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"Thanks again for inviting me -- it's really worthwhile when one gets such a lively and interested-seeming audience!" - Lord Rees, Astronomer Royal

"the participants, the subjects, the energy in the air was truly special, unique" - Elif Shafak, Writer, Award-Winning novelist

"I loved it" - Ruby Wax

# "It was a pleasure...I enjoyed it all" - Christiane Amanpour, CNN

Over ten separate occasions, in places as diverse as Portmeirion in Snowdonia, Mumbai in India, New York in the USA, and Aldeburgh and Oxford in the UK, a rich mix of some of the leading thinkers and players in the world in the fields of Science, Culture, Media, Philosophy, Business, Policy, Technology, Academia have come together to share their brilliance with the gathering known as NNN.

There is no 'green room' where speakers stay. They blend with participants and enjoy the conversation. This is not a conference where you get a badge. This is....NNN

"NNN is a Meeting of Minds" - Simon Schama

# **NNN PAST SPEAKERS**

"It is a lovely event....very good idea to cross-pollinate in this way" - Margaret Atwood

#### **ECONOMISTS**

Nassim Nicholas Taleb, Dambisa Moyo, Liam Halligan and (by recording) Nobel Laureates Professors Amartya Sen and Joseph Stiglitz.

## **HISTORIANS & CONTEMPORARY THINKERS**

Professors Simon Schama; Niall Ferguson; Orlando Figes; Noreena Hertz; Margaret Heffernan; Seth Godin; Sir Anthony Seldon; Professor Sarah Churchwell; Charles Handy.

## **SCIENTISTS and EXPLORERS, MEDICINE and HEALTH**

Oceanographer Sylvia Earle; Astronomer Royal Sir Martin Rees; Sir Mark Walport, now the Government's Chief Scientific Officer; Geneticists; Rear Admiral Chris Parry, CBE; Ruby Wax, comedienne and mental Health Campaigner; Professor Iain Hutchison of Queen Mary College and Barts & the Royal London and founder, Facial Surgery Research Foundation; Professor Sarah Jayne Blakemore of UCL.

## **ARTISTS and CULTURAL FIGURES**

Hannah Rothschild, Chair, The National Gallery; Alain de Botton; Writers Margaret Atwood, Sadie Jones; Singer Anne Lennox; Actors Diana Quick, Tom Hollander, Miriam Margolyes and Lisa Dwan; filmmakers Beeban Kidron and Molly Dineen; Artists Maggi Hambling and Conrad Shawcross; Bath Festival of Literature Director Viv Groskop; Hay Festival President Caroline Michel; Samuel Johnson Prize CEO Toby Mundy; David Abraham, CEO of Channel 4; playwright Lucy Prebble; Dame Jude Kelly of London's South Bank

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Centre; Salonniere Damien Barr; Commentator Peter York; Harvey Goldsmith; Jonathan Reekie, Director, Somerset House; Kirsty Lang, presenter, Front Row; Neil Gaiman; Writer Harry Ritchie.

#### **BUSINESS, FINANCE & ECONOMICS**

Vittorio Colao, Chief Executive Officer, Vodafone; Anne Richard, Chief Investment Officer, Aberdeen Asset Management; Helena Morrissey, Newton Asset Management; Directors Jenny Grey of Citi; Stephen Doherty of Barclays; Mike Wright of Jaguar; Tommy Helsby of Kroll; Leo Johnson, Partner in Sustainability, PWC; Stephen Barber, Managing Director, Pictet; David Glick of Edge Investments; Colin Brown, Financial Ombudsman, Financial Ombudsman Service; Ben Eliot of Quintessentially; Matt Hobbs, Managing Director, The Groucho Club; Henry Chevallier, Owner, Aspall; Will Butler-Adams, Managing Director, Brompton Bicycle; Giles Gibbons, Founder, Good Business; Michael Vachon of Soros Fund Management; Julie Meyer of Ariadne Capital; Simon Walker, Chief Executive. Institute of Directors.

#### **POLITICS & GEOPOLITICS, NGO**

Rt Hon Douglas Alexander, former Shadow Foreign Secretary; David Davis MP; David Lammy MP; Douglas Carswell MP; PJ Crowley, Former Assistant Secretary of State of Public Affairs; James Rubin, Visiting Scholar, Rothemere American Institute, Oxford; Mark Urban, Diplomatic Editor, BBC Newsnight; Bridget Kendall, Diplomatic Correspondent BBC; James Rubin, columnist and global affairs analyst; Joe Cerrell, Managing Director, Europe, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation; Hon Nicola Clase, Swedish Ambassador to the UK; Anthony Borden, Executive Director, Institute for War & Peace Reporting; and (recorded) The Prime Minister, the Rt Hon David Cameron MP

