

Vijay Mehta Biography

Vijay Mehta is chair of Uniting for Peace, President of Mehta Centre www.vmpeace.org , Founding Trustee of Fortune Forum Charity www.fortuneforum.org. He is an author and global activist for peace, development, human rights and the environment. His life is devoted to the service of peace, humanity and our planet. His global vision is to work together with civil society, international organisations, governments, businesses, as well as with peace and development groups. His priorities are to work for a better world through the universal values of freedom, equality, solidarity, tolerance and human dignity.

He advocates that in a world full of violence and conflicts, peaceful dialogue and education is essential to creating a safer world. Humankind cannot move forward until our governments, leaders and citizens decide to incorporate these values into their daily lives. In his various roles, he has addressed conferences and meetings in different parts of the world.

Vijay Mehta has appeared in various TV programmes including BBC World, Ajtak-24 hour Indian news channel, Iranian national TV, and Think Peace documentary, Canada, among

others. The Independent, Observer and Guardian newspapers have written about him, which are displayed in **Media**.

He along with his daughter Renu Mehta, founder of Fortune Forum (www.fortuneforum.org), held two summits in London in 2006 and 2007. The summits attracted a worldwide audience of 1.3 billion people (one fifth of humanity) including print and media coverage. The keynote speakers for the first and second summit were former US President Bill Clinton, and former US vice-President Al Gore (also recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize 2007).

These are some comments below about the activities of Vijay Mehta

Vijay Mehta is a long standing activist for peace, human rights and the environment, who has set a precedent for striving to change the world

The Sunday Times (London, 1 February 2009)

"Vijay Mehta lends intellectual credibility to the project and wrote 'The Fortune Forum Code for a Sustainable Future', a sort of manifesto that will underpin the group's future activities."

The Independent (London), 26 September 2006

Thank you for all you do Vijay - both the Organization and yourself are inspiration and give us all hope that both yourself and Action for UN Renewal can bring a world without war. indeed it is possible, even in our own time.

Mairead Corrigan Maguire, Nobel Peace Laureate (1976)

Vijay is a leading peace campaigner working tirelessly for peace. He is amazing. If anyone could sell fridges to Eskimo's it will be him.

Bruce Kent, Vice President, Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (CND).

A leading activist once taught me UN values and its mission to solve the world's most intractable problems—challenges that directly or indirectly affect us all: issues such as health, the environment, human rights and justice, peace and security, population, hunger and peacekeeping. For all of our human diversity, the UN represents the global, the local and the truly indispensable. **That activist and my mentor is also my father Vijay Mehta**

Renu Mehta Founder Fortune Forum Charity

People like Vijay are 1 in a million

Norbert Stute Director Better World Links

Vijay Mehta, Your commitment to peace is total and your constructive endeavours in this direction are highly commendable.

Dr. S.L. Gandhi

International Co-ordinator

Non-violence Leadership Training Programme,

Jaipur, Rajasthan, India