



**GLOBAL  
THINKERS  
MENTORS**



Mentoring.  
Inspiring.  
Empowering.

**'Telemachus' & 'Athena'  
Transforming Lives Through Mentoring**





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A mentor is someone who allows you to see the hope inside yourself.

**Oprah Winfrey**

# Our Appeal



In most cases nothing in life comes easy. Furthermore success—regardless of the meaning that each one of us gives to the word. We launched our Global Thinkers Mentors Programmes ‘Telema-chus’ for youth and ‘Athena’ for women in 2015, because we are keen to help people define, and find, personal and professional success.

Further to that, our mentoring programmes aim to create more understanding and smoother social integration. In the words of my brilliant mentee Manar Ahmed (photo): *‘Fear of what is different or misconceptions of ‘the other’ are rampant. Community co-operation and trust have decreased, all leading to disconnection not just between communities but also within communities themselves.’*

Within the first two years we mentored one hundred young individuals and women from more than 50 countries. We are eager to mentor many more. In five years’ time we would like to be able to say that our programmes have reached thousands of people and achieved positive change in their lives and societies.

I am enormously proud of everything that our dedicated Board, Partners, Mentors and staff at GTF have achieved.

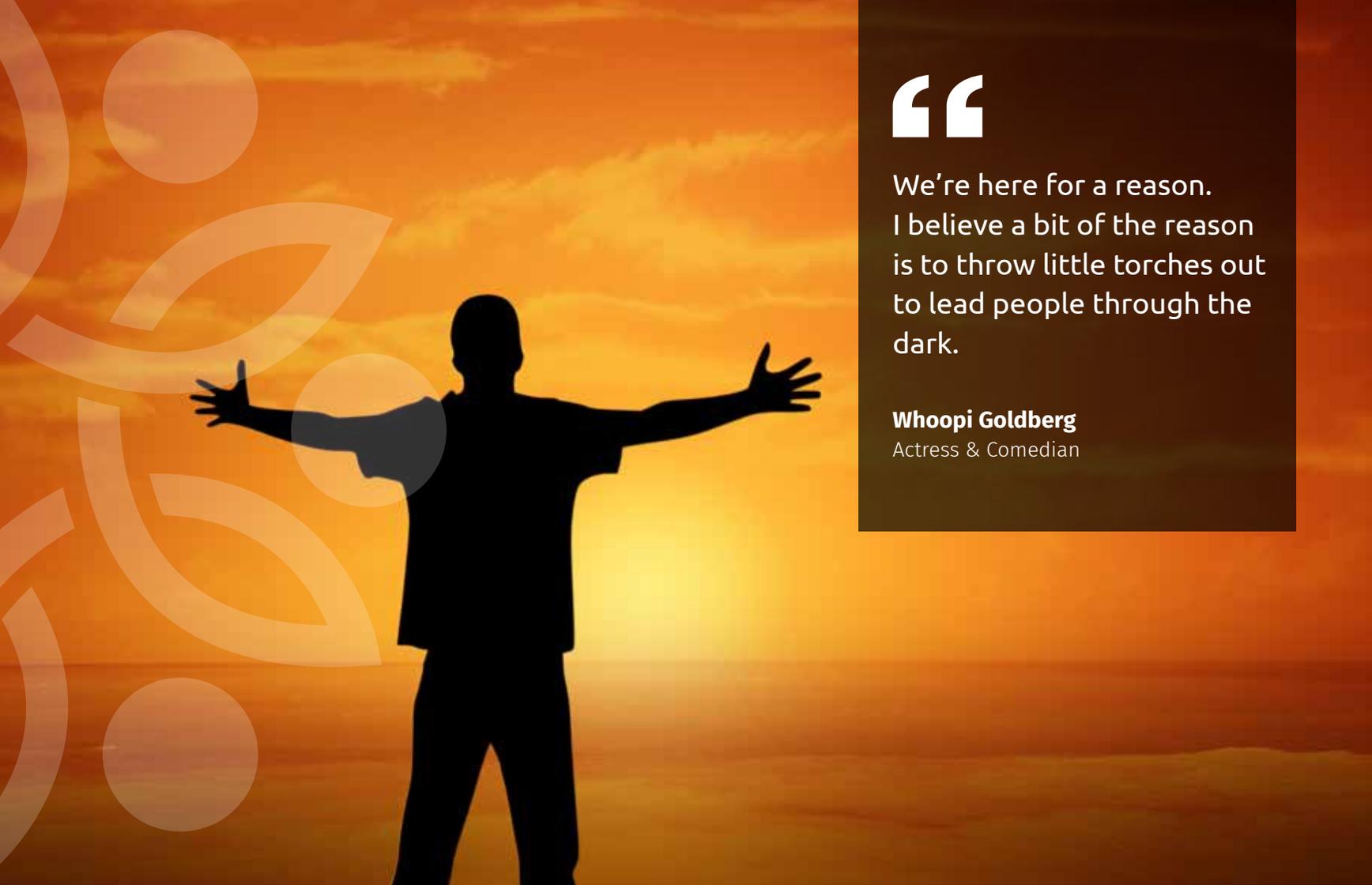
Our mentees speak highly of their experience and learning journey with the GTF mentors. Our supporters are passionate about our mandate.

