

ERADICATE MATE

## What People Are Saying

## **Government and International Organizations**

"The Eradicate Hate Global Summit is the world's most comprehensive gathering of stakeholders focused on countering hate-motivated violence. What makes this summit stand out from similar events are the testimonials of survivors and victims' family members. Their resilience is inspiring and reminds us that we all need to work together to rid the world of hate and bigotry." Michael Duffin, Senior Advisor, U.S. Department of State Bureau of Counterterrorism

"The Summit offers a unique opportunity to confront the corrosive influence of bigotry and hatred in our society. In order for us to address these challenges, we first must acknowledge their painful and destructive impact in our communities and in our country. I am grateful to serve as a Global Advisor to this timely and powerful initiative." Tom Ridge, Chairman, Ridge Global, Former Secretary of Homeland Security

"I was moved by what I saw at The Eradicate Hate Global Summit. This led to the creation of the UN-Summit working group on sports and the "Plan of Action to Counter Hate Speech through Engagement with Sport" (the GAME PLAN). We look forward to continuing the wonderful collaboration that we have with the Eradicate Hate Summit. What we've done is historical. We've written our way into the books of history because there has never been an action plan that looks specifically at sports as a tool to root out hate and to prevent atrocity crimes. This is the first one." Alice Wairimu Nderitu, Special Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide, United Nations

"Sports were born out of respect, devotion, and human virtue. Let us not forget about it, we still need to do more to integrate a common approach to use sport to fight hate online and offline. I count on your commitment to advancing that important course." Csaba Korosi, President of the 77<sup>th</sup> United Nations General Assembly "The main benefit of the Eradicate Global Hate Summit is that it is result oriented and brings together the full spectra of the state-of-the-art expertise that is needed to tackle the spread of hate online as well as in the real world. From the policymaking perspective, it is an incredibly useful platform that allows us to make the contacts and get the impetus needed to identify new and innovative work streams capable of making quick and very concrete progress on the ground." Louisa Klingvall, Team Leader, European Commission Directorate-General for Justice and Consumers Unit C.2 Fundamental Rights Policy

"The Eradicate Hate Summit is a unique opportunity to gather ... experts across the world with a common goal. It gives a platform for people to come together and share honest conversations on how to heal hate: creating a space for victims of hate to meet with formers and start the healing process. It gives a unique Whole Society Approach to a such complex issue that is still very misunderstood... The summit empowers everyone and gives an opportunity to share experiences with people from different social backgrounds or levels of education who might never have had the chance to have a seat at the table. It does not only aim to tackle the issue of hate from a theoretical approach but provides concrete steps and introduces innovative programs to work together to heal hate." Brett Kubicek, Manager Research, Canada Centre for Community Engagement and Prevention of Violence, Public Safety Canada

## Academia and Civil Society

"There's only one place on earth that brings together such a large and diverse and cross-cutting group of policymakers and practitioners trying to stymie growing extremism in this country: It's the Eradicate Hate Summit. ...I've seen US Government officials take what they learn in Pittsburgh and implement it into a national White House Summit. The impact of Eradicate Hate is immense and impressive." Seamus Hughes, Deputy Director of the Program on Extremism, George Washington University

"There is no other gathering in the world that does what the Eradicate Hate Summit does for the community of practitioners working to end hate and violence. The Summit is unique in how it both centers the experiences of survivors, while always pushing us to collectively focus on solutions. The Summit is not a conference, it is a laboratory for collaboration, problem-solving, and new solutions to hate. The Summit has become the premier opportunity for this annually. Many of us are anchoring our own goals and objectives for collaboration around the Eradicate Date event dates, which collectively improves our performance as a field - it means everyone strives to make a change and ensure we can bring new results and new problems to the table each fall." Vidya Ramalingam, Founder & CEO, Moonshot

