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Alliances and cooperation are fundamental in any field of life. Also in professional performance and, of course, in the Third Sector. It is of particular importance to share both positive and negative experiences, so that the former are imitated and avoid the latter. They also serve to expand the network of each of their members, thus amplifying their reach, and to cooperate rather than compete. They are a point of encounter and accelerated learning where relationships are created based on shared principles, common enemies, or a combination of both.

The Alliance for Responsible Citizenship (ARC) is aimed precisely at all of this. Last week we met in London 1,500 people from more than 70 countries for its launch event. Participants included some of the most influential people in the world, from politics, business, university... Under the leadership of Baroness Philippa Stroud and Jordan Peterson as its ambassador and visible face, a large part of the "public intellectuals" of the Anglosphere, such as Niall Ferguson, Ayaan Hirsi Ali, John Anderson, Dave Rubin or Bjorn Lomborg, passed through the stand.

Instead of conjuring up the usual moral panics about racism and gender inequality offered by most conferences on issues facing modern society, ARC took seriously and refreshingly the real challenges faced by young citizens in Western democracies. Among many other issues, it addressed the question of wokism, the future of capitalism, the affordability of housing and the legacy of shattered homes and absent parents.

The dominant themes at the inaugural ARC event were restoring faith in Western civilization, the virtues of nuclear energy, the importance of faith and transcendence for a flourishing society, the centrality of healthy businesses to lift countries out of poverty, the ideal of civil society that manages social problems, and an excessive emphasis on selfish individualism that has led to social atomization and a mental health crisis.

The strength of ARC is that it boldly says what other elite conferences do not dare to say: that the progressive and Woke spirit of these times is poison to our civilization. Time will tell us whether ARC and its networks will be the beginning of an effective civilizing redirection. ARC's immediate challenge, like that of every alliance, is threefold. First, to give continuity to the network. Second, to bring value to its members. And third, to land such successful ideas in tools applicable to the idiosyncrasy of each country or context. formidable challenges, at the height of such promising beginning.

Of course, Fortius will be there to help in each of these steps.