



## Transform Your Team – 4<sup>th</sup> December 2017 - Where small seeds are sown

### #The Essential News Story

What TV program has dominated your conversations with friends and colleagues in the last few weeks? I wonder if you are one of the more than 13 million viewers transfixed by the new BBC natural history series 'Blue Planet II'? If you've been watching, perhaps, like me, you have experienced some mixed emotions. The beauty and complexity of creation have filled me with awe and then we are confronted with what we have done and are doing to this world especially around the whole aspect of plastic and waste.



A 2015 study in the journal *Science* reported that 8 million metric tons of plastic finds its way into the world's oceans every year. The camera crews filming for 'Blue Planet' found sweet wrappers, bottles, bags, and toys everywhere they went, no matter how remote. Executive producer James Honeyborne told the BBC *'Some scientists think that entanglement in marine plastic is the most significant welfare threat of human origin in the ocean. In some cases, it can also be a conservation threat to entire populations.'*

What are we to do with this information? Everything and all actions that make a difference starts life as seed and nothing happens until that small seed is planted. One option not open to us is turning off the TV and forgetting about it. A simple first step might be to commit to reducing our use of plastic. There are plenty of reusable coffee cups and water bottles available to buy. We can take cloth bags with us when we go grocery shopping. We can avoid pre-packaged fruit and veg. These things might seem like minor tweaks, but the shameful giant garbage patches in our oceans are made up of individual pieces of plastic of the kind we use thoughtlessly every day. And nothing we do however small to protect the planet we live in is insignificant in the eyes the creator of the planet we live on called planet earth.

### View from @PhilJBish

We don't say "Thank you" as often as we should and that is why **this Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December we are hosting the thank you event at the SWALEC Stadium – Legend Lounge at 6.00pm.** "Thank you" I am starting to believe is the most underused phrase on the planet. It is sometimes used in words and sometimes it used very powerfully in actions. We learn to communicate and understand our world through the context of our languages, traditions, behaviours, beliefs, and values. Our cultural experiences and values shape the way we see ourselves and what we think is important. When individuals are part of a cultural group, we learn the ways of that culture (e.g., behaviour and beliefs), which enable us to feel like we belong to our community, and we hope that this event is only the start of our community, from small seeds planted many things can flourish.

"I'd rather attempt to do something great and fail than to do nothing and succeed "  
Robert H. Schuller

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