

Mark Florman

Mark was founder of the merchant banking group Maizels Westerberg and has since founded a number of businesses in the technology, advisory, financial services and investment sectors. He was Managing Director of the private equity firm Doughty Hanson, Chair of LM Glasfiber (the global renewable energy group) and started the African venture capital firm 8 Miles LLP with Bob Geldof. He has been active in policy ideas and campaigns related to social mobility and poverty fighting in the UK and across the world. He co-founded the Centre for Social Justice, the Early Intervention Foundation and B Labs (UK). In March 2015, he was appointed to the Board of the BBC Trust, and was the Trustee for England for two years. Mark was a member of the G8 Social Impact Investment Task Force in 2014, and was appointed to the Triennial Review of the Big Lottery Fund by the UK Cabinet Office in the same year.

Mark is a leading authority on some of the world's most entrenched socio-economic challenges, speaking widely on reforms that must be made to drive improved governance and productivity, and always championing the power and social impact of good business. He is the author of the External Rate of Return with the London School of Economics. He was appointed as a Visiting Senior Fellow at the Institute of Global Affairs, London School of Economics & Political Science in November 2016 and a Visiting Professor at the Policy Institute, Kings College London in January 2017.

Current roles include:

Hon President, B Corp (UK) Ltd
Life Ambassador, The Centre for Social Justice
Chair of Patrons & Ambassadors, Build Africa
Trustee, The Commonwealth Education Trust
International Advisory Committee, The Paleo-Anthropology Scientific Trust
Visiting Senior Fellow, LSE IGA
Visiting Professor Policy Institute, King's College London

Speaking on:

The next 25 years – changes coming from technology and artificial intelligence, demographics, migration and the ever growing role of business in solving society's needs.



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