



## ACTION CIRCLE

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*A strategic philanthropic network for global impact*

The Thomson Reuters Foundation Action Circle is a global philanthropic network dedicated to accelerating the impact of the Thomson Reuters Foundation around the world.

This exclusive network includes individuals and organisations who share our vision, values and commitment to action.

Members include thought leaders, business executives, philanthropists, artists and impact investors. Together, they support the growth of the Thomson Reuters Foundation through contributing their time, talent and resources.

This unique and exceptional mix of people constitutes the basis for a dynamic network of strategic supporters allowing us to advance our mission to inform, connect and empower people around the world.



## WHY A CIRCLE

The circle is a universal symbol. It represents connectivity and dynamism. That is in essence, the spirit of the Action Circle: people, governments, and businesses working together to tackle social injustice and build fairer and more prosperous societies: a virtuous circle.

As the corporate foundation of the world's leading news and information provider, we are in a unique position to convey and connect business, government, thought leaders, civil society and the media. By facilitating these strategic connections we are able to trigger change and accelerate impact.

Our ultimate goal is to advance socio-economic progress and the rule of law worldwide. We do so by adopting the principle of 'shared value', strategically reinvesting all our funding into free services that inform, connect and ultimately empower people around the world.

As our programmes and initiatives continue to grow worldwide, the Action Circle plays a crucial role. It allows us to continue furthering our impact by leveraging the skills, know how and generosity of likeminded individuals and organizations who want to amplify their own charitable giving in order to produce lasting change.

## OUR IMPACT AREAS

### Strengthening the rule of law

Through TrustLaw, our global pro bono legal programme, we connect the world's best law firms and corporate legal teams around the world with high-impact NGOs and social enterprises working to create social progress. We produce groundbreaking legal research that triggers policy change. In five years we have generated the equivalent of \$85 million in free legal assistance across 175 countries.

### Taking action through a forum of excellence

Our yearly Trust Conference is the world's leading anti-slavery forum and a fast-growing movement committed to putting the rule of law behind human rights. We bring together global corporations, lawyers, government representatives, change makers and human rights experts to take action, finding solutions to affect change on the ground.

### Shedding light on crucial issues

Every day, we cover the stories that are often overlooked by the mainstream media: women's rights, slavery and human trafficking, international development, food sustainability, property rights, and the human impact of climate change. We believe that shedding light on these issues triggers constructive debates, leading to open, fair and more tolerant societies.

### Fostering democracy through journalism training

We spread the highest standards of journalism around the world by training hundreds of reporters and media professionals every year. We believe free, accurate, impartial and independent journalism leads to better-informed societies. We also support the Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism at Oxford University, one of world's leading centres for media research.



## JOINING THE CIRCLE

The Action Circle is by invitation only. Individuals and companies are either referred to the network by existing members or asked to join directly by the Thomson Reuters Foundation. This model allows the Action Circle to preserve its unique mix of people, skills and talent.

By joining the Action Circle you will play a crucial role in advancing the goals of the Thomson Reuters Foundation and ensuring its sustainability. You will also become part of a thriving network of extraordinary individuals and organisations firmly committed to action.

### Your membership will grant you:

- Access to exclusive private events and networking opportunities
- Invitation to Trust Conference and VIP dinner
- Invitation to Trust Conference regional forums
- Invitation to TrustLaw Awards
- Invitation to Kurt Schork Journalism Awards
- Access to the Thomson Reuters Foundation corporate training courses
- Access to TrustLaw Impact Investment training
- Access to pro bono clinics (for law firms)
- Dedicated relationship manager
- Dedicated updates highlighting impact/upcoming events

## IN THEIR OWN WORDS

*"I am so glad to be part of this"*

ANISH KAPOOR, ARTIST

*"You have built an amazing network and coalition. Thank you for including me on your journey"*

CYRUS R. VANCE JR, NEW YORK COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY

*"I feel so honoured to be a small part of this incredible group of people that will make the world a better place"*

ATALANTI MOQUETTE, FOUNDER, GIVING WOMEN

*"The Thomson Reuters Foundation connects us to matters that reflect today's pressing issues. TrustLaw has created an extraordinary marketplace for pro bono services – one that has helped global law firms spread their wings"*

HUGH VERRIER, CHAIR, WHITE & CASE

If you would like to express an interest in joining the Action Circle, please send an email to [actioncircle@thomsonreuters.com](mailto:actioncircle@thomsonreuters.com). A dedicated relationship manager will get in touch promptly.