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ROCK ROYALTY, BUSINESS LEADERS, AND GLOBAL GURUS
BECOME WILLING PRISONERS OF PORTMEIRION

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Leading figures from around the world will fly in to the UK for what has been described as 'a very British Davos' for the second annual Editorial Intelligence symposium **Names Not Numbers** at Portmeirion in North Wales 26-28 February 2010.

Philosopher **Alain de Botton**; historian **Niall Ferguson**; singer/songwriter and campaigner **Annie Lennox**; global retail guru **Paco Underhill**; CEO of Jaguar Land Rover **David Smith**; Tata's European VP and Head of Consultancy Services **Amur S Lakshminarayanan**; Palestine's leading businessman **Dr Abdul Malik Al Jaber**, CEO of Zain Levant; the head of Brazil's renowned Akatu Institute for Conscious Consumption **Helio Mattar** and the eminent climate change expert **Professor Graciela Chichilnisky** will all headline this year. Opening remarks at the start of the weekend of ideas will be made by **Lord Patten of Barnes**.

Described by historian **Simon Schama** who will headline again in 2011 as 'a meeting of minds,' the Names Not Numbers symposium is produced by the Media, Analysis & Networking company **Editorial Intelligence** in association with partners who this year are: **BBC Global News** and **BBC World Service**, **Cass Business School**, **Edelman**, **Financial Times**, **Jaguar Land Rover** and **Vodafone**.

The theme this year is Trust, Privacy and Personalisation. Parts of the programme will be filmed and recorded live for both BBC's HARDTalk with **Stephen Sackur** and The Forum, presented by **Bridget Kendall**. Other confirmed participants and speakers include **Yasmin Alibhai-Brown** (performing from her acclaimed one-woman play); **Baroness Helena Kennedy QC**; **William Eccleshare**, CEO of Clear Channel; the assorted gurus **Charlie Leadbeater**, **Robert Phillips**, **Peter York**, **Robin Wight** and **Ben Page**; academic and cultural commentator **Dr Sarah Churchwell**; **Bruno Giussani**, European Director of TED; writer and performer **Hardeep Singh Kohli**; **Stefan Stern** and "Mrs Money Penny" of the Financial Times as well as **Richard Sambrook** of the BBC and **Liliane Landor**, Head of News & Current Affairs at the BBC.

Names Not Numbers and Editorial Intelligence founder Julia Hobsbawm says: "The question of individuality in a mass age and how to preserve people's sense of being a name and not just a number is unbelievably current in everything from politics and policy to culture and technology. Portmeirion, where the iconic TV series 'The Prisoner' was set, is a perfect location as are the people representing all the industries who want to both ask – and answer at least in part – this question".

Full symposium programme to be announced shortly at www.namesnotnumbers.com

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