We are therefore launching this £1.5m appeal. By contributing now, you can play a fundamental role in shaping a new, values-based culture among the leaders of tomorrow. Life is not an easy journey. But those of us who can, have a duty to make it easier for other people. So, walk the talk together with us and please support this effort.

**Elizabeth Filippouli**

Founder & CEO, Global Thinkers Forum





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We're here for a reason.  
I believe a bit of the reason  
is to throw little torches out  
to lead people through the  
dark.

**Whoopi Goldberg**

Actress & Comedian

## Our Vision

Did you know that **\$12 trillion could be added to global GDP by 2025 by advancing women's equality?** When it comes to youth, the changing world of work tells us that **constant innovation requires core skills in young people** such as complex problem-solving, and the ability to learn and adapt.

We cannot sit and wait for others to act. Every single contribution makes a significant difference towards including more women into the economy and tapping into youth potential, especially in parts of the world with young population.

## Why Mentor

**Every individual is more likely to succeed in life when they have the additional support of a caring, consistent and experienced mentor.** What is important to understand is that it is a two-way journey: **Mentors can develop leadership skills and gain a personal sense of satisfaction from knowing that they've helped someone.** Mentees can expand their knowledge and skills, gain valuable advice and build their professional networks.

## A Few Words From Our Supporters



*"It is not just governments that can solve the problems of this world, it is societies,*

*it is people and Global Thinkers Forum is bringing good will from across the world."*

**The Rt. Hon. Tobias Ellwood MP**  
UK Minister for Defence



*"I honestly don't think that we have many platforms such as the Global*

*Thinkers Forum as a dialogue that goes beyond national, religious, ethnic boundaries and beyond our own cultural ghettos."*

**Elif Shafak**  
World-acclaimed Author &  
GTF Board Member



*"As a GTF mentor, I have learned that mentorship is a two-way relationship.*

*The more I speak to my mentees the more I learn about life."*

**Akinwale Omoboriowo II**  
Chairman & CEO, Genesis  
Energy Holdings &  
GTF Founding Board Member



*"The work that the Global Thinkers Forum does is invaluable, especially*

*in the world that we live in today, because we need people who are willing to go out and work on projects globally."*

**Sharon Schweitzer, J.D.**  
International Protocol Expert,  
Access to Culture &  
GTF Board Member



*“Being a Global Thinkers Forum mentor has been very rewarding*

*for me, I am learning a lot and, I hope, I am passing on some knowledge to my mentees as well.”*

