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Daniel Schwartz: Daniel is the CEO of Dynamica, Inc., a philanthropic foundation and multi-family office serving some of the world's most generous and effective philanthropists. Mr. Schwartz is a leader in the nonprofit and corporate sectors, specializing in multi-stakeholder engagements, public-private partnerships and CSR. Listed by Black Ink, the American Express Centurion cardholders' magazine, as one the "25 Most Influential Philanthropists", he serves or has served on the boards of Synergos, Porticus, GAVI Campaign, Arcus Foundation, Ol Pejeta Conservancy and Sweetwater's Chimpanzee Sanctuary (Kenya), Rubin Museum of Art, Young Presidents' Organization (YPO), Chief Executives Organization (CEO), Friends of Florence Foundation, Reboot, Kids in Distressed Situations, A Blade of Grass, and Sing for Hope. He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, Chatham House, IISS, and of the Synergos Global Philanthropist Circle (co-chair). He has participated in the RAND Organization's Russia-US Business Leadership Forum.

Miracle Foundation: The mission of Miracle Foundation is to support vulnerable children to have a better quality of life while bringing sustainable change that reduces the need for orphanages. For the past 20 years, Miracle Foundation has improved the lives of more than 15,000 children. Miracle Foundation's proven Thrive Scale™ methodology is based on the UN Rights of the Child and leverages data and technology to ensure that orphaned and vulnerable children reach their full potential. Miracle Foundation is part of a global network of non-profit organizations leading the worldwide movement to end the need for orphanages.

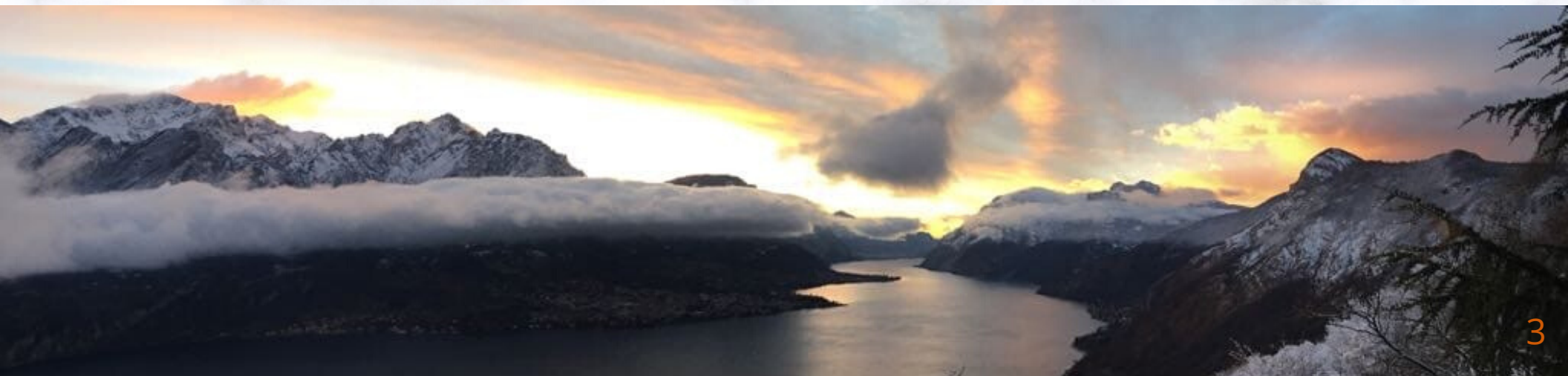
MISSION BRIEF

Background:

In October 2019, Miracle Foundation was awarded a grant from The Rockefeller Foundation to convene a meeting at the Bellagio in February 2020. The application was submitted in June of 2018 and was focused on convening a meeting to explore and enhance collaboration within the care sector. In the time between the application and the grant being awarded, such a meeting had been convened in New York, resulting in the formation of the Better Collaboration group and platform. Subsequently, highly successful efforts to build a strong coalition around the UNGA ROC Resolution had also taken place due to efforts of the Better Collaboration group and members.

Acknowledging these exciting developments, Miracle Foundation decided to repurpose the meeting and focus on a cross sectoral 'outside look in' examination of the issue of children's care, with an emphasis on a future focused visualization of the enabling environment of care. The idea was to explore how fresh perspectives from different yet relevant vantage points, could result in new narratives and new opportunities to pursue cross sectoral collaboration.

As such, Miracle Foundation invited a diverse group of high-level thinkers and experts from interrelated sectors such as social protection, disability, early childhood development, education, youth, social policy, public policy, health and migration. Also included were a group of youth experts from around the world who are care leavers. Participants have been selected to ensure the group includes a diversity of regional and cultural perspectives as well as expertise drawn from lived experience.



PURPOSE

Millions of children are currently living in institutions. Millions more are separated or at risk of separation, including children on the move, displaced, street connected, or in contact with the juvenile justice system, trafficked or in other forms of out of home care. Certain groups of children are disproportionately represented in alternative care settings or in contact with statutory child protection services, pointing to deep seated issues of inequity, ethnic, racial and socio-economic discrimination and marginalization. These issues have permeated narratives, policies and practices in child protection.

