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Jon Snow shares vision with Science Park companies

On 12th February, journalist and Channel 4 presenter Jon Snow visited The Oxford Science Park for a breakfast meeting to share his vision to help the Bishop Simeon Trust, a charitable organisation working in South Africa.

During the address Jon recounted his experiences as a student, protesting against the apartheid regime. Also describing his many visits to Africa as a journalist including his live broadcast from South Africa at the release of Nelson Mandela in 1990.

The focus of his visit to the Science Park was to raise awareness of the Bishop Simeon Trust and specifically the current fund raising project, the 'race against time' a sponsored cycle ride from Lands End to John O'Groats.

Commenting on the meeting, co-organiser Robert Horsfield from The Oxford Science Park said ' We were delighted