**Femi Oke**

International Broadcaster  
Al Jazeera English &  
GTF Board Member



*“When you come across an organisation like the Global Thinkers*

*Forum you know the world has changed.”*

**Stephen Cole**

Chairman, Institute of  
Diplomacy & Business &  
GTF Founding Board Member



*“What Global Thinkers Forum is doing is bringing people*

*together to try to take our thinking forward two or three steps.”*

**The Rt. Hon. the Lord Alderdice**

Chairman, The Centre for  
Democracy & Peace Building &  
GTF Board Member



*“It is our duty to pay it forward and assist young people navigate complexity.”*

**Michael E. Economakis,**

Executive Vice Chairman, A.G.  
Leventis Group Plc,  
GTF Founding Member

## Our Mentees in Their Own Words



*“Young leaders nowadays are being asked to take on significant*

*leadership roles that come with an inordinate amount of responsibility. With that in mind, I felt the need to define success correctly.”*

**Abdellah El Bouchikhi,  
Morocco**

Mentee Telemachus 2018

Abdellah is 23 and his is from Fes. Through our mentoring programme he aspired to reach his full potential and promote human rights, social entrepreneurship and diplomacy as means to create sustainable and prosperous societies.



*“Growing up, I never expected to have achieved so much by the age of 24 as*

*I never considered myself to be the brightest or fittest. There are often no real limitations to what we can do other than those that we set ourselves.”*

**Amy Bobbins,  
South Africa**

Mentee Telemachus 2018

Amy describes herself as ‘proudly South African, born in 1994 in the small city of East London.’ She has a keen interest in public health, health innovation and the role of health in the sustainable development agenda.



*“My mentor’s journey has given me inspiration to keep working towards my*

*career goals and at the same time maintain a balance with my personal life. She is a great listener.”*

**Swati Mehta,  
India**

Mentee Athena 2017

Swati is from Delhi, India. Born and raised in a middle-class family with finite resources, she is passionate about positioning women and youth in the lead to bring change.



*“I lived for several years as a victim, I used to limit my ambition, my dreams, and goals.*

*But I learned that nothing could be changed unless I take a step forward.”*

**Azza Abdelmagid,  
Sudan**

Mentee Telemachus 2018

Azza comes from a small village in Sudan. She works as a freelance translator in the online platform Andariya. She believes that in Sudan there are stories other than those the world sees in the media and she helps make these stories known to the world.



*“Mentors have had an immense influence on me. I’m a first-generation*

*immigrant and farm boy. I lack context, knowledge, and network. It is my mentors who have helped me throughout the process.”*

**Daniel Kang,**  
South Korea/Canada  
Mentee Telemachus 2018

Daniel Shin Un Kang is 23 years old, originally from South Korea. He plans to drive efforts in finding a solution to senior poverty globally through policy, co-operation, and grassroots effort in the pension and labour spheres.



*“Everyone has potential to contribute back to the society. With a mentor as a role-model*

*and catalyst, one can bring out the passion more effectively.”*

**Thanabodee Yeh (Duke),**  
Thailand  
Mentee Telemachus 2016

Duke comes from Thailand, a country that he says “experiences an increasing amount of tension between the elite-wielding authorities and the emerging generations of ‘liberals’, leaving its citizens behind.



*“In order to have a better society we need better human beings, so*

*we need to pay attention to the next generation that we are bringing into this world.”*

**Maria Pedro Miala,**  
Angola/Belgium  
Mentee Athena 2018

Maria Pedro Miala is a mother and a nurse. She is originally from Angola but lives in Belgium. She is involved and interested in the new technologies. her goal is to combine her nursing career with ICT.