Our charge was to look to the future and envisage the conditions necessary, at the community, national and global level, to enable families to provide adequate care for children and make the vast majority of situations that lead to separation and recourse to alternative care, a thing of the past. To identify where efforts and investment should be directed, what alliances and cross sectoral partnerships should be forged in order to build enabling environments for all families, rather than continue to rely upon the inherently reactive and invasive child protection machinery to ensure children's care and protection? We were challenged to build family-centric frameworks of understanding.

MEETING DESIGN AND PROCESS

Complex problems demand innovative thinking. To elicit the best thinking, we deployed co-design methodology, which rests on three principles:

1. Focused on designing new approaches, models and ways of working, rather than trying to fix current systems.
2. Elevated the lived experience of those most affected by the issue while drawing on the knowledge and expertise of all stakeholders.
3. Facilitated processes which are interactive, iterative and engaging, rather than conduct talk-and-chalk lectures and presentations, which rely on passive listening and internal processing.

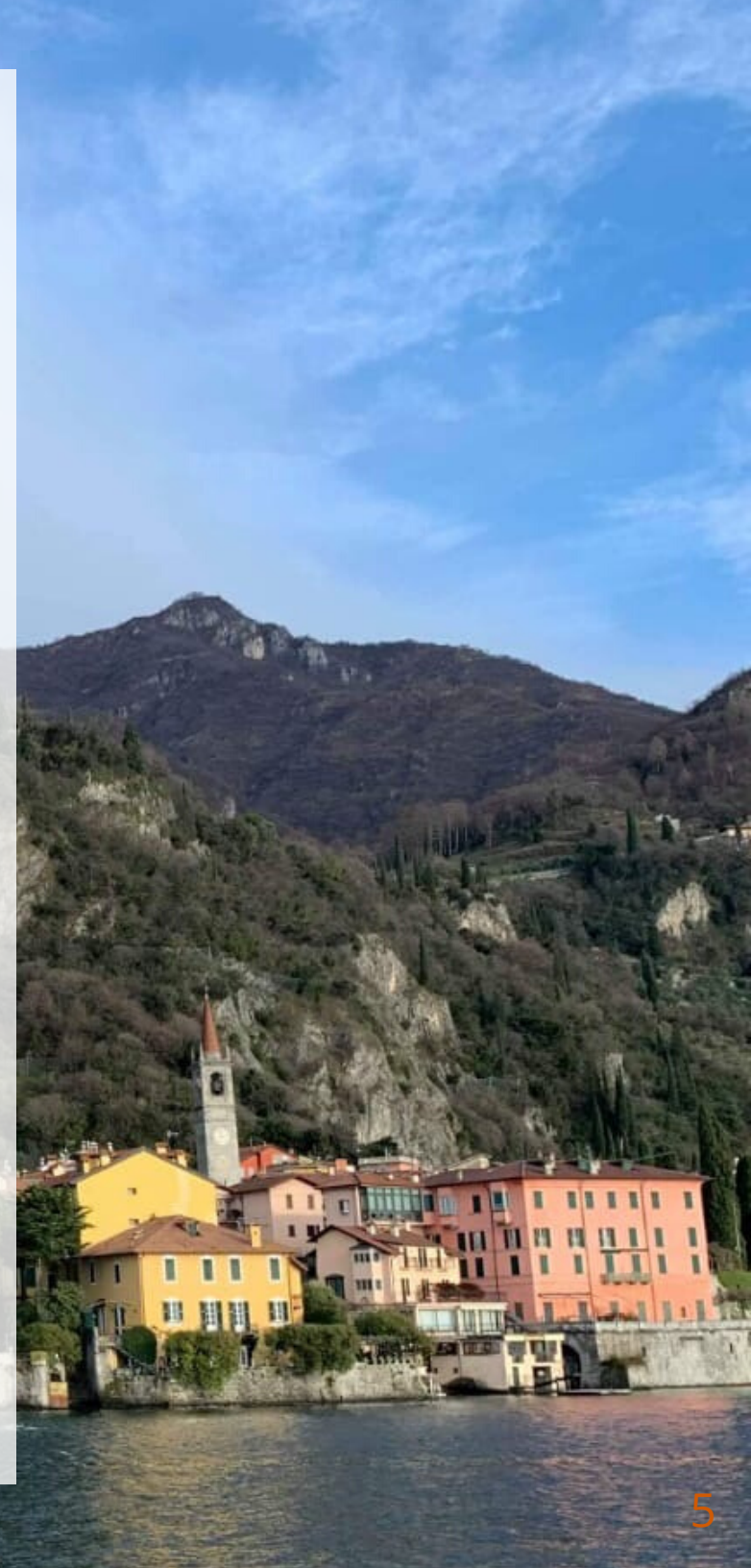
The co-design process used followed the UK Design Council's Double Diamond approach, with phases of divergent and convergent thinking built across the three days:

Day 1: Focused on “apprenticing the problem” and prioritized lived experience to develop a shortlist of ‘how might we’ design questions.

Day 2: Consolidated and agreed on focus areas and generated ideas.

Day 3: Interrogated and refined ideas to make them actionable.

Underpinning the process was a preparedness to engage in ambiguity and uncertainty.



FORUM INSIGHTS



"We take children away from home and family and call it care – its not care"

"You can't take a child out of a family, put them into an institution, and expect them to be the same person"

"Design for disability and everyone gets served."

