



Hugh Evans

Founder & CEO, Global Poverty Project

Hugh Evans' work speaks to anyone who has ever asked, "What difference can I make?" His resolute belief is that every individual can take meaningful action towards ending extreme poverty within a generation. His work involves creating opportunities for individuals to take action that will have monumental impact.

Evans' bold and daring vision has captured the attention of movie stars, business tycoons, and academics alike, from Bono to Hugh Jackman and Jeffrey Sachs to Bill Gates.

His journey began in India and South Africa, working with those living in extreme poverty for three years. Upon returning to Australia, he founded the Oaktree Foundation, which has grown to become the largest youth-run aid organization in the country, providing education to over 40,000 young people around the world. The Oaktree Foundation produced the Make Poverty History concert in 2006, which mobilized thousands of young people into putting pressure on political leaders, ultimately leading Australia to double its foreign aid budget, releasing \$4.3 billion in funds for the world's poor.

Evans is now the CEO and Founder of the Global Poverty Project (GPP), an advocacy organization working to eradicate extreme poverty. In 2011, GPP, backed by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, leveraged \$118 million in new funding for the eradication of polio—a crippling disease that keeps people in developing nations poor.

Hugh Evans has passionately spoken out against extreme poverty at many forums, including the Commonwealth Day Address at Westminster Abbey by invitation of Queen Elizabeth II, the Sir Keith Murdoch Oration in Melbourne, and the Montreal Millennium Summit alongside Al Gore, as well as innumerable international conferences around the world, including presentations in Singapore and Columbia.

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