

EY Foundation Decade of Impact

Celebration Dinner
Merchant Taylors' Hall

17 September 2024



 EY Foundation

Introduction

Welcome to what is a huge moment for the EY Foundation – it is our 10th anniversary, and I am thrilled you have joined us to celebrate our decade of impact!

The EY Foundation is a charity formed by EY in 2014. Our purpose is to support young people from a low-income background to overcome barriers to employment. The barriers they face are significant, with young people eligible for Free School Meals – the criteria we use for access to our programmes – three times more likely to be out of work at 27. And if they are in work, they on average earn 50% less than their better off peers.

In response, the EY Foundation delivers life changing programmes by bringing young people and employers together through paid employability skills training and work experience.

Over the last 10 years, our model has gone from strength to strength. I was part of the charity back in 2014 when we supported 250 young people. Fast forward 10 years and we've supported over 24,000 young people, worked with 23,000 volunteers, and created over 2,200 employer engagement opportunities across the UK.

But we can do much more. Looking to the next decade, we have a bold new ambition to enable all young people on Free School Meals to have an employment and earnings potential that is equitable to other young people. To do that we will revolutionise work experience, transform employer behaviour and ensure the future of work unlocks new opportunities for young people.

This scale of ambition can't be achieved on our own. Each of us here is committed to investing in the future of young people and I hope you will help to grow our impact by participating in our auction (please see details on your table) and consider giving directly using the pledge cards available.

Tonight is also about building new connections and learning how we can support each other to create the scale of change needed to ensure every young person has the chance to fulfil their potential.

Please take the opportunity to find out more about our work, meet the young people who have been on our programmes, and use this evening of celebration to start building a closer relationship with us.

Lynne Peabody, EY Foundation CEO



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It was an amazing experience. I have learnt new and highly applicable skills that I will take with me into my future.

Event running order

18:00 - 18:55	Cocktail reception with music from DJ Spooky
19:10	Take your seats for welcomes from broadcaster Amol Rajan and EY Foundation CEO Lynne Peabody
19:30	Special Guest speakers – EY Foundation alumni: Jack Smith, Olivia Agbe, Chelsea Hargreaves and Hywel Ball EY UK Chair
19:40	Dinner served
20:45	Keynote speech from Amol Rajan
21:00	Live auction
21:40	Thank you from EY Foundation Chair Edel Harris, OBE
22:00	After dinner drinks (cash bar), with music provided by DJ Spooky

Throughout the evening, there will be opportunities to demonstrate your support for the EY Foundation and our mission to provide employability support to young people from low-income backgrounds. We would love to receive your donations, your bids on our live and silent auction and learn how we can collaborate for greater impact.

10 years of EY Foundation

This year, we celebrated our 10th anniversary at the EY Foundation - a significant milestone made possible by dedicated people who have been a driving force for change.



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Mentoring and work experiences opened up worlds for me that I didn't know existed ... one's locked away from people from backgrounds like mine. I grew up pessimistic knowing that the statistics said I would not get very far in life. Mentoring taught me that I could do whatever I wanted to do and how to have a firm handshake!

Context of social mobility in numbers

At the Decade of Impact Dinner our table numbers tell a story. The numbers 1-20 represent statistics that speak to the disparity that exists between the life chances of young people from low-income backgrounds and those from higher socio-economic backgrounds. They illustrate the challenge of social mobility that still exists in the UK – from the number of young people growing up in poverty, to the impact that growing up in receipt of Free School Meals can have on educational attainment, career pathways and long-term economic prosperity.

1 **1** in 4 children in the UK are eligible for Free School Meals, which significantly impacts their educational outcomes and future opportunities.

19 The gap in the likelihood of getting a job between graduates from a low-income background and those from more privileged backgrounds is **19%**.

20 A free schools meal student will earn **20%** less on average than an independent school peer with similar qualification levels and characteristics.

We know that talent exists in everyone and are determined that these statistics should become relegated to history. The EY Foundation is on a mission to give all young people the chance to realise their potential and create powerful new statistics that showcase achievement and success.