"No parents want to abandon or harm their child. But we live in a world where many families lack the resources to thrive"

"Every child needs someone who's crazy about them"

"Child removal is violence"

"Hug before band-aid – you flip Maslow's hierarchy of needs when it comes to your own children, yet the system doesn't follow this"

"Every child wants to matter"

"Have you met our threshold of mistakes to justify our intervention?"

"Shift the driving concept: from child protection to help for families."

"We investigate rather than support"

"Human rights/injustice underpins all of this"

"People do not do what is expected, they do what is inspected"

OUTCOMES

There were three main areas of focus with approaches for solutions:

How might we connect families to quality services (education, health, etc.) in order to prevent separation?

Create a Global Index, leveraging best practices utilized by Gavi, on separated children to measure, evaluate, track and drive strategic change. The interactive web-based Index will filter data into three overarching categories: prevalence of separated children; risk of separation; and government response. It will provide data and solutions to governments, civil society, policy makers, and advocates allowing informed decision making, advocacy and prioritization. It will elevate the issue and generate the information and political will needed to tackle this complex and multifaceted problem through collaborative means.

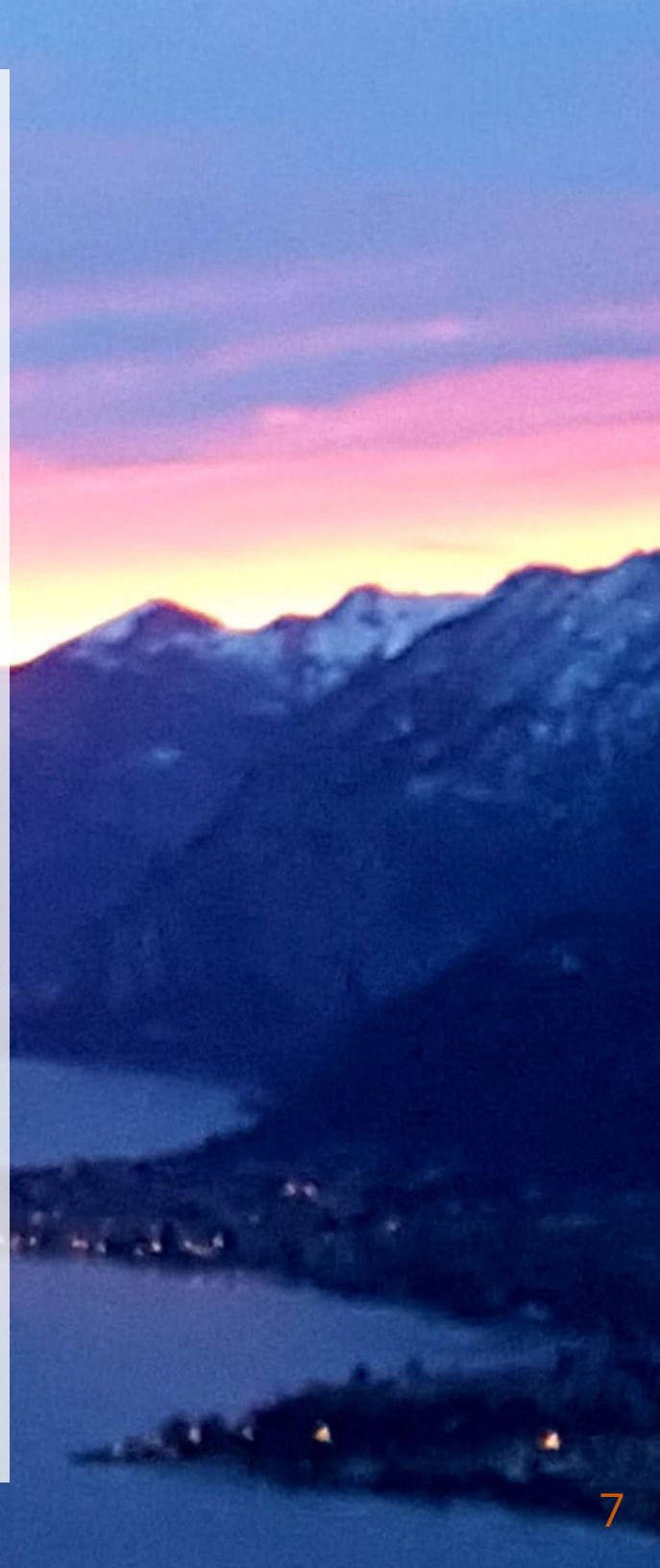
How might we change the narrative to one that focuses on holistic well-being?

Commission a social listening research report that identifies the beliefs, social norms, and influences that support or prevent institutionalization and reuniting families. Deploy a communication strategy that follows the Message, Messenger, Messaging framework, and use outcomes to create local implementations for a global strategy.

How might we mobilize and direct efforts that amplify community power, build community strengths (traditional and changing), and increase resilience, community pride, equity, and safety nets internal to communities?

Create a scalable framework to enable communities and care experienced youth to co-design community-led solutions to prevent separation and prepare communities for reintegration.

