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# 21st Century Trust

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*Prime Minister*

*This looks to be a wholly admirable venture, which is due to Ken Stowe's*

*Dear Nigel, heart.*

*N.C.U. 18-2*

You might find it useful to have a copy of the brochure which we have now prepared describing the Trust.

The Prime Minister was briefed about it last year when it seemed possible that the United States delegation would raise it at the Venice Summit. In fact they did not do so, but I gather that the US Foundation is still expecting that President Reagan will launch their project in the USA early in 1988. Our approach has been to keep at a distance from government and I expect that to continue - as the brochure indicates.

If you think that the Prime Minister might be interested in reading it, you might like to let her know that The Queen knows about the Trust (it was something to talk about at my farewell Audience when I left the Civil Service). Sir William Heseltine has a copy of the brochure.

I enclose another copy for Brian Griffiths, and am sending copies to Robin Butler and Patrick Wright.

*Yours ever.  
Ken.*

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## Foreword

*Down the ages men and women have never ceased to proclaim their right to be free. For some the struggle is not yet won. For us, the freedom of our society is precious. It confers upon each of us the rights and obligations of citizenship under laws enacted in a freely-elected Parliament.*

*We cannot take it for granted that our freedoms will survive. Their continued well-being requires effort on our part: to explain to young people what they are and how they were won; and since freedom's boundaries are never finally set, to explore how they can be adapted so as to respond to the changes that the new century will bring. We shall work with our friends in other countries in order to share their experience and exchange ideas on the basic requirements that must be met in a free society.*

*The 21st Century Trust has been established in partnership with its sister Foundation in the United States of America and is resolved to undertake this work. The bridge across the Atlantic is crucial to our future, but our hope is that other bridges will be built by establishing sister Foundations elsewhere - in Europe, in Asia, in Africa and in Latin America.*

*The Trust will need resources to carry out this task. It will work in cooperation with other bodies whose work fits in with our objectives. Up to now no single body exists to do this work. We believe it is essential that we make a fresh start now, independent of governments and of political parties, but with the active support of the overwhelming number of our fellow citizens who subscribe to our ideals.*

*We commend the Trust to you and seek your help.*

*James Callaghan*

Callaghan of Cardiff

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The 21st Century Trust in the United Kingdom was established on 11 November 1986. The initiative for its foundation came from Sir David Wills, the Founder of the Ditchley Foundation, following an international conference on the future of the Free Societies. The Trust has twelve Trustees, all of whom are citizens of the United Kingdom or the United States of America and are distinguished in public life.

The idea behind the Trust is that the cohesion of the Free Societies and their mutual ties must be continually repaired, strengthened and enriched if these nations are to continue to live in peace and freedom.

The purposes of the Trust are:

*The advancement of education through the interchange of scientific knowledge, professional and administrative skills, and cultural and aesthetic appreciation, so as to promote an understanding of the values of Free Societies and their friends and strengthen the ties between them.*

In the terms of the Trust deed, a Free Society means one governed by laws which cannot be made or changed except by an elected body and that body shall be subject to free election by universal suffrage at established intervals.

In the face of domestic difficulties and external threats, Free Societies need a common set of purposes and a shared effort with their friends and potential friends in other Societies to achieve them. Increasingly, economic and social problems, as well as concern for international security, transcend frontiers; action or inaction in one Society affects others. Accordingly, healthy development in each Society depends upon establishing a habit of constructive cooperation between them all. This cannot be left to Governments alone. The support of private institutions — innovative, independent and wide-ranging — is essential. The 21st Century Trust has been set up to meet this need.

In keeping with its objectives, the Trust will be one of a network of sister foundations dedicated to the same ends. The 21st Century Foundation, with similarly eminent and broad-based support, was established in the United States of America in 1987. Further sister bodies are projected in Germany and Japan and subsequently in other Free Societies.

The Trust intends to achieve its goals through education in the broadest sense. It will run its own programmes and also give support to the efforts of other private bodies effectively aiming at the same goals. Its efforts will be concentrated on younger men and women of merit and potential distinction from the Free Societies and their friends. They will be widely drawn: from industry, commerce and agriculture; from the professions, universities and trade unions; from central and local government and politics; from the arts; and from journalism and communications.

The Trust will aim to generate cooperation and understanding between such people by giving them the experience of working together, for example in multinational groups, to study and resolve common problems. They will be encouraged to learn each other's languages, learn about each other's culture and understand the challenges facing a Free Society in each other's countries. The means to this end will be varied, imaginative and sometimes experimental.

The Executive Council is responsible to the Trustees for the development of the work of the Trust. Two of its members, Sir Kenneth Stowe and Sir John Thomson, as Co-Directors, are the principal advisers to the Trust, the former with responsibility for finances and the latter with responsibility for programmes. Mr Neil Morgan has been appointed as Executive Director to manage the activities of the Trust. The Trust's Legal Adviser is Sir Matthew Farrer of Farrer and Co, 66 Lincoln's Inn Fields.

The Trustees are establishing an Advisory Board, widely drawn whose members will assist in the furtherance of the Trust's objectives and in the development of its programme. A list of initial appointments to the Advisory Board appears opposite.

The Trust was established with sufficient resources for its own small administrative office (in Church House, Westminster) and for the programme for 1988/9. It is and will remain independent of Government. It will seek to establish resources for a continuing and expanding programme in association with other bodies; by sponsorship; and by individual and corporate endowments. Its Fund will comprise wholly private monies.

The Trustees believe that those who understand the magnitude of the problem and its crucial importance for the Free Societies in the coming century, will wish to be partners in its solution and to support the Trust in its work. It is unthinkable that the Free Societies and their friends will not do everything possible to keep sacrosanct the peace and stability which we have enjoyed in the past forty years.

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