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That each day I may walk unceasingly
on the banks of my water, that my soul
may repose on the branches of the trees
which I planted, that I may refresh my-
self under the shadow of my sycamore.
— *Egyptian tomb inscription, circa 1400 BC*

Canon Stephen Taylor, who led this charitable endeavor, commented: “The challenge represents an active expression of the Sunderland Partnership at work, strengthening the links and networks between organisations that make up Sunderland. It is a huge honour for

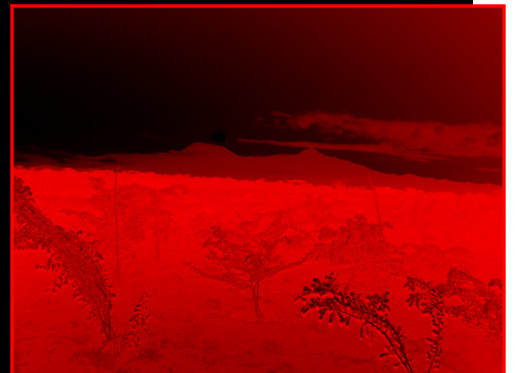


those individuals taking part and will represent a major effort in terms of fundraising and support for the teams they work in and the organisations they represent.

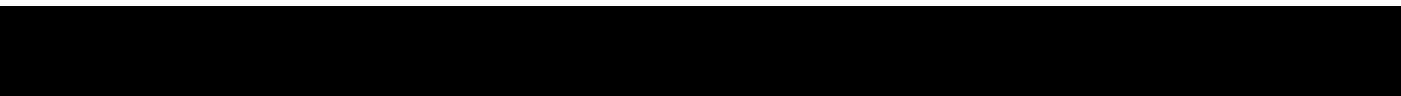
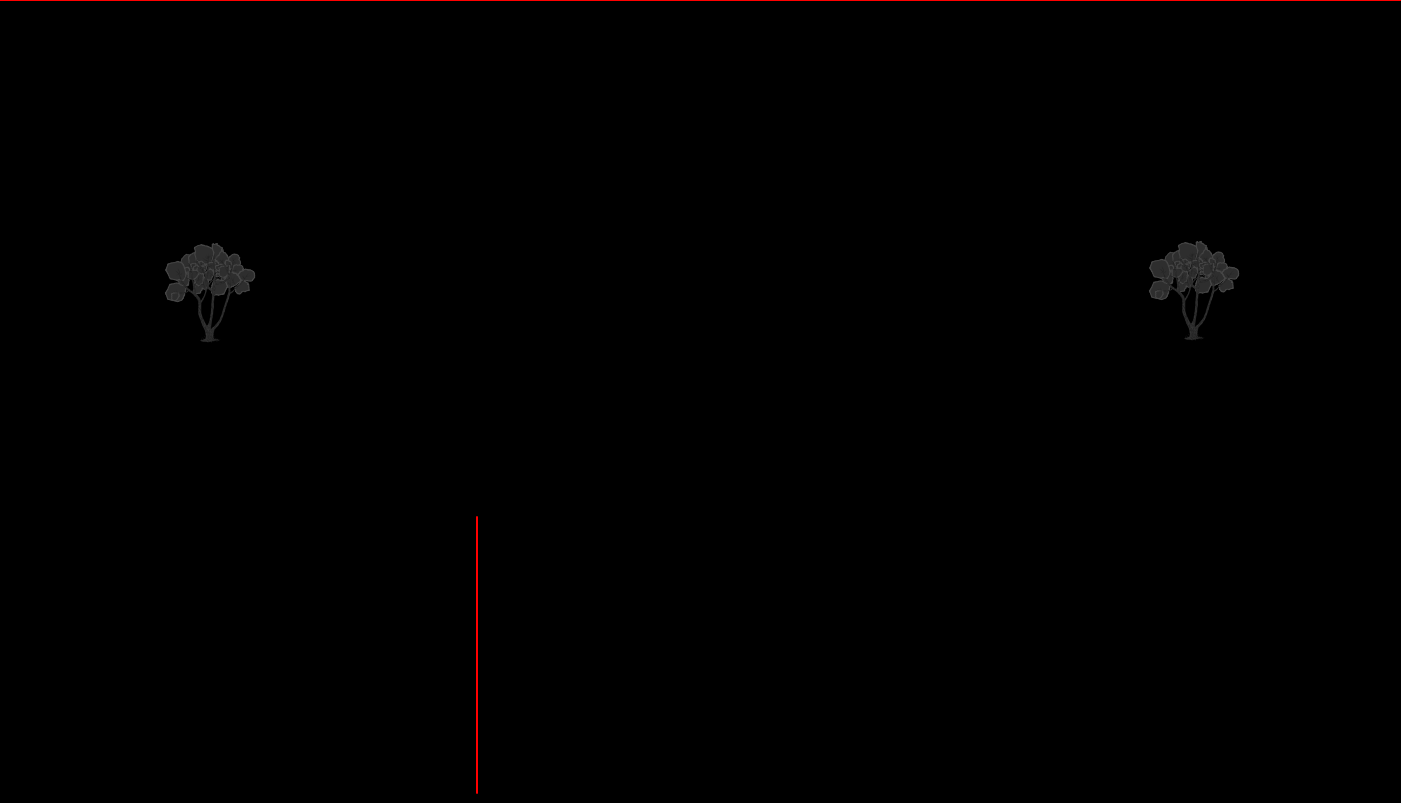
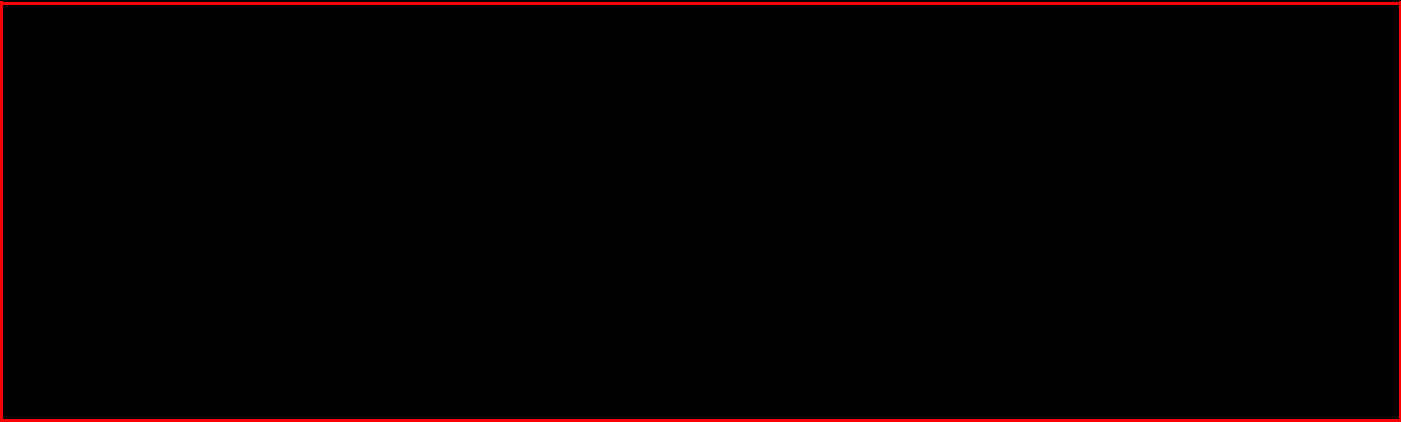
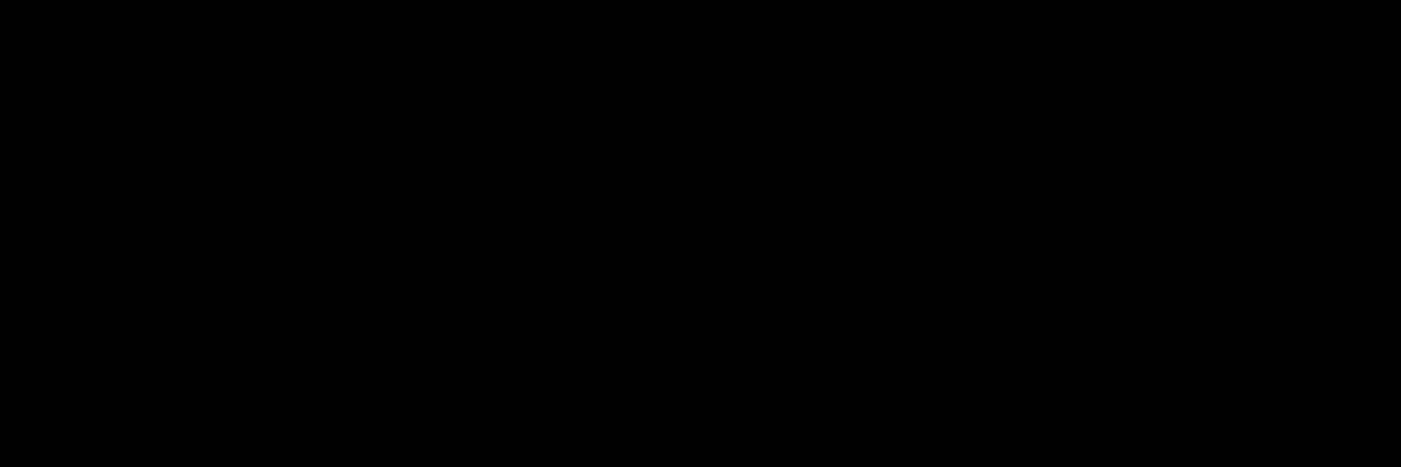
“By committing to this challenge we aim to raise as much money as possible for our chosen charities both here and in Tanzania.”