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THE PARTICIPANTS

Andy Bilson, United Kingdom

Thought Leader

Andy is Emeritus Professor of Social Work at the University of Central Lancashire and adjunct professor at the University of Western Australia. He was a senior manager in social work and the Director of the Council of Europe's and UNICEF's observatory on European children's rights. He founded the Centre for Children's Participation at UCLan; the Association for Juvenile Justice and the Know How Centre on Alternatives to Care in Bulgaria. He is a trustee of Hope and Homes for Children and an associate of Oxford Policy Management. He has undertaken international research and consultancy on child rights and alternatives to care with many governments and organisations. He co-wrote the World Bank and UNICEF guidance on gatekeeping and standards and was advisor for Eurochild's Childnomics programme developing a tool to determine the long-term social and economic return of investing in children.

Leslie Beasley, United States

Thought Leader

Leslie Beasley joined Miracle Foundation in 2018 as President and was promoted to CEO in 2019. Leslie has served as a member of the organization's Board of Directors since 2016, dedicating her passion for children's rights and her commitment to solutions for children separated from their parents. She has observed the lives and conditions of children in countless orphanages all over the world, and she has evolved into an admired thought leader on the issues facing child development & well-being and family & community strengthening. Leslie has more than 25 years of non-profit and entrepreneurial experience. Most recently, she was the Founder and CEO of Open Arms, was founding Board member for Work for Life, an organization that assists African entrepreneurs in launching sustainable businesses to help eliminate poverty. Leslie is committed to social change and inspiring businesses to use their people, expertise and financial resources to make a positive impact. She lives in Austin, Texas with her husband Robert and four children.

Absalom Birua, India

Youth Expert

I am Absalom Birua, the Youth ambassador of The Miracle Foundation India. I am studying a Diploma in Mechatronics Engineering in Central Tool room and training centre, Bhubaneswar, Odisha. I want to empower the youth for Education as I feel Education is the key for development of human beings in all fields. My hobbies are to make short videos, bots and write rap lyrics.

THE PARTICIPANTS

Caroline Boudreaux, United States

Thought Leader

Caroline Boudreaux is a social entrepreneur and founder of Miracle Foundation. In May 2000, on Mother's Day, Caroline's life changed forever as she visited India for the first time and met a group of more than 100 orphaned children. The children were bald and filthy with empty-looking eyes — yet she saw their incredible potential. Since that day, she has committed her life to helping orphaned children realize that potential. Caroline is a firecracker Cajun who was born and raised in Lake Charles, Louisiana and attended Louisiana State University where she earned a Bachelor of Science in Psychology. Prior to her nonprofit work, she had a successful career in media advertising. For her achievements with Miracle Foundation, Caroline was presented with the Hope Award in 2005, the Impact Award in 2008 and the United Nations Humanitarian Award in 2017. Caroline is a Young Global Leader with the World Economic Forum and has completed executive programs at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government, Yale's Jackson Institute for Diplomacy and the India School of Business.

Dr. Alexander Butchart, Switzerland

Thought Leader

Alex is the Prevention of Violence Coordinator in the Department for the Social Determinants of Health at the World Health Organization (WHO) in Geneva, Switzerland. His responsibilities include coordinating the Global Campaign for Violence Prevention, the development of policy for the prevention of interpersonal violence, preparation of guidelines for the prevention of specific types of interpersonal violence, and the coordination of research into various aspects of interpersonal violence and its prevention. A major focus is on preventing and responding to violence against children through development and implementation of the INSPIRE: Seven strategies for ending violence against children technical package. His postgraduate training includes a master's degree in clinical psychology and neuropsychology, and a doctoral degree for work examining the history and sociology of western medicine and public health in southern Africa. Prior to joining WHO he worked mainly in Southern and East Africa, where he was lead scientist in the South African Violence and Injury Surveillance Consortium, and in collaboration with the Uganda-based Injury Prevention Initiative for Africa participated in training violence and injury prevention workers from several African countries. He has been a visiting scientist at the Swedish Karolinska Institutet's Division of Social Medicine and is a widely published social scientist.

THE PARTICIPANTS

Sinet Chan, Cambodia

Youth Expert

Sinet Chan is a screenwriter, story editor, creative consultant and voice artist living in Phnom Penh Cambodia, who's passionate about bringing stories to life and using film to create social impact. Sinet is also an orphanage survivor and a passionate activist for children's rights. She is currently serving as an advisory director on the board of Cambodian Children's Trust. Her testimony at Australia's Parliamentary Inquiry into Modern Slavery played a significant role in the subsequent passing of the Modern Slavery Bill in Australia, recognising for the first time in history that orphanage trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery. She has written screenplays for original TV series, miniseries, short films and scripts for commercials. She has worked as a producer for BBC Media Action radio stations Loy9 and Love9. She wrote and directed the short film "Because I Love You More," which received a nomination at the 2019 Chaktomuk Short Film Festival. She volunteers a lot of her free time to managing film and literary festivals across Cambodia. UNDP recently selected her as an up-and-coming media entrepreneur who is working to inspire the future of Cambodia's media industry. She is now being mentored towards her goal of starting up a production company with a focus on developing female-focused films for social impact.