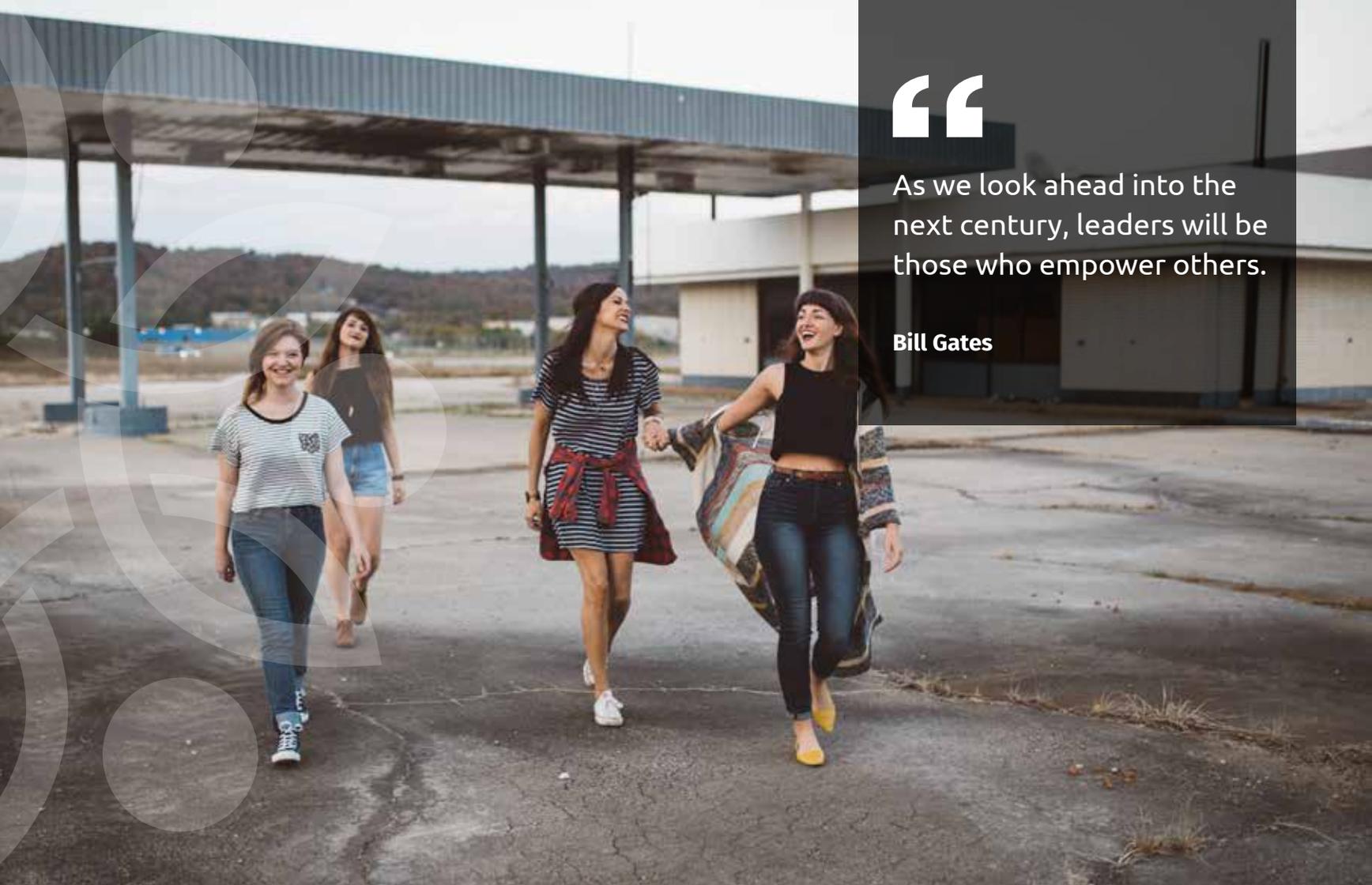


*“One big hurdle is behavior of people. Another is uncertainty due to lack*

*of support. Life is a journey, a test and a continuous struggle in this world for hereafter.”*

**Hafiz Jawad Sohail,**  
Pakistan  
Mentee Telemachus 2018

Hafiz is 24 and he is actively involved in volunteering, writing, research and community involvement. He loves to work for the causes of youth, leadership, social change and environment.



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As we look ahead into the next century, leaders will be those who empower others.

**Bill Gates**

## Global Thinkers Mentors – The Story So Far

Our mentoring programmes give young people and women the opportunity and support to achieve their full potential by offering them an 8-month mentoring journey. **Our mentors bring decades of experience combined and Global Thinkers Forum enjoys an exceptional reputation internationally.** Our code of ethics, high standards and global network of world-class experts and thought leaders have contributed to our excellent reputation.