<http://tiny.cc/880n2>

Trees are sanctuaries. Whoever knows
how to listen to them, can learn the
truth.
— *Herman Hesse*



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Plant for the Planet UNEP Billion Tree Campaign



In 2007, Kenyan Professor Wangari Maathai, Noble Peace Prize Laureate who campaigned for human rights and inspired the planting of 30 million trees in Africa, teamed up with the United Nations Environmental Program (UNEP) to start a tree planting campaign that was to sweep the planet. The idea was born when Maathai was told by a US corporate group that it had plans to plant a million trees. Her response was: "That's great, but what we really need is to plant a *billion* trees." Thus was born the *Plant for the Planet: Billion Tree Campaign*. Co-patron with Maathai, is Albert II, Sovereign Prince of Monaco, who has launched initiatives in his homeland to combat pollution, protect biodiversity, and save marine life.

The ABCP and Sebastian Chuwa are registered participants in the Billion Tree Campaign, having planted over 2 million trees. Through the outreach of the Campaign, people, communities, organizations, business and industry, civil society, and governments

are being encouraged to plant trees and enter their tree planting pledges on the UNEP sponsored website. The original objective was to plant at least one billion trees worldwide each year. To date, a reported 10 billion trees have been planted in 185 countries, thereby far surpassing the stated goals of the initiative.

For additional information see: <http://www.unep.org/billiontreecampaign/>