Dr. Chris Desmond, South Africa

Thought Leader

Chris is an economist specializing in social policy research related to children. His work has focused on children affected by HIV, the challenges of conducting economic evaluations of social interventions, including those concerned with the care of children and, more recently, the determinants of adolescent wellbeing. He is the Director of the Centre for Liberation Studies, a not-for-profit research group seeking to find more holistic and humanist approaches to development research. Chris is a Co-Director of the UKRI GCRF Accelerating Achievement for Africa's Adolescents Hub. He is an Honorary Research Associate at the Centre for Rural Health at the University of KwaZulu-Natal, a Research Associate at Brigham and Women's Hospital. He has a PhD in Development Studies from the London School of Economics and a Masters in Economics from the University of KwaZulu-Natal. Until 2017, Chris was a Research Director at the Human Sciences Research Council, in the Human and Social Development research program. Dr Desmond was previously a Research Associate at the FXB Centre for Health and Human Rights at Harvard University, and the Department of Global Health and Social Medicine at Harvard Medical School.

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Sophal Ear, Cambodia, France and the United States

Thought Leader

Re-elected to the Crescenta Valley Town Council in November 2018 to a second 3-year term, encompassing more than 22,000 residents in unincorporated Los Angeles County, California, and currently serving as its Corresponding Secretary, PhD, is a tenured Associate Professor of Diplomacy & World Affairs at Occidental College in Los Angeles where he lectures on political economy, security, development, and Asia. Previously, he taught how to rebuild countries after wars at the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School and international development at the Maxwell School of Syracuse University. He consulted for the World Bank, was Assistant Resident Representative for the United Nations Development Programme in East Timor, Term Member of the Council on Foreign Relations, Advisor to Cambodia's first private equity fund Leopard Capital, and Audit Chair of the Nathan Cummings Foundation. A TED Fellow, Fulbright Specialist, and Young Global Leader of the World Economic Forum, he serves on the Boards of Refugees International (Washington, DC), Partners for Development (Silver Spring, MD), International Public Management Network (Washington, DC), the Southeast Asia Resource Action Center (Washington, DC), the Southeast Asia Development Program (Phnom Penh, Cambodia), and the Center for Khmer Studies (Siem Reap, Cambodia). He is the author of *Aid Dependence in Cambodia: How Foreign Assistance Undermines Democracy* (Columbia University Press, 2013, <http://amzn.to/UXhoWc>) and co-author of *The Hungry Dragon: How China's Resources Quest is Reshaping the World* (Routledge, 2013, <http://amzn.to/WkxCEf>). He wrote and narrated the award winning documentary film "The End/Beginning: Cambodia" (47 minutes, 2011, news blurb <http://youtu.be/QwsSDPRI25E>) based on his 2009 TED Talk (http://www.ted.com/talks/sophal_ear_escaping_the_khmer_rouge) and has appeared in four other documentaries. A graduate of Princeton and Berkeley, he moved to the US from France as a Cambodian refugee at the age of 10, having lived with a French foster family or two years.

Daniel Fazekas, United Kingdom

Thought Leader

Daniel is the co-founder and CEO of Bakamo, a social media intelligence consultancy. Over the past twenty years, Daniel has been working across the converging fields of consumer research, internet technology and strategic communications. He contributed to or ran a string of high-profile tech start-ups, social innovation and citizen advocacy projects. Daniel's current focus, Bakamo is a disruptive research company that bypasses the inherent and often unconscious bias of research to help organisations understand what people understand. Bakamo listens to public social media to discover narratives framing people's behaviours without asking questions. Dovetailing technology, human analysis and academic rigour yields a new breed of people's insight. Using Niklas Luhmann's Systems Theory to interpret findings, Bakamo delivers superior predictive capabilities in today's complex, post-truth communication-dominated world. Over the past five years, Bakamo has supported a range of civil society and philanthropic organisations and governmental agencies on big social flashpoints, with issues ranging from migration, radicalisation, mental health, anti-vaccinations, disinformation, racism and stigmatisation.

THE PARTICIPANTS

Professor Pamela Gillies CBE FRSE

Thought Leader

Professor Pamela Gillies CBE, FRSE has been President and Vice-Chancellor of Glasgow Caledonian University, the University for the Common Good since 2006. She is a founding Member of the Global Advisory Council for the African Leadership University; a Board Member of the RFK Human Rights UK Board and Trustee of the National University of Science and Technology in Muscat, Oman where 50% of our engineering graduates are women. She was a member of the Board of Trustees of the British Council from 2008 to 2014. Pamela is also a founding Board member of the Grameen Caledonian College of Nursing in Dhaka, Bangladesh where the University has operated in a social business partnership with the Grameen Healthcare Trust since 2010 and is President of Glasgow Caledonian New York College (GCNYC), the first foreign institution to be granted degree awarding power in the city of New York in 2017. Pamela is also a Board member of the Scottish Institute for Enterprise (SIE). Awarded the honour of CBE for services to education and public health in December 2012, Pamela was elected a Fellow of the Faculty of Public Health of the Royal College of Physicians of London in 2002; a Fellow of the Academy for Social Sciences in 2005; an Honorary Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of Glasgow in 2007 and was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh in 2015.