Our programmes create conversations between young individuals from all over the world and international professionals with outstanding careers and achievements drawn from various sectors such as business, government, civil society, academia and the media. **From Afghanistan to Colombia and from Canada to India, our mentors and mentees are based in over fifty countries.**

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I have seen more courage in my short time in refugee camps than I have seen during the rest of my lifetime. When we fail to be compassionate, will others be there to help us.

**Rebecca Thomley**

CEO Orion Associates &  
GTF Board Member



## Specific Focus on Diversity & Inclusion - 'MASI'

According to OECD low-educated immigrants often have relatively high employment rates compared with their native-born peers but are stuck in low-quality jobs. In contrast, tertiary-educated immigrants, particular those who have foreign qualifications, have lower employment rates than their native-born peers.

**Much remains to be done, especially to give immigrants and their children the opportunities to succeed in life. Improving their integration is vital to delivering a more prosperous, inclusive future for all.** Hence we launch our mentoring programme 'MASI'.

**'MASI' in Greek means 'together'. Our 'MASI' programme 'pairs' young migrants with accomplished thought leaders and successful professionals for 8-month cycles. The overall goal of the programme is to guide and mentor young immigrants on skills building, integration and personal and professional development.**

With your help we will expand our team in order to transform lives, and plant seeds for healthier societies, through quality mentoring.

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One must be brutally honest with oneself and with everyone you encounter along the way. One day you might need them again.

**Geraldine Sharpe-Newton**

Communications Expert &  
GTF Founding Board Member



## Why Is Funding Important?

Since our launch in 2012, we have enjoyed a steady growth, but we are aware that **in order to achieve more impact, we must grow our mentoring Board, our team, the pool of mentors** and introduce more structured training and mentoring methods.

We expect that through successful fundraising efforts **we will be able to significantly improve and increase support towards youth and women, and young migrants**, locally and internationally.

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We feel the pressures on our planet more acutely than many and we know the solutions we seek are above politics and beyond fear.

**HRH Princess Sumaya**

President of the Royal Scientific Society, Jordan  
& GTF Board Member



In order to reach our target, we have devised a pattern of giving. If we can match this number of gifts at different levels, we can be sure of securing the necessary funding for Telemachus and Athena for the next 5 years.

Global Thinkers Forum is a non profit organization and Global Thinkers Mentors Inc has 5(0)1c3 status in the USA so your donation is tax deductible.

Number of gifts	Amount of gifts	Aggregate income (£)	Cumulative total (£)
1	200,000	200,000	200,000
2	100,000	200,000	400,000
2	75,000	150,000	550,000
4	50,000	200,000	750,000
8	30,000	240,000	990,000
10	20,000	200,000	1,190,000
20	10,000	200,000	1,390,000
20	2,000	40,000	1,430,000
40	1,000	40,000	1,470,000
80	500	40,000	1,510,000
187 Donors			
<b>TOTAL: £1,510,000</b>			

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Accountability is about achieving results without losing ethics.

**HE Reem Abdel Rahim BinKaram**

Director, NAMA Women Advancement Establishment & GTF Board Member



## Our Output

Change should be gradual and incremental. Through our programmes we create ambassadors of positive change. **Within three years we are proud to have reached and supported 100 mentees from all over the world.** What we do for our mentees is help them understand how to navigate a complex world, open doors for future professional and educational opportunities and equip them with the necessary soft skills to integrate productively into the economy.

Our story and positive impact began in 2012, under the Patronage of Queen Rania Al Abdullah, in Jordan. **The level of individuals that we have attracted as supporters and mentors prove our credibility, network and the strategic impact of our work.** By joining our mission, you know that you not only help transform young people's lives and empower women to thrive, but you also join a global network of accountable leaders and decision makers.

## AMONG OUR SUPPORTERS:



SHARON SCHWELZER, J.D.



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