



# ERADICATE<sup>SM</sup> HATE

GLOBAL SUMMIT **2022**

## Media Backgrounder

### Eradicate Hate Global Summit 2022

**When:** Monday, September 19, -- Wednesday, September 21, 2022

**Where:** The David L. Lawrence Convention Center  
1000 Fort Duquesne Blvd.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15222

#### **Background:**

The Eradicate Hate Global Summit grew from the deadliest anti-Semitic attack in U.S. history. On October 27, 2018, a violent attack shattered the calm of an otherwise peaceful Saturday morning in the Squirrel Hill neighborhood of Pittsburgh.

A heavily armed gunman, who earlier had posted online anti-Semitic and anti-refugee messages, massacred worshippers from three different congregations at the Tree of Life Synagogue. Other worshipers were wounded, as well as law enforcement officers who had quickly arrived at the scene. The carnage was so severe that even experienced first responders were brought to tears.

In the aftermath of the attack, the people of Pittsburgh responded in ways that have been described as distinctive in the history of anti-Semitism. They not only visibly stood in solidarity with the Jewish people, but also offered comfort and aid, and spoke up against hate. It is said that Pittsburghers “ran toward the fire.”

#### **Purpose of the Eradicate Hate Global Summit:**

The Eradicate Hate Global Summit is the product of a determined commitment to continue running toward the fire of hate-fueled violence by working toward its eradication. Though born of an attack on Jewish worshippers, the Summit is focused on all forms of hate and violent extremism. Sadly, its broad scope reflects disturbing global trends. The Pittsburgh attack has been followed by an alarming series of other hate-fueled mass killings around the world.

The inaugural Summit was held in Pittsburgh in October of 2021. Even in the face of significant pandemic-related restrictions on travel and large-group gatherings, more than 100 of the world's leading experts participated as speakers and panelists. The inaugural Summit also attracted nearly 600 in-person attendees and nearly 1,000 online participants.

The 2022 Summit will feature a new format. In addition to general sessions intended for all participants, there will be more specialized tracks, permitting those with specific interests and areas of expertise to address more focused challenges and the development of workable solutions.

Altogether, the 2022 Summit will include nearly 100 sessions and feature more than 250 speakers. The wide-ranging topics to be considered include the rise of hate and violent extremism among adolescents and young adults, the power of sport to combat hate, violent extremism in the police and military, best practices for prevention, emerging legal strategies, and education and public awareness.

The Summit's distinguishing approach is to assemble the best and brightest anti-hate practitioners and scholars in the world; to identify deliverables that have the potential to advance progress in efforts to curtail the spread of hate; to form multi-disciplinary working groups to foster the development of these deliverables; and to receive progress reports in succeeding Summits. Its goal is to not only to stimulate productive discussion but to drive solutions.

Among the accomplished leaders committed to deliver keynote addresses are:

- **Paul Ash**, *New Zealand Prime Minister's Special Representative on Cyber and Digital, Christchurch Call*,
- **Stephen Dettelbach**, *Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Firearms and Explosives*,
- **Josh Geltzer**, *Deputy Assistant to the President and Deputy Homeland Security Advisor*,
- **Michael Hill**, *President, Chautauqua Institution*,
- **Alice Nderitu**, *United Nations Special Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide*,
- **Julie Platt**, *Board of Trustees Chair, Jewish Federations of North America*,
- **Henry Reese**, *Cofounder, City of Asylum Pittsburgh*, and
- **John Tien**, *Deputy Secretary, Department of Homeland Security*.

The Summit is the most comprehensive anti-hate conference in the world. It unites experts and leaders from around the globe, who are dedicated to eradicating all forms of hate-fueled violence. The mission of the Summit is to identify and implement effective solutions for collective change.

The Summit will explore and work toward the development of effective strategies to globally eradicate violent acts spawned by hate. The [agenda](#) illustrates both the magnitude of our vision and the fact that we have amassed an unprecedented group of experts to address critical issues that form the foundation for extremist hate.

Grounded in the rule of law, the Summit will bring together experts from government, academia, law, the non-profit sector, corporations, and journalism; all converging on Pittsburgh in a shared quest to develop effective on-going solutions to hate-fueled violence.

The Summit will drive solutions, not just dialogue.

#### **Leadership:**

The Co-Chairs for the Eradicate Hate Global Summit 2022 are:

- **Laura Ellsworth**, Partner-in-Charge of Global Community Service Initiatives, Jones Day Law Firm
- **Mark Nordenberg**, Chancellor Emeritus and Chair of the Institute of Politics, University of Pittsburgh

The work of the Summit also has been shaped and driven by outstanding Executive and Community Steering Committees, as well as by a group of experienced and accomplished Global Advisors. The Summit has been generously supported by a number of committed foundations and organizations.

#### **Recurrence:**

The Eradicate Hate Global Summit is not a one-off event. Rather, it occurs each year, with each annual conference building on the work of preceding summits. To that end, special committees have been formed to assure that each conference minimizes repetition, while maximizing progression.

For more information, please visit our website [here](#).