

On the Topic of Ethics

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What Tomorrow's Leaders Conference in Dublin,

Ireland hosted by The Elie Wiesel Foundation

Who Trinity students, previous essay winners

("mentors"), Nobel Laureates/leaders

("role models")

Why Discuss the problems of today's world





What we did

Topics

- Essays
- The role of journalism
- Women and girls
- The status of today's world
- Environmental issues

How they were discussed

- Plenary session hosted by role models
- Small (~10 people) breakout sessions hosted by role models and mentors discussing topic at hand

How was it...

"So was it all worth it in the end? Could all that money have been better spent giving further funding to the Foundation's academies for Ethiopian child refugees in Israel? I am unsure of the answer. I know that I and many of my colleagues left this conference incredibly inspired to become more engaged in issues of ethics and social justice... I leave the conference inspired and optimistic for the future, but with question marks reluctant to leave the back of my head."

So what did we accomplish?

"Awareness without action is worthless."

- Phil McGraw

Does talking about ethical issues—being aware—mean you're making the world a more ethical, fair place?

How does this relate to Venmo?



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"Be the change you wish to see in the world."

- Mahatma Ghandi

What we make and how we make it impacts people

- Users
- Coworkers

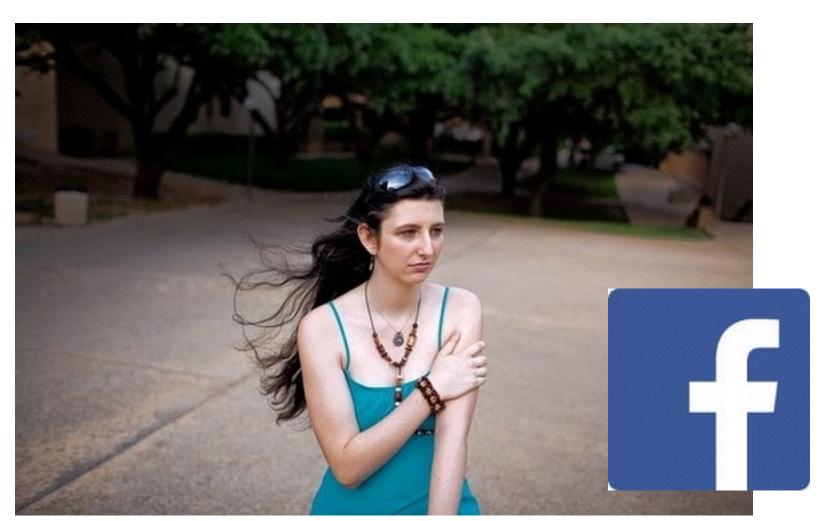
Consider Bobbi Duncan on Facebook

- " When we create without thinking, we create death."
- "Designers need to fear the consequences of their actions more than they love their ideas."

- Mike Monteiro



Mike Monteiro



Bobbi Duncan

What does it mean to be an ethical company?

What does it mean to be an ethical technology company?

What does it mean for Venmo to be an ethical technology company?

One more thought...

Is this conversation like the ethics conference in Dublin? All talk and no walk?

Hope not.

Thank you.