

Session Notes: Keynote – Dr Victoria Hale, Founder of OneWorld Health

Dr Victoria Hale, Founder of OneWorld Health delivered the keynote address at Chain Reaction on Tuesday 18th November 2008.

One Why Victoria Hale founded OneWorld Health:

Poverty is the cause of diseases, plaguing the developing world
10m children die every year
53% malnutrition
37% neonatal
19% Pneumonia
17% Diarrhoea



'there are people in the world so hungry that God cannot appear to them except in the form of bread' - Gandhi

I was proud to be a pharmaceutical scientist...and ashamed at the same time. The movement has begun among pharmaceutical scientists who also feel the pride and the shame.

The Wellcome Foundation – was first non profit pharmaceutical company in the UK and the world

Non profit pharmaceutical company now exists – and so what's the next sector we can develop a non-profit enterprise in?



On Why Get Involved in Social Change?

Social Change is about breaking boundaries - standing up wherever you are

There are many pieces to the puzzle, to end global poverty

When do you start taking action? When are you rich enough? When do you have enough connections?

You begin when you can't stand it any longer – when you can't sit still any more, when you can't tolerate it any further

So start at home - don't wait for your first grant. This is your vision, your dream, you have to do it, you have to lead. No-one else can create your vision like you do

"first they ignore you, then they laugh at you, then they fight with you, then you win" – Gandhi

Be willing to let go of your ideas of how this will happen, how this will work and let go of pictures and images of what you imagine it to be – let go of your ideas of who you will work with

Its not what you do in your partnerships it's how you do it, and how you work together with others.

Obstacles exist every day in our work – the biggest obstacles are human. For example, dogma, beliefs, limits, restrictions, government, bureaucracy

It's about the people who create the limitations, shortage of money, is really only to buy access to people



Respect to the UK government, for naming the 3rd sector, each region in the world has it's own entrepreneurial culture

Youth, and their passion, and their entrepreneurial spirit is the most exciting possibility for the future.

"If you think you are too small to be effective, you have never been in bed with a mosquito" – Betty Reese.

Go for it, lead the world, what else is there to do??

Further information:

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