Special guests

DJ Spooky

Jonathan Joseph BEM, also known as DJ Spooky is a British DJ, radio and television presenter. With a long career in radio, from Pirate stations to BBC Radio 1, he can now be heard on his regular BBC Radio 2 show The Good Groove. DJ Spooky is a founder of Garage Classical, holding sell out shows at The Royal Albert Hall, Royal Festival Hall and Kew Gardens. He has been DJing around the world for nearly 30 years, with Ibiza residencies and regular festival appearances. He was awarded the British Empire Medal (BEM) in the 2023 New Year Honours for services to charities through music during Covid-19.

Amol Rajan

MC and keynote speaker

Amol Rajan is a presenter on Radio 4's Today programme, and the host of University Challenge. He was previously the BBC's first Media Editor covering the impact of the rapidly changing media landscape on politics, business, and culture. He was the youngest Editor of a broadsheet newspaper in Britain and the first from an ethnic minority in more than a century when he was appointed by The Independent at the age of 20.

Born in Calcutta, India, Amol moved to London when he was three and grew up in South London.

Amol hosts a podcast and has presented numerous documentaries including the two-part documentary 'How to Crack the Class Ceiling', which investigated how people from a working class background are often failed when trying to get a top job.

Lynne Peabody, EY Foundation CEO

Lynne joined the EY Foundation in March 2014 ahead of the charity's launch in July of that year. Lynne has supported the charity to raise over £7.5m in independent funds and scale their reach to over 24,000 young people.

With over 16 years' experience in social change and sustainability, Lynne has developed award winning community programmes, sustainability initiatives and high impact partnerships with NGOs and corporates. She is passionate about the role businesses can play in collaboration with civil society to drive social change.

Jack Smith, age 17, EY Foundation Smart Futures alumni 2024

Jack took part in Smart Futures Business and Finance, doing his work placement with Strategy and Transactions. Jack is studying A-levels in maths, biology and philosophy with the hopes of becoming a financial advisor in the not-for profit sector.

Olivia Agbe, age 21, EY Foundation Smart Futures alumni 2020

Olivia took part in EY Foundation's Smart Futures programme in Birmingham and became an EY Foundation Youth Advisory Board Member 2022-23, serving as the DEI Representative. Most recently, Olivia took part in the charity's youth advocacy pilot 'The Comms Academy'. Olivia studies History and Politics at LSE.

Chelsea Hargreaves, age 25, EY Foundation Smart Futures alumni 2016

Since taking part in a paid EY Foundation employability programme in Manchester, Chelsea has gone on to study Politics and obtained a Masters in Public Health. She now works at the UK Health Security Agency as a Health Protection Policy Advisor. Chelsea was a member of EY Foundation's Youth Advisory Board 2019-20.

Hywel Ball, EY UK Chair

Hywel is a long-time supporter of the EY Foundation and is a strong advocate for the importance of social mobility. He has been instrumental in growing the firm's support for the Foundation's ambitions, particularly during his tenure as EY UK Chair.

Edel Harris OBE, EY Foundation Chair

Edel is a passionate life-long campaigner for social justice. Before becoming Chair of the EY Foundation in 2023, Edel was CEO of Mencap and CEO of Scottish charity, Cornerstone.



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The EY Foundation significantly boosted my confidence levels, introduced me to new, inspiring people and gave me a network of colleagues who helped me develop my teamwork abilities and how to collaborate alongside culturally diverse people.

Make a donation

We can all be part of making a difference to the future of young people. £2500 will allow a young person to take part in a transformative employability skills programme with the EY Foundation.

How many young people will you give a chance to?

On your tables you will find a pledge card. Please take a moment to complete these and, if you are able, make a donation.

