

34TH ANNUAL DINNER

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

THE RT. HON. GORDON BROWN



Gordon Brown served as Prime Minister of the United Kingdom and Leader of the Labour Party from 2007 to 2010. As Prime Minister, Brown's tenure coincided with the start of the global financial crisis. He was one of the first to initiate calls for global action while introducing a range of rescue measures in the UK. In April 2009, Brown hosted the G20 Summit in London, where world leaders committed to making \$1.1 trillion available to help the world economy through the crisis and restore credit, growth, and jobs. They also pledged to strengthen financial supervision and regulation.

Previously, Brown, a Member of Parliament from 1983 to 2015, served as Chancellor of the Exchequer from 1997 to 2007, making him the longest-serving Chancellor in modern history. His tenure was marked by major reform of Britain's monetary and fiscal policy and sustained investment in health, education, and overseas aid.

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Brown's experiences during the global financial crisis convinced him of the urgent need for greater international cooperation to prevent future shocks to the global economy and led him to write *Beyond the Crash: Overcoming the First Crisis of Globalisation* (2010). He is also the author of a memoir, *My Life, Our Times* (2017), highlighting the lessons he learned from his professional career and personal life, and describing how those lessons can be applied to today's challenges. His most recent book, *Seven Ways to Change the World: How to Fix the Most Pressing Issues We Face*, was released in June 2021.

Brown's time in government shaped his views on the importance of education as a fundamental right of every child in the world, and as an engine of future economic growth and prosperity. As the United Nations Special Envoy for Global Education, he passionately advocates for global action to ensure education for all.

Since leaving government, Brown has also advised the World Economic Forum and served as New York University's inaugural Distinguished Global Leader in Residence. Brown, who has a Doctor of Philosophy degree in History from the University of Edinburgh, spent his early career working as a lecturer. He is married to Sarah Brown, a charity campaigner, and they have two young sons.



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