"It is a tragic reality that hateful ideology has found fertile ground online and offline, with consequences affecting not only Americans but people around the world. We cannot stand idle in the face of bias, bigotry, and extremism. Together, at the Eradicate Hate Summit and beyond, the collective will of individuals and organizations is needed to galvanize all people of goodwill to protect and defend our communities." George Selim, Senior Vice President for National Affairs, Anti-Defamation League (ADL)

"The Eradicate Hate Summit brings together scholars, practitioners, formers, the military, the police, and the NGO community in a common purpose and goal to an extent that few other conferences and workshops can or do. Panels not only cross disciplinary lines but sectoral lines. ...Many of the participants in last year's Summit have ongoing online private working groups and support communities using social media platforms...These have proved invaluable, especially for younger female scholars and practitioners." Julie Chernov Hwang, Associate Professor, Goucher College

"The Summit is unique in that it brings together such a vast breadth of experts and practitioners, both international and domestic, in one place. The ability to share research, legal and policy approaches, and potential pitfalls, across the public and private sector, is a real benefit of the Summit." Mary McCord, Visiting Professor of Law and Executive Director of the Institute for Constitutional Advocacy and Protection, Georgetown University Law Center

"Eradicate Hate has established itself as the primary gathering place for policymakers, the tech sector, and prevention specialists to gather annually and exchange ideas, tools, resources, and evidence of what works to counter and prevent violent extremism and respond more effectively to support targeted communities. This type of gathering is long-overdue and will be an essential part of transformational change in the U.S." Cynthia Miller-Idress, Professor and Director of the Polarization and Extremism Research and Innovation Lab, American University

"I deeply appreciate the focus on impact as opposed to just "showing off" knowledge. We need this event as a multidisciplinary forum to bring everyone together to share what we've learned over the past year and further turn ideas into action." Alexa Koenig, Co-Executive Director and Co-Faculty Director of the Human Rights Center, University of California, Berkeley

"The Eradicate Hate Summit is truly unique. It brings together experts on combatting hate from all directions in a way no other event ever has and its focus on solutions sets the event apart. Not only is it an incredible opportunity for networking and sharing, but the Summit leads to realworld impact." Heidi Beirich, Co-Founder, Global Project Against Hate and Extremism

"The Eradicate Hate Summit is the first and only event in the U.S. to successfully convene the entire hate and extremism sector from across civil society, academia, business, and government. ...[T]he Summit offers an invaluable opportunity to advance a much-needed discussion about how to bring global experiences and practices to bear in the U.S. while getting ahead of the curve on a fast-evolving threat landscape. There is great potential for this forum to become a springboard for scaled collaborative innovation and the funding of solutions to the rising tide of hate we face." Sasha Havlicek, CEO, Institute for Strategic Dialogue

"The Eradicate Hate Global Summit is unique in its ability to bring together a diversity of ideas, as well as practitioners, academics, policymakers, and victims of hate and terrorism who normally do not have a chance to intersect with each other. These connections produce concrete opportunities and projects, the sum total of which can change the world." Daveed Gartenstein-Ross, Founder & CEO, Valens Global

"The attendees and presenters are living examples of hope and practices that can be transformative...to ameliorate and confront the issues of hate and injustice in our society and world. The conference...empowers with the knowledge and fuel of solutions." **Robert Rosenthal, Board Member, Executive Producer, Acting CEO, The Center for Investigative Reporting** 

"As a researcher, the conference is critical for bridging the research-to-practice chasm that often exists. These collaborations are critical if we are to make headway in combatting hate and extremism, and the conference is THE place that makes this happen." Rajeev Ramchand, Senior Behavioral Scientist, RAND Corporation

## **Family of Victim**

"One change that has occurred because of the summit is the opportunity for our foundation to collaborate with faculty at the U.S. Military Academy (West Point) and faculty from the HBCUs in the state of Maryland to have cadets from diverse backgrounds learn more about the importance of social justice, diversity, equity, and inclusion and its impact on military cohesiveness and effectiveness." Dawn Collins, activist, mother of a victim of a hate-motivated attack, and co-founder of The Lt Richard W. Collins III Foundation