Eva Haller, United States

Thought Leader

Hungarian-Born Eva Haller has been a fierce advocate for social justice since the age of thirteen, when she would sneak out with her brother, John, to assist distributing anti-Hitler pamphlets throughout Budapest. John's death propelled Eva to be the activist she is today. From joining the Selma march with Dr. King, to traveling the world as a UNICEF volunteer, Eva has been at the heart of what matters. She has engaged in and mentored countless organizations and is the recipient of many awards including: The Mandala Award for Humanitarian Achievement, The Inaugural Mentoring Award at Forbes Women's Summit, and A Lifetime Achievement Award at the United Nations Population Fund. More recently, she received the Ban Ki-moon Mentorship Award. A member of Synergos' Global Philanthropists Circle, Eva participates in a community of international do-gooders who use their time and resources to fight poverty and injustice.

THE PARTICIPANTS

Alasia Hunt, United States

Youth Expert

Alasia Hunt is known to be a miracle from Copperas Cove Texas who dedicates her time to enlightening the hearts and minds of the children in her community. Alasia's experience in the foster system sparked her passion of working with the children of our future. Alasia hopes to be an outstanding advocate and role model for the children of the Central Texas foster system. Alasia attends Texas A&M University- Central Texas, her current course of study is Social Work with a minor in Psychology, she hopes to get her master's in social work and later her Ph.D. Throughout her time in the foster system Alasia has spent some of her time speaking out about her experience in the foster system. Alasia has participated in Youth in Action Day at the Texas capitol. She has also participated in numerous speaking events held by the PAL program and just recently Alasia participated in the Foster Youth Alumni panel for the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. Last year Alasia participated in shadow day which was held by The National Foster Youth Institute. Alasia is very interested in helping the leaders of today make a difference in any and all systems.

Katherine Marshall, United States

Thought Leader

Katherine is a senior fellow at the Berkley Center for Religion, Peace, and World Affairs, where she leads the center's work on religion and global development, and a professor of the practice of development, conflict, and religion in the Walsh School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University. She helped to create and is executive director of the World Faiths Development Dialogue. She is involved in wide-ranging work to build bridges and partnerships among religious and non-religious institutions and policies, all geared to advancing human welfare. Marshall, who worked at the World Bank from 1971 to 2006, has four decades of experience on a wide range of development issues in Africa, Latin America, Southeast and South Asia, and the Middle East, focusing on the world's poorest countries and most vulnerable groups. She was a pioneering operational leader who focused on mentoring younger staff and on strengthening ethical partnerships with the countries and communities the Bank serves. She led the World Bank's faith and ethics initiative between 2000 and 2006. Marshall's most recent book, co-edited with Susan Hayward, is *Women, Religion, and Peacebuilding: Illuminating the Unseen* (United States Institute of Peace, 2015). Marshall has a B.A. from Wellesley College, an MPA from Princeton's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs.

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Alana Martinez, United States

Youth Expert

My name is Alana Martinez, and I am originally from South Texas (U.S). I graduated and aged out of foster care after turning 18, and, regardless of the many obstacles I faced, I decided to seek a higher education. Since a young age, I knew that my odds of succeeding in the world would increase by doing so, and I had to persevere any challenges that I stumbled upon. Today, I am pursuing a degree in Biochemistry and [possibly] double majoring in Philosophy at the University of Texas at Austin. I am involved in research on campus along with other organizations that have been able to provide a sense of belonging and consistency in my life. I aspire to become a surgeon someday, and being able to give back to my community and others who have faced similar struggles as I have.

Lane Mears, San Salvador

Thought Leader

Lane is a lawyer, development professional, and child rights advocate who has worked in Kenya, Rwanda, and El Salvador to ensure justice and protection for vulnerable children. For five years, Mr. Mears worked with International Justice Mission (IJM) on cases of child sexual assault and illegal detention. As Country Director for IJM in Rwanda, he led a team of professionals that provided legal aid and trauma counseling to more than a hundred of child survivors of assault, and he helped draft the national child protection policy and designed an anti-human trafficking strategy for the Government of Rwanda. For the past three years, Mr. Mears has worked for the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) in El Salvador, leading efforts on crime and violence prevention, justice sector strengthening, juvenile justice, and child protection. Mr. Mears graduated from the University of Texas at Austin with a degree in Sociology, and graduated summa cum laude from the South Texas College of Law in Houston, Texas in 1997. After law school, he clerked for the Texas Supreme Court and then practiced civil litigation law in Austin, Texas for eight years. He now lives in San Salvador, El Salvador with his wife and four children, although the family will move to Harare, Zimbabwe in August 2020.

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Peter Muthui, Kenya

Thought Leader

Peter is the Director and co-Founder of Child in Focus, Kenya. He is the last born in a family of six lost his mom when he was six weeks old and his dad died a year later. His family suffered another blow when the children's court gave orders for the placement of his elder siblings in reformatories and his placement into a home for children with disabilities. After two years, the family was reunited at a Nairobi orphanage which became Peter's home till the age of twenty. His childhood experience of being separated from John, his close friend who was joining a foster family stirred a deep longing for a family and Peter kept hoping that he would be next. It is the memory of the pain he felt not having a family that led him to working at the same children's home as a social worker and later as a social programmes manager, resolute that he would make it a reality for other children. During his nine-year stint at the orphanage, he spearheaded the setting up and running of the establishment's affiliate Adoption Society, a family-based care outreach unit as well as other successful child welfare programs. Peter serves as a consultant at the orphanage he grew up in and is a member of the Kenya Society of Care Leavers advisory team. He is a founding partner and Director at Child in Family Focus – Kenya; a nonprofit organization that champions family-based care for orphaned and vulnerable children through care reform. He also serves as the vice chairperson of the Association for Alternative Family Care of Children.

