator

[Website](#)

Donna Morton is the CEO and co-founder of Change Finance, a company dedicated to crafting 100% clean ETFs for sustainable investments. With extensive experience spanning sustainability, economics, clean energy, and ethical wealth management, Donna has a proven track record. She previously served as the CEO of a clean energy firm and played a pivotal role in establishing the first carbon tax in North America through her thinktank. Donna is recognized as an Ashoka, Ogunte, and Unreasonable Fellow, embodying a lifelong commitment to social entrepreneurship and a wide array of international issues, from sustainability to human rights.



Adam Lerner

Solvable

[Website](#)

My interwoven paths of social justice and natural stewardship stem from growing up in the post-Civil Rights South and from expeditions traversing wild mountains and canyons in the American southwest. After five years in the NYC not-for-profit sector, I pursued an MBA and following spent nearly fifteen years in various design agencies as a strategist pursuing what is now called “design thinking.” After founding Solvable in 2011, I focused on collaboration within innovation networks in sustainability, health research, real estate, and banking. In 2019 my sustainability journey deepened as we relaunched Solvable to focus on the cultural transitions needed for alternative futures. I write an online publication, The Understory, and work through our gatherings and programs to resurface eradicated knowledges and elevate new emerging narratives for transition. I am proudly a 2022-23 Wolf Willow Institute Positive Deviants Fellow.



Mia Diawara

Climate Finance Advisor &
Strategy Consultant

Mia Diawara is a climate finance advisor, strategy consultant, and somatic coach-in-training. She works with funders and organizations to implement “strategy with soul”—advising on innovative investment and philanthropic strategies in pursuit of a more sustainable, regenerative, and equitable world. Mia was formerly a Partner at Lowercarbon Capital, where she invested in and advised early stage climate technology companies. Before joining Lowercarbon, Mia led impact due diligence for climate investments at TPG, where she also counseled portfolio companies on emissions reduction and climate resilience strategy. Earlier in her career, Mia advised executives as a management consultant at Bain & Co and worked on energy policy and market-based climate interventions at NRDC and RMI. Frequently an edgewalker in traditional corporate environments and allergic to isolated treatment of interrelated societal and ecological crises, Mia believes that how we get to “net zero greenhouse gas emissions” matters just as much as getting there at all; the transition must correct—not exacerbate—structural inequities in the way that advantages and disadvantages accumulate across populations and ecosystems. An artist at heart, Mia serves on the board of Robert Moses’ Kin dance company and performs professionally with SF BATCO. She holds a B.S. in Science, Technology, and Society with a focus on Environment & Sustainability, and an M.S. in Civil and Environmental Engineering—Atmosphere & Energy concentration—both from Stanford University.



Cheryl Chen

Co-Founder & Managing
Partner, Salmon Nation Trust

Cheryl Chen (she/they) builds teams, collaborations, and organizations around big ideas. Ideas that catalyze and cross pollinate new ways of living well in place and empowering communities to self-determine what it means to thrive. She is co-founder and Managing Partner of the Salmon Nation Trust—a public benefit venture, focused on accelerating a bioregional movement towards healthier, localized, and more regenerative economies and communities. She is also co-founder of the Magic Canoe — a not-for-profit dedicated to amplifying and uplifting stories of hope, connection, and ‘what works’ in her home bioregion.



Kira Gerwing

Chief Real Estate
Investment Officer, Sacha
Investments Ltd

Previously, she served as Operations Director at Future of Fish and in several roles at Ecotrust/Point 97 where she worked to catalyze triple-bottom-line innovations in coastal communities worldwide. She holds a PhD in Geography from University of California, Santa Barbara, and lives in Portland, Oregon where she is outdoors whenever possible with her wife and daughter.