## **ACADEMIA, EDUCATION, FAITH, IDEAS & Think Tanks**

Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of London; Professor Ian Goldin of Oxford Martin School; Rabbi, Dame Julia Neuberger; Professor Rachel Dwyer of SOAS; Professor Cliff Oswick, Deputy Dean, Cass Business School; Professor Michele Baddeley of UCL; Alice Sherwood, Senior Research Fellow, King's Policy Institute at UCL; Stephen Groscz, psychoanalyst & author; Professor Sarah Churchwell; Claire Fox, Institute of Ideas; Martin Bright, The Creative Society; Sunder Katwala; Professor Lynda Gratton of London Business School; Elizabethan historian Kate Maltby; Indrani Sen of CUNY; Professor Emily Bell of Columbia; Professor Simon May of UCL. Professor Stefan Stern, Cass Business School; Professor Julia Hobsbawm, Cass Business School and UCS Suffolk.

## **ADVERTISING, MEDIA & DIGITAL WORLDS and COMMUNICATIONS**

Tamara Ingram of Grey; M.T Rainey of THN\_K; Sanjay Nazerali, Chief Strategy Officer, Dentus Aegis; William Eccleshare, CEO, Clear Channel International; Rufus Olins, Newsworks; Gaby Darbyshire, former COO, Gawker Media; Colin Byrne of Weber Shandwick; Sally Osman, Head of Communications, Buckingham Palace; Professor Robert Phillips of Jericho Chambers; Caroline Michel of PFD; Sir William Sargent, Framestore.

## **JOURNALISTS, Media & PUBLISHING**

John Gapper, Caroline Daniel and Mrs Moneypenny of the FT; David Aaronovitch and Jenni Russell of The Times; Paul Mason and Jon Snow of ITN's Channel 4 News; Christiane Amanpour and Peter Bale of CNN; Yasmin Alibhai Brown; Iain Martin; Mary Ann Sieghart; Eleanor Mills, Editor, Sunday Times Magazine; Professor Stefan Stern of FT and Cass Business School; Dylan Jones OBE, Editor of GQ; Award-winning writer Ed Caesar; A.A Gill; Michael Wolff; Rachel Johnson; Sir Simon Jenkins; John Mitchinson, Founder of Unbound; Caryn Mandebach, producer "Roseanne", Peaky Blinders" and "Nurse Jackie"; Alex Graham of Sheffield Documentary Festival and TV productions including 'Who Do you Think You Are'? and Barney Jones, Editor, The Andrew Marr Show, BBC; Ken Auletta of The New Yorker; Betsy Gleick, former Deputy Editor, People Magazine, New York.

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## WHAT PEOPLE SAY ABOUT PARTICIPATING IN NAMES NOT NUMBERS

"Like bear's porridge: Not too large, not too small. Clever mix of people and ideas' - David Landsman, OBE, Executive Director, Tata Europe.

"Brilliant festival" - Jamie Byng, Canongate

"Back from #NNN15 feeling like I've been on a gourmet holiday for the brain. Grey cells replete with finest caviar" - Julia Llewellyn Smith, Journalist and Writer

"Inspiring, thought-provoking. Being part of #NNN15 was so special" - Elif Shafak, Author

"brilliant" - Ella Weston, Director, WPP Stream

"It was little short of sensational. Fabulously curated, fascinating throughout...blissful, insightful and utterly enchanting weekend" - John Gordon, Founder, How To Academy

"the best conference I have ever been to" - Lysa, Head of Innovation, Samsung

"The Best NNN yet" - Equity Partner and Head of Group Corporate Communications, Pictet Group

"Blown Away - Enriching, absorbing and slick" - Michael Simpson, Year Here

"The annual inspiration" - Sanjay Nazerali - Chief Strategy Officer, Dentsu Aegis

"Scintilating. Fireworks for the mind" - Toby Mundy, CEO Samuel Johnson Prize

"Wit, Wisdom and Wonder - a magic weekend" - Jodie Ginsburg, CEO Index on Censorship

"Buzzing with pleasure at the fantastic 3 days we spent with NNN" - Armand d'Angour

"Wonderful experience and a hugely refreshing set of takeaways" - Robert Madelin, European Commission

"It really is the most stimulating and challenging group of people. An honour to be involved" - John Mitchinson, Founder, UnBound

"I just loved it. And found every session and every person just fascinating. It's a rare thing to get the chemistry, content and logistics just right.....and you pulled it off." - Nigel Barton, Wyrd.

"I am still exulting in the glories of #NNN15 - happy clever perfect joyous and enriching and mindful and simply stellar" - Rachel Johnson.

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