Rebecca Nhep

Thought Leader

Rebecca Nhep is the Senior Technical Advisor for Better Care Network. Rebecca has 18 years of experience in international development and child protection. Her work has included a strong focus on advocacy, deinstitutionalization, family based care and community-led development. Rebecca also co-founded and co-chairs ReThink Orphanages Network in Australia. Prior to her role with BCN, Rebecca was the Joint CEO of ACC International (ACCI) where she founded ACCI's child rights and deinstitutionalization program, Kinconnected. Under Rebecca's leadership, the Kinconnected program supported the transition of over 65 residential care centres and the development of family-based care and community-based child and family welfare services in 12 countries. Rebecca also spent 11 years in Cambodia where she supported the development of the country's first formal family-based care program. She also established an extensive network of family strengthening projects in rural communities to prevent family separation and child institutionalization. Rebecca holds a Master's Degree in International Development, and a Graduate Certificate in Missiology and Anthropology.

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Francoise Niyigena, Rwanda

Youth Expert

Francoise Niyigena was born and raised in Rwanda. She is currently a junior at Middlebury College pursuing a double major in Neuroscience and Psychology with a minor in Education studies. Her biggest passion is empowering young people. She has led a number of projects in Rwanda and Jamaica mostly focused on bringing a more holistic lens to education by introducing them to innovation, emotional intelligence, cultural immersion, critical thinking among other skills. She ultimately hopes to work in education development.

Bianca Orsini, Australia

Youth Expert

Bianca is a Director at YLab, a social enterprise which tackles inequality by employing and training young people to solve complex problems and design the future. Her role involves directing THE OASIS Homelessness Project, a long term approach for the early intervention and prevention of youth homelessness in schools. The project is led, designed and delivered by young people who have experienced homelessness and out of home care, in collaboration with educators and students. Bianca has worked with more than 55,000 students and 300 institutions across Australia on youth homelessness prevention and intervention. In addition, she has special interests in impact measurement, systems change strategy, operational management and innovation through bringing together the perspectives of unlikely collectives. Bianca is a TEDx speaker, and has received awards such as Westpac's 100 women of influence in 2012, and was a 2014 NSW Young Women of the Year finalist.

Amanda Racheal, Uganda

Youth Expert

My name is Amanda Rachael and I'm from Uganda. I enjoy meeting new people and being a part of intellectual conversations because then I feel in a way I am able to contribute to forming ideas that can make lives of individuals better. I also love to write and I do it a lot mostly because I believe in the saying that goes, "if you can't write it, you know not what you think." I currently work with a not for profit organization called Music for life: music for life aims to help Africa's most vulnerable such as orphans so that they can help Africa tomorrow.

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Daniel Schwartz, United States

Thought Leader

Daniel Schwartz is the CEO of Dynamica, Inc., a philanthropic foundation and multi-family office serving some of the world's most generous and effective philanthropists. With more than two-decades worth of experience, Mr. Schwartz is a leader in the nonprofit and corporate sectors, specializing in multi-stakeholder engagements, public-private partnerships and CSR. He is the former CEO of Porticus, a foundation and strategic advisor, where he led a staff of 200 in 15 global offices with activities in 90 countries. Previously he served as the Executive Director of the Elie Wiesel Foundation for Humanity, where he was responsible for the Conference of Nobel Laureates. He is a co-creator of Arbinet, which was the world's largest telecommunications bandwidth exchange. Listed by Black Ink, the American Express Centurion cardholders' magazine, as one the "25 Most Influential Philanthropists", he serves or has served on the boards of Synergos, Porticus, GAVI Campaign, Arcus Foundation, Ol Pejeta Conservancy and Sweetwater's Chimpanzee Sanctuary (Kenya), Rubin Museum of Art, Young Presidents' Organization (YPO), Chief Executives Organization (CEO), Friends of Florence Foundation, Reboot, Kids in Distressed Situations, A Blade of Grass, and Sing for Hope. He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, Chatham House, IISS, and of the Synergos Global Philanthropist Circle (co-chair). He has participated in the RAND Organization's Russia-US Business Leadership Forum. A frequent speaker and author in the areas of effective philanthropy & CSR among others he presented at the UBS Philanthropy Forum, the World Economic Forum, McKinsey & Co., Harvard & Yale Universities, the Rockefeller Foundation, the Global Philanthropy Forum, YPO, & Synergos. Daniel received his Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Harvard University. He was selected as one of Crain's New York Business' "40 under 40", and was named as one of the 100 Global Leaders for Tomorrow by the World Economic Forum..

