

The Tällberg Foundation convenes people with diverse and different minds, ideas, cultures, and perspectives in a search for new, actionable approaches to the great global problems of our time.

In that sense, the Foundation is more a platform than an organization, with a constantly evolving network. Our deep commitment to globalism makes us fundamentally nomadic: geographic borders need to be crossed with as much enthusiasm as intellectual boundaries if we have any hope of effecting the kinds of positive change the world now needs.

Tällberg conversations aim at impact and are designed to have lasting value. We do that by convening both the usual and unusual suspects, challenging them to break boundaries, and urging them to positive, disruptive action.

Launched in 1981 by Swedish business leader Bo Ekman, the Tällberg Foundation explores the issues that are challenging and changing our societies, with the goal of stimulating new thinking and discovering new solutions. The world that we have known since the mid-20th century, which produced unprecedented peace as well as unparalleled human advance, is changing at a pace and in directions that threaten to devolve towards Orwellian dystopia. All is made worse by the accelerating retreat from globalism, even in the face of problems whose very nature demands global solutions.

But globalization is not dead and forces for “good” still exist; they need to be renewed, made more muscular and more effective. The Foundation aspires to be part of that process.

The Foundation convenes workshops, conversations and produces podcasts to understand and encourage innovative action in four areas:

- **Mass migration.** Driven by inexorable push and pull forces, renewed mass migration is creating humanitarian crises, challenging basic commitments to defend human rights and the rule of law, and changing the political landscape in origin, transit and destination countries.

- **Disruptive technological change.** Technological change is accelerating at an accelerating pace, with profound implications for the nature of work, of war, of how societies are organized, of life itself. The Foundation aims to promote a conversation between those who understand and are creating new technologies and those who are shaping societal responses.
- **Climate change.** Long-forecasted impacts are rapidly turning into everyday realities with important economic, political and social consequences. The global failure to limit carbon emissions and other climate change drivers is morphing into a global failure to cope with these consequences—even as ecological tipping points threaten further catastrophes.
- **The meltdown of the global order.** The post war global order, forged by a half century of world war and fit for purpose for the last 75 years, is clearly collapsing. The result is a surge in political and social disorder, deep-seated grievances aimed at elites and the status quo, economic inequality, the erosion of democratic norms. But those are symptoms and not causes; the underlying causality lies in failure to reimagine the distribution of power and legacy institutions that are more about the past than the future.

The connective tissue linking these issues is that they all demand innovative, courageous, universal values-based, global leadership. Unfortunately, rising demand is not being met by rising supply, which is why Tällberg devotes considerable energy and resources to identifying and encouraging great leadership.

In that spirit, we launched the Tällberg-SNF-Eliasson Global Leadership Prize more than a decade ago. The Prize is awarded for leaders in any walk of life and from any country who embody global, courageous, innovative and values-based leadership of the kind needed in every aspect of human endeavor.

- In 2026, through the generous support of the Stavros Niarchos Foundation (SNF), we are awarding **three prizes**. Each winner will be celebrated by their peers, receive an unrestricted grant of \$50,000, and be invited to join the

Tällberg network of global leaders. Indeed, the ongoing engagement with other leaders working for positive change at the global level is an integral element of the Tällberg-SNF-Eliasson Global Leadership Prize.

- Of course, leaders who have more potential than track record are also critical to our collective futures. We believe that the Tällberg Foundation is well-placed to identify **emerging leaders** because of our global network, philosophy and belief in the permeability of borders and barriers. We have an obligation to nurture such leaders, who are early in their impact as leaders but already demonstrate huge upside potential. Our solution is to invite them to apply for the **Tällberg Leaders Mentoring Leaders Mentoring (TLML) Program**. After a rigorous selection process, this initiative matches emerging leaders with the global leaders who populate our network, including past Prize laureates, in a focused, year-long, one-on-one process of conversation and collaboration designed to accelerate the development of high-potential leaders.

Follow us around the world and listen to the Tällberg Foundation podcast on the issues that are changing the global scenario. Please join the conversation and subscribe to [“New Thinking for a New World – a Tällberg Foundation Podcast”](#).

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