How to make your donation tonight

Donate via our Enthuse fundraising page

Scan QR code

1



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Card payment

Please speak to a member of the event team

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Bank transfer (Reference DOI Dinner)

Account name: The EY Foundation

Bank: Barclays

Account number: 03059421

Sort code: 20-01-58

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Cheque

Make payable to EY Foundation and hand to a member of the event team



Our event auction

To support EY Foundation's ambitions, we are thrilled to be raising money tonight through a special auction. Our auction features an incredible range of money-can't-buy prizes and experiences; we are very grateful to all of our prize donors for making this possible. You will find tablets on your tables, which are pre-loaded with the auction site, or you can bid on your own phones. Please speak to a member of our event team if you need any help. You can access further information about all of our auction lots, including some special lots that will be auctioned live, on our auction site:

Access the auction site [here](#)

Here is an overview of what to look out for ...

- ▶ Exclusive José Pizarro's London Bridge private dining experience for 10
- ▶ Weekend Hideaway at Lime Wood Country House Hotel, Hampshire (two guests)
- ▶ Hospitality package for Europa League group game at Tottenham Hotspur Stadium for two people
- ▶ Four nights at 5* Storfjord Hotel, Norway – plus sea safari and electric Porsche
- ▶ Luxury all-inclusive private Caribbean island stay for two
- ▶ Transform 10 lives by sponsoring an EY Foundation employability programme
- ▶ Two nights at Cameron House Hotel, Loch Lomond and private angling lesson for two
- ▶ Stewards Enclosure and full Henley Royal Regatta behind-the-scenes experience for four, hosted by double Olympic medalist Mark Hunter
- ▶ Lunch or Dinner for 6 at private members wine club, 67 Pall Mall, hosted by technology entrepreneur Alastair Bathgate
- ▶ Boxed pre-loved Chanel handbag, 'Mademoiselle Chevron Flap'
- ▶ Exquisite home cooked Indian dinner party with live Indian music (eight guests)
- ▶ Round of golf for three guests at Royal Wimbledon Golf Club, hosted by EY UK Chair Hywel Ball
- ▶ Champagne dinner at the Terrace restaurant and private box at His Majesty's Theatre Aberdeen and two nights B & B at 5* hotel, The Marcliffe
- ▶ Champagne Afternoon Tea for four at the Ritz
- ▶ A pair of Arsenal tickets, Emirates Stadium, 28 September 2024
- ▶ A pair of Arsenal tickets, Emirates Stadium, 22 February 2025
- ▶ A pair of Arsenal tickets, Emirates Stadium, 23 November 2024
- ▶ Lord Ian Botham OBE signed and framed mini cricket bat

- ▶ Berry Bros. & Rudd Tutored Wine Tasting for two, London
- ▶ Signed Great Britain Team Cycling jersey
- ▶ Ooni Pizza Oven bundle
- ▶ The perfect picnic package 1: Featuring insulated bottle, insulated wine tumbler, two bottles of wine, picnic blanket and speaker
- ▶ The perfect picnic package 2: Featuring honey and baked honey sweet treats, picnic blanket and speaker
- ▶ Day out at Kew Gardens with afternoon tea in The Botanical Brasserie (four guests)
- ▶ Afternoon tea for four in The Pavilion Restaurant and Tea Room, Kensington Palace
- ▶ A tour of the Insurance district with the EY Specialty Insurance team, followed by lunch for four people at the famous Luc's brasserie
- ▶ K Club, Ireland - 4 ball game on the Palmer North, Ryder Cup course and overnight accommodation (4 guests)



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Having completed EY's professional services programme, I now feel very confident about my future and it's inspiring to know you can access great opportunities no matter your background.

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- ▶ Benedict Reid
- ▶ British Cycling
- ▶ Christabel Cowling
- ▶ Dan Cooper
- ▶ EY AWS
- ▶ EY CBS
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- ▶ Hywel Ball
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- ▶ Partner in Wine
- ▶ Vivat Bacchus, London Bridge

For going above and beyond

- ▶ Alison Hay
- ▶ Asmy Tesfai
- ▶ Edel Harris
- ▶ Erol Mustafa
- ▶ Hywel Ball
- ▶ Julianna Oladipo
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