Suzanne Sellers, United States

Thought Leader

Suzanne is a mother with lived experience in the child welfare system and she is a passionate and committed advocate for the reform of global child welfare and the orphan-age. In 1999, her parental rights were wrongfully terminated to her daughter and son. She reunited with her children in the years 2011 and 2013 respectively, when they each attained the age of 18 years old. She allows her lived experience in the child welfare system to serve as a foundation in her advocacy for global systemic reforms. Ms. Sellers believes that when it is safely possible, families should remain together. In 2015, she founded Families Organizing for Child Welfare Justice, a not for profit organization whose mission is train, educate, and organize families in child welfare reform with the goal of advocating for systemic reforms and justice for families. She has also participated in grassroots child welfare reform advocacy at the State and federal levels. Other forms of activism and participation for Ms. Sellers have included her being a guest speaker on the 2016 Child Welfare Braintrust of the Congressional Black Caucus, serving as a guest lecturer at an undergraduate anthropology class, and providing expertise on several national and regional working groups and committees. Ms. Sellers holds the degrees of Master of Business Administration from DePaul University, Master of Public Policy from The University of Chicago, and Master of Arts in Theological Studies from Trinity International University.

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Sue Swenson, United States

Thought Leader

Sue is president of Inclusion International, the disabled people's organization charged with securing the human rights of children with disabilities, adults with intellectual disabilities, and their families. Sue served two terms of the Obama administration as deputy and acting assistant secretary for special education and rehabilitative services, and as acting director of disability and rehabilitation research. She was commissioner for developmental disabilities in the Clinton administration, and has been executive director of the Kennedy Foundation and The Arc of the United States. Sue was educated at the University of Chicago and also holds a UChicago AM and an MBA from the University of Minnesota. Sue learned a lot from her middle son Charlie, who lived for 30 years with profound disabilities, was included in neighborhood schools, and always lived with his family and in the community.

Ashley Symons, United States

Youth Expert

Ashley is the Development Coordinator at Miracle Foundation. She recently graduated from the University of Michigan, where she majored in Sociology and minored in Communication. Ashley has spent multiple years interning at social service nonprofits and traveling to low income communities in The United States, Central America, and most recently India, where she has seen first hand the needs of vulnerable individuals. She is passionate about making a difference in the lives of families and children and is committed to Miracle's mission of creating systemic, sustainable change.

Dr. Eruera Tarena, New Zealand

Thought Leader

Tribal affiliations: Ngāi Tahu, Ngāti Porou and Te Whānau-ā-Apanui. Eruera is the Executive Director for Tokona te Raki: Māori Futures Collective, an indigenous tribally-led (Ngāi Tahu) initiative to tackle inequality and racism at its roots. The vision is to create equity in education, employment and income for all Māori in the Ngāi Tahu Takiwā by 2040. We believe that change is possible; through research, innovation and relationships we can lead a movement that will fundamentally transform the current system – remove systemic bias and inequality – and create opportunities for all tamariki/rangatahi and whānau to reach their full potential. We imagine a future where all our youth are inspired by their opportunities, empower them to realise their dream future and influence the thinking of partners to advocate for a new, fair and just approach.

THE FACILITATORS

Jan Owen AM, CoFounder, AdaptabilityQ

Jan works at the intersection of social policy and innovation, education and entrepreneurship. She has founded and led multiple organizations and collaborations in Australia and internationally and is a sought after global speaker, strategy advisor and facilitator. She was the CEO of Australia's largest youth organization, Foundation for Young Australians. FYA is the premier national, youth foundation for Australia's 4.6 million young people facilitating their participation in education and social change. Jan has received much recognition for her work, including an Order of Australia, two Honorary PhDs, and was named "Australia's Most Influential Women" by the Australian Financial Review in 2012. Jan is a brilliant thinker with a wealth of relevant experience and expertise.

Sarah Alexander, Senior Consultant, AdaptabilityQ

Sarah brings together methods and approaches from policy, codesign, social entrepreneurship, human-centred design, economics, sustainability and infrastructure planning to tackle big complex challenges. She is a cofounder of YLab, a social enterprise incubated by the Foundation for Young Australians which provides a 'gig economy' platform for the unlike-minded to come together and bring design and systems thinking approaches to designing the future. Sarah has also lived, worked, and studied in Japan, the Netherlands, Thailand, and India, with a focus on equitable social and economic development. She has provided strategic and governance support to UdayanCare, a not-for-profit in India with an innovative model for supporting children who have left their home into early adulthood and beyond. Sarah is also currently working with a large multinational corporation to identify, fund and build in preventative and early intervention responses to social issues through city planning and design.

THE FACILITATORS

Alice King, Bellagio Support

Alice received a B.A. from the University of Texas at Austin, and is on track to receive a master's degree in Social Work from the University of Houston in 2021. She hopes to have a clinical practice and also affect public policy on behalf of marginalized persons. Alice King has worked in community affairs for faith based, corporate, non-profit, governmental, and consulting organizations for 30+ years. During that time, Alice has led numerous international trips and served on facilitation teams for boards, events, meetings, and conferences of many type and size. She and her husband David have two adult sons and live in Houston, Texas.

David James, Villa Ponti Support

David was Deputy Director-General of the Queensland Department of Children's Services, Founder and CEO of Community Link Australia, a national consulting practice to the non-government and government sectors, and Managing Director, Children's Ground, which works with First Nations (Aboriginal) people in the Northern Territory of Australia. . David brings deep expertise in child protection, consulting, facilitation and report preparation services.