Kira Gerwing brings compassionate and strategic leadership to change systems that drive how we own, steward, and develop land. In her role as Chief Real Estate Investment Officer for Sacha Investments Ltd, she sources impact investment opportunities in affordable housing, regenerative organic agriculture, and eco-forestry for Western Canada. She has a master's degree in Community and Regional Planning and 20 years of practice at the City of Vancouver and Vancity Credit Union. Kira is a founding board member of the Metro Vancouver Zero Emissions Innovation Centre. She has a passion for finding creative ways to realise everyone's fundamental right to flourish. She also loves downhill skiing, cooking, and riding her bike to get around the city.



George Benson

Senior Manager of Economic
Development and Market
Transformation,
Zero Emissions Innovation
Centre

George P.R. Benson is a globally recognised leader on economic development, cities, and climate action. He has worked across the public, private, and nonprofit sectors and currently leads the Zero Emissions Innovation Centre (ZEIC)'s economic development team. George's team supports businesses, especially small ones, in finding profitable ways to join or expand the zero-carbon economy. Outside of ZEIC, George has previously been involved with the Canadian and American urban planning associations, work with the World Economic Forum, and as a ministerial advisor on BC's Climate Solutions Council.



Dr. PennElys Dros

Power Building & Curriculum Coordinator,
NDN Collective.

Dr. PennElys Droz, Anishinaabe and mixed European descendent, is a mother of five, Power Building and Curriculum Coordinator with NDN Collective, and founding board member of Sustainable Nations, an Indigenous regenerative community development organization. She has worked in Indigenous engineering and regenerative economic development for over twenty years, with the vision of the re-development of thriving ecologically, culturally and economically sustainable Indigenous Nations. PennElys is a natural builder and lover of all things dirt, moss, lichen, and fungi.



Pearl Gottschalk

Advisor, Indigenous
Women's Flow Fund

Pearl Gottschalk is an Advisor to the Indigenous Women's Flow Fund. She has been a passionate activist and front line funder for over 20 years, working in the areas of international development, philanthropy and grassroots native organizing. She worked as the Charitable Giving Manager at Lush Cosmetics, the Refugee/Immigrant Funder for the Province of Manitoba, and as an Advisor to the Indigenous-led Mino Niibi Fund at the Cultural Conservancy. She holds a Masters in International Dispute Resolution and a Bachelors in International Development, and has traveled to 53 countries. She currently lives, works and plays on the ancestral homelands of the Syilx People of the Okanagan Nation in Penticton, BC. She enjoys rock climbing, mountain biking and leading wilderness and international service trips.



Rako Fabionar

Co-founder, Kinship Blooms

M. Rako Fabionar has cultivated innovative learning environments for over two decades as a community educator, graduate school faculty member, and change consultant within the USA and abroad. Rako has created educational centers and designed transformative programs that support the insight of connection and well-being for young adults, social entrepreneurs, civic leaders, cultural workers, and spiritual teachers. Rako is passionate about serving the common good through integrative approaches for leadership development, cultural pluralism and social innovation. He is the co-founder and director of Kinship Blooms, and a founding member of Salmon Nation and the Guild of Future Architects.

St Pancras Room

Fireside chat 1: Steward Ownership and Purposeful Investment



Emma Shaw

Consultant
Joseph Rowntree
Foundation

[Website](#)

Emma is focused on reimagining wealth and investment with the Emerging Futures team, to influence how we mobilise the capital required to support and speed up the transition to more equitable and just futures, where people and planet can thrive. Drawing on her experience as Co-founder of the social enterprise, Library of Things, and her studies of plants and ecosystems, Emma is particularly interested in the deep design of ownership, funding and governance models that are fair and regenerative by design. She received the national Innovate UK Women in Innovation Award in 2021 for her work on innovative impact funding models.



Maike Kauffmann

Co-leading
Purpose Foundation

[Website](#)

Maike is co-leading the work of the Purpose Foundation, a nonprofit organization striving to realize the full potential of the alternative ownership model steward-ownership by making it more known and more accessible. With activities to inspire and enable actors on their path to steward-ownership and aligned financing, Purpose reduces the hurdles to steward-ownership. And in this, contributes to an economy that serves people, planet and society. Maike has been with Purpose for over five years. She has a background in Ecological Economics, the international development sector and organic food sector.

