



‘OE Philanthropy and Social Impact’

Development to date – for discussion and improvement

“Philanthropy is an act of caring, a recognition that the resources you have can make the world a better place. It has alleviated poverty, fostered art and culture, strengthened communities and improved our environment. When most effective, the philanthropist brings skills, experience and networks as well as money, partnering the causes they care about.”

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“Give is a funny word, I prefer the word share. Philanthropy is about sharing time, talent and money.”

John Studzinski CBE, philanthropist, founder of The Genesis Foundation

OE Philanthropy and Social Impact: Purpose – the ‘Why?’

“To accelerate and enhance the philanthropic impact of the OE community by advocating and actively encouraging OE philanthropy and involvement in social impact”

The ‘How?’

- By developing a network of OEs interested and active in philanthropy and social impact:
 - Facilitating connections and relationships
 - Providing an opportunity for like-minded OEs to generate ideas, collaborate, and take action
 - Being a source of information eg. best practice, case studies, links to relevant organisations etc.
- By providing a resource for staff and boys currently at Eton: inspiration, information, connections, opportunities etc.

Key Principles and Approach

- **Open and flexible**
 - Deliberately not focussing on any specific area of philanthropy or social impact, taking account of the potentially wide range of interest and experience
 - Allow (and support) specific individual and group interests to emerge, develop and coalesce organically over time
- **A ‘safe space’:** for discussion and connection, assumption of ‘no solicitation’, application of the Chatham House rule
- Developing and sharing a **common purpose** – collegiate, low ego



- Across **generations and geographies**
- **Collaborative:** seeking opportunities to work with OEESS, Etonpreneurs and other OE societies where interests and ambitions align
- Not a forum through which the School will seek to raise funds directly.

Who is it for?

- **Philanthropists and donors** – those with funds to distribute
- **Practitioners** inc. those working in social impact charities/NGOs, social enterprises and similar organisations
- Philanthropy and social impact **professionals** eg. advisors, consultants, policy professionals etc
- The ‘foot soldiers’ eg. philanthropic **volunteers, trustees etc.**