



Wilton Park

What people say about us



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Wilton Park is the place where people can come, they can discuss, you can talk with people in a safe place and above all, they can find a measure of agreement even when life is very difficult.

I value Wilton Park and everything that it means, both to diplomacy and to the United Kingdom's global reach ”

THE RT HON ALISTAIR BURT

Former Minister of State for the Middle East at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and Minister of State at the Department for International Development, June 2017 to March 2019.



“I have been participating in conferences at Wilton Park for more than 35 years and every one of those conferences has given me fresh insight and a better understanding of the major issues facing our world.

Whether that is through plenary discussion, structured plenary discussion, or informal conversation over the lunch table. I think the key to Wilton Park's success is its outstanding participants. You always know there's going to be a really special guest list.”

THE HON. ALICE WALPOLE OBE

United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq (UNAMI)



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Throughout my career, and I was with the FCO for 38 years, Wilton Park featured.

It was a place where young diplomats were oriented. It was a place where middle career diplomats were assessed and promoted. It was a place throughout for conferences, honest, open, international conversations.

It fulfilled a unique niche in Britain's diplomatic armoury.

**SIR SIMON MCDONALD
GCMG KCMG KCVO**

Member of the House of Lords.
Former Permanent Under Secretary and Head of the Diplomatic Service at the Foreign & Commonwealth Office, August 2015 to August 2020

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Wilton Park has filled my head with new ideas. It's filled my heart with warmth and international understanding, and it's filled my address book.

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Over the years, a really significant proportion of my international network of the people that I trust, the people that I have the best conversations with, are people who I've met through Wilton Park.

And as a consequence of that, it's been a really, really important part of my professional life over the years.

Long may it continue.

Simon Anholt
Founder, The Good Country Index





“We sincerely believe in Wilton Park’s abilities in building and connecting more and more global networks, facilitating dialogue and exchange of experiences as well as developing new perspectives to deliver innovation in international policy.”

Ambassador Omar Hilale

Permanent Representative of
Morocco to the United Nations



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Wilton Park is a simply unique setting to bring policy makers and stakeholders together to bring solutions to global challenges. A real asset to the UK.

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TIMOTHY ASH
SENIOR SOVEREIGN STRATEGIST
RBC BLUEBAY ASSET MANAGEMENT

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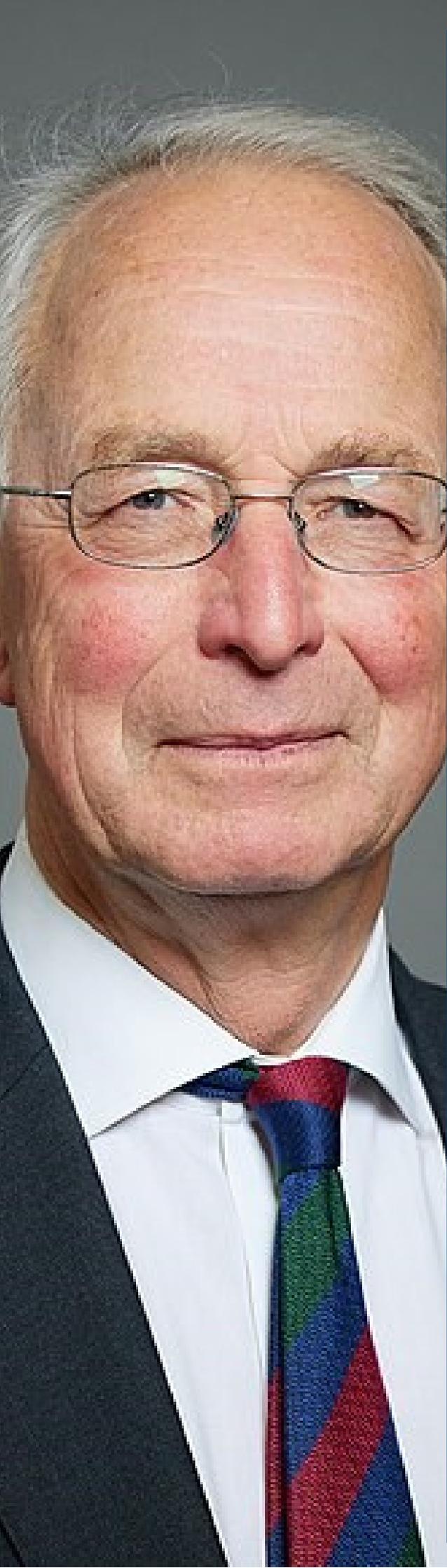
I found the conference extremely thought provoking and a valuable opportunity for stakeholders to consider in depth the vital work that is still needed...