Fireside Chat 2: Advanced Technology & Extreme Wealth



Rachel Coldicutt

Founder
Careful industries

[Website](#)

Rachel Coldicutt is an expert on the social impact of new and emerging technologies, and executive director of research consultancy Careful Industries and its sister social enterprise Promising Trouble. She was previously founding CEO of responsible technology thinktank Doteveryone where she led influential and ground-breaking research into how technology is changing society and developed practical tools for responsible innovation. Prior to that, she spent almost 20 years working at the cutting edge of new technology for companies including the BBC, Microsoft, BT, and Channel 4, and was a pioneer in the digital art world. Rachel is an advisor, board member and trustee for a number of companies and charities and a member of the Ofcom Content Board. In 2019, Rachel was awarded an OBE in the New Year's Honours for services for the digital society.



Anasuya Sengupta

Co-Founder,
Whose Knowledge?

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Anasuya Sengupta is Co-Director and co-founder of Whose Knowledge?, a global multilingual campaign to centre the knowledges of marginalised communities (the minoritised majority of the world) online. She has led initiatives across the global South, and internationally for over 25 years, to collectively create feminist presents and futures of love, justice, and liberation. She is committed to unpacking issues of power, privilege, and access, including her own as an anti-caste savarna woman. She is a co-founder and advisor to Numun Fund (the first feminist tech fund for and from the Global South), the former Chief Grantmaking Officer at the Wikimedia Foundation, and the former Regional Program Director at the Global Fund for Women. Anasuya is a 2017 Shuttleworth Foundation Fellow, and received a 2018 Internet and Society award from the Oxford Internet Institute. She is on the Scholars' Council for UCLA's Center for Critical Internet Inquiry, and the advisory committee for MIT's Center for Research on Equitable and Open Scholarship (CREOS). Anasuya has an honorary doctorate from the University of London, and holds an MPhil in Development Studies from the University of Oxford, where she studied as a Rhodes Scholar. She also has a BA in Economics (Honours) from Delhi University. When not rabble-raising online, Anasuya makes and breaks pots and poems, takes long walks by the water and in the forest, and contorts herself into yoga poses.



Abeba Birhane

Senior Fellow
Mozilla Foundation

[Website](#)

Abeba Birhane a cognitive scientist researching human behaviour, social systems, and responsible and ethical Artificial Intelligence (AI). They recently finished their PhD, where they explored the challenges and pitfalls of automating human behaviour through critical examination of existing computational models and audits of large scale datasets.

They are currently a Senior Fellow in Trustworthy AI at Mozilla Foundation and also an Adjunct Lecturer/Assistant Professor at the School of Computer Science and Statistics at Trinity College Dublin, Ireland.

**Fireside Chat 3: Role of
Law**



Katharina Pistor

Professor, Columbia Law School

Katharina Pistor is the Edwin B. Parker Professor of Comparative Law at Columbia Law School, where she teaches corporations, the law of non-capitalist enterprises, law and development, and law and finance. She has published widely on law and capitalism and comparative law and is the author of “The Code of Capital: How the Law Creates Wealth and Inequality” (Princeton, 2019).



Sung-Hyui Park

Partner
Bates Wells

[Website](#)

Sung-Hyui is a Partner in the Purpose & Impact team at Bates Wells, the first UK law firm to be certified as a B Corp.

She began the first ten years of her career working as a finance lawyer at an international commercial law firm, advising banks, private equity funds and companies on a wide range of national and international financings. Sung-Hyui joined Bates Wells in 2016, and she now advises on the full range of activities carried out by clients seeking to have a positive impact through their business and other activities, including capital-raising, formation, governance, and general not-for-profit and commercial law issues.

