

## **Praise for the Tax Justice Network**

Without the TJN it is impossible for me to imagine how activists and an ever growing public would ever have understood - and been outraged by - the threat the offshoring of the world's wealth represents to the 20th century's major social innovations: the middle class and the social welfare state. And on a personal note, it was not until I came into contact with TJN that I knew how to go about exposing the "fiscal termites" eating away at democracy.

Harold Crooks, filmmaker - The Price We Pay

Not only does the Tax Justice Network know as much about tax havens, dodges, avoidance and evasion as PriceWaterhouse, KPMG, Deloitte and Ernst & Young combined—they use their expertise for the benefit of the 99 percent and show how we can claw back the stolen billions and use the money for the common good.

Susan George, The Transnational Institute

Founded at a time when tax was a Cinderella subject, the Tax Justice Network was one of few voices challenging the status quo. Since then, its energy and international reach have greatly magnified its influence as the issues it championed moved up the political agenda.

**Vanessa Houlder,** *The Financial Times* 

TJN has played a crucial role in opening up a whole range of issues. Questions of taxation are important in themselves, and they also unlock wider fundamental debates about the nature of our society. TJN has been at the forefront of opening up such issues.

**Doreen Massey,** Open University



TJN's efforts to promote international cooperation on the part of governments and enforce responsibility on the part of multinationals safeguard the resources developing countries need for their development.

Manuel (Butch) Montes, The South Centre

In some ways I feel responsible for TJN's creation since I suggested in a 2000 OECD Observer report that civil society needed to have a stronger voice in the international tax debate. Well, over these 12 years it certainly has achieved this, moving tax issues up the political agenda.

Jeffrey Owens, former head of tax, OECD

TJN has done more than any other organisation to put fiscal justice at the center of the policy agenda. Tax issues should not be left to those who want to escape taxes! Changes will come when more and more citizens of the world take ownership of these matters. TJN is a powerful force acting in this direction.

**Thomas Piketty,** Economist

TJN has been instrumental over the past 10 years in making people understand that paying taxes is key to building a civilised society, that tax evasion and tax avoidance must be addressed without complacency. They have significantly contributed to trigger the political support necessary to fight bank and fiduciary secrecy and address the distortions of the international tax system.

Pascal Saint-Amans, head of tax, OECD



The expression 'tax justice' has entered vocabulary, thanks to the efforts of the Tax Justice Network. Its calls for automatic exchange of information, transparency of company ownership, country-by-country reporting and unitary taxation have redefined the field of taxation, corporate governance and international relations to empower people and call giant corporations to account

Prem Sikka, Centre for Global Accountability

The tireless campaigners at Tax Justice Network, always armed with the best data and the most incisive analysis, have been absolutely key in shifting the scandal of global tax evasion from the nerdy fringes of public debate to the very centre.

**Heather Stewart,** Business Editor, The Observer

When big businesses and the rich avoid paying their fair share of tax, they cheat us all. The Tax Justice Network describes, in plain English, how they do it, what it's consequences are and how to stop it. If you want a fair society, start reading here.

Richard Wilkinson, co-founder of the Equality Trust

The Queen has asked me to thank you for your letter of 4th November from which Her Majesty has taken careful note of your comments and concerns about taxation and offshore financial secrecy.

**Queen Elizabeth II**, to TJN's director John Christensen, in a letter dated 6th November 2013