The event's success and effortless flow of conversation was down to [Wilton Park's] ability to engage a broad range of participants and facilitate open dialogue. [Their] personal connection... and deep understanding of the issues at play made [their] role as chair all the more powerful

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MADELEINE ALESSANDRI
FORMER PERMANENT SECRETARY,
NORTHERN IRELAND OFFICE



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I had the privilege of serving in September 2022 as Conference President at an innovative event on war and deterrence at Wilton Park.

The pace was intense and the schedule full. Cohering the whole was a demanding operation. I cannot praise the Wilton Park team enough for all they did, both academically and procedurally.

**GENERAL THE LORD
RICHARDS OF
HERSTMONCEUX**

Former Chief of Defence Staff, UK

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For me personally, Wilton Park was a magical experience bringing together global leaders in a safe haven where dialogues could happen constructively, partnerships could be cultivated openly, and networking could flow comfortably.

To diagnose and dissect global challenges, and to be able to cross-pollinate fresh ideas for fostering partnerships that could lead to meaningful change, I believe Wilton Park is the perfect platform! Away from the hustle and bustle of the city-life and the ‘normal chaos’ that we all find ourselves in, I thoroughly enjoyed my time at Wilton Park, hearing diverse perspectives, brainstorming on some innovative ideas, creating strong global agency and voice for women and girls and most importantly building some lasting friendships...

I really look forward to coming back soon to further the inspiration and accelerate the momentum on our collective work. ”



Fiza Farhan
Global Strategic
Development Advisor

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In many decades of planning and putting on conferences I have never had such a positive, professional partnership.

Our meetings over many months of planning were efficiently managed and decision focused.

And the event itself was perfectly staged from reception, to room set up, audiovisual, catering and housekeeping.

Because of the stress free hospitality and the smooth program flow, participants were able to focus on substance and relationship building, and to give their best to the dialogue.

Your excellent work contributes tangibly to the common good. It was a privilege to collaborate with you.

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Jean Duff

President, Partnership for Faith and Development





Driving up the driveway to Wiston House, listening to the sound of the pebbles under the tyres, expecting to see a unicorn emerge from the woods at any moment, and then... You have arrived at the ultimate place for intellectually stimulating discussions among amazingly interesting people in the most relaxed atmosphere.

Wilton Park represents the best and most civilised tradition of open debate, tolerance, and respect. For those of us from industry, it is simply the perfect opportunity to take a break from the day-to-day operational work and to recharge our intellectual batteries.

PROF. DR. HOLGER H. MEY

Vice President, Advanced Concepts, Airbus Defence and Space, and Honorary Professor for Foreign Policy, University of Cologne

“After 3 days here at Wilton Park,
I feel as if I can go back and change
the world.”

DEBORAH TAYO AKAKPO
Programmes Manager, Gender Studies and
Human Rights Documentation Centre
Accra, Ghana

“Wilton Park is...a space for innovative ideas,
honest conversation, and (as I have
experienced over the last 15+ years) a place for
deep dialogue, building friendships, and
harnessing connections for real work action. I
have lost track of the amazing ideas and work
that I have been involved in through Wilton
Park.”

ABDUL-REHMAN MALIK
Associate Research Scholar and Lecturer
in Islamic Studies
Yale Divinity School

Wilton Park is dedicated to helping solve some of the world's most difficult challenges. Find out how we can help you.

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