Given her background, she has a particular interest in equitable and innovative funding structures, which seek to apply the “best of all worlds” from the expertise and experience of the private, public and non-profit sectors. She has sought to apply this in her role as Co-Lead of the Equalising Deal Terms (EDT) Project, which seeks to analyse and overcome (often inadvertent) power imbalances between funders and funding recipients.



Dr. Apolline Roger

Head of Innovation Lab
Client Earth

[Website](#)

Dr. Apolline Roger joined ClientEarth in September 2017 to lead our work on the protection of health and the environment from toxic substances. In March 2023, she became the head of our newly created Innovation Lab.

Apolline's first love was interdisciplinary research in emerging futures, which she did for more than 10 years as a university researcher and lecturer. The desire to turn the most innovative ideas into practical solutions made her join ClientEarth in 2017 to lead our work on chemical pollution. She brings to the lab her capacity to bridge research and action, thoughts and deeds.

Apolline completed a PhD at Aix Marseille University Law School in the field of EU institutional and environmental law, in 2012. She then did a post-doctorate at the University of Michigan Law School in the field of risk regulation.



Jess Hackett

Co-ordinator
Coalition for Impact

[Website](#)

Jess is an English solicitor who spent more than 15 years working in traditional organizations, a law firm, single family office and a trust company, protecting wealth. She struggled to align her values with the work she was doing or to facilitate change within those organizations. She now leads the Coalition for Impact, a network of networks seeking to spark financial systems change to enable a shift to an inclusive financial system.

**Fireside Chat 4 : Shifting
Power in the Context
Extreme Wealth**



Ada Williams Prince

Women and Girls of Color Design Council

A creative leader at the cutting edge of global and domestic philanthropy. Ada has worked for two decades to advance the power and influence of women and girls of color around the world. She has conceived groundbreaking disruptions to philanthropic norms and scalable models to transform the field along the way. By championing the formation of the first 'Women and Girls of Color Design Council' within a premium philanthropic and venture organization, she has envisioned a future in philanthropy and investment built around silo-busting investment strategies and fundamental trust in women and girls at the intersection of gender, race/ethnicity and economics. Ada is leading a growing community of funders committed to transforming capital and decision-making.



Leticia Peguero

Coach

[Website](#)

Leticia Peguero has over 25 years of experience at the intersection of social and racial justice, philanthropy, and narrative change. She brings years of experience in philanthropy and at frontline organizations to her work. Leticia believes race and gender are the center of all we do and uses that lens in her coaching, facilitation, and organizational development work. Most recently, Leticia served as Senior Vice President at Firelight Media while continuing to run her coaching and consulting practice - Leticia Peguero Coaching and Consulting. She focuses her consulting practice on helping organizations develop equity values-aligned strategies and organizational processes. Before launching her firm, she had numerous leadership positions. She was Vice President of Programs at the Nathan Cummings Foundation. She served as the first woman and woman of color Executive Director at the Andrus Family Fund. She was the Regional Vice President at the Posse Foundation and was Deputy Director of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Local Funding Partnerships Program.

Leticia currently serves as the Chairperson of the Board for the Center for the Study of Social Policy, is a Trustee at Partners in Dignity and Rights, and has recently served as a two-term trustee at Philanthropy New York, where she helped the organization focus its work on racial justice in the philanthropic sector. She focuses her coaching practice on women and people of color and how to unleash their most significant potential at the intersection of their professional and personal lives. Leticia holds a



Iris Nxumalo-De Smidt

Founder,
Lorha Nakambe Consulting

[Website](#)

Bachelor of Arts degree from Fordham University. She graduated with honors from the Marxe School of Public Affairs with a Master of Public Administration, where she was a National Urban Fellow. She is a member of the International Coaching Federation. Outside of her professional roles, Leticia works with artists of color, exploring work that elevates black and brown stories via dance, film, and other forms of storytelling. She lives in the Bronx with her dog, Billie Jean.

Iris is a feminist systems innovator, who leverages research, facilitation, and organisational development to support systems change in philanthropy and feminist movement-building to end Gender Based Violence (GBV). She is the founder and Executive Dreamer of Lorha Nakambe Consulting, a feminist philanthropy infrastructure collective that works to co-create systems of healing justice, connection, care, and abundant resourcing for intersectional feminist movements. She has spent a decade supporting strategic grant-making and systems change initiatives through feminist movement-building, Pan-African youth advocacy, lecturing and conducting research. She holds an MSc in African Studies from Oxford University and is currently reading for a PhD in Business Administration, with a specialisation in feminist philanthropy and organisational scholarship, at the University of Cape Town's Graduate School of Business

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Conversation 1: Hacking

Wealth



Emma Shaw

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Dr. Astrid Scholz

Co-Founder, CFO/COO
Armillaria

[Website](#)

Dr. Astrid J. Scholz is a polypreneur with a purpose: she is the co-founder and CFO/COO of Armillaria, a tech-for-good company that creates digital infrastructure for more effectively and equitably mobilizing data, people, and capital towards addressing the most urgent challenges of our time. She is also a co-founder and game master at Game The System, a company that is creating serious games about stupid systems, using the power of empathy to change real world outcomes. Astrid is also known as a co-founder of Zebras Unite, a global movement for and by founders and investors who are building the businesses that are better for the world. She was previously President of Ecotrust, a conservation-based development organization with more than \$300 million in assets under management where she first learned about using business as a force for good. She holds degrees from the Universities of St. Andrews, Bristol, and California at Berkeley, and serves on the boards of Living Oceans Society, Habitat Media, and the nonprofit arm of Zebras Unite.



Leo Freeman

Co-creator
Capital J

[Website](#)

Leo Freeman is a co-creator of capital J, a catalytic strategy consulting collective that supports individuals and organizations who, inside our current capitalist system, seek authentic and intentional approaches to align their justice-centered values, their legacies and their financial practices.

Leo is a thinker and a tinkerer with a musician's brain and an activist's heart. For the past eight years, Leo has worked inside of the financial services industrial complex as a traditional financial advisor, then as a social justice financial advisor with adasina social capital, and most recently as the director of fund development with seed commons.



**Kate
Barron-Alicante**

Co-creator
Capital J

[Website](#)

Leo is a founding member and inaugural steering crew member of radical planners, organizing progressive financial advisors and coaches around a post-capitalist, abolitionist vision for society to further a just transition. Leo is the co-founder and co-director of (re)define, a diversified solidarity economy fund of funds project that seeks to support and capitalize investments in right relationship with community members and movements by democratizing investment decision-making power, increasing investor access, and leveraging a non-extractive and relationship-based due diligence process. Leo is a just economy institute fellow, serving alongside fellow financial activists working to shift the flow of capital and power to solve social and environmental problems. Leo is a member of the transformative 25 (t25) committee, building a regular list of funds, banks and initiatives transforming finance for people and planet.

Kate is a co-creator of capital J, a catalytic strategy consulting collective that supports individuals and organizations who, inside our current capitalist system, seek authentic and intentional approaches to align their justice-centered values, their legacy and their financial practices.

Kate is a board member of Taproot Earth, a global climate justice organization that centers the leadership of the Black Diaspora and frontline communities in climate solutions. She is also a founding member and inaugural steering crew member of Radical Planners, organizing progressive financial advisors and coaches to better support a Just Transition. For over half a dozen years Kate has strategically worked inside the financial services industry, from Financial Advisor, Relationship manager, Director of Impact and Board Member within a \$3B B financial advisory firm and B Corp.

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Conversation 2:

Re-Imagining Wealth &

Resourcing the Ruptures



Bayo Akomolafe

Philosopher, writer, activist, professor of psychology, and executive director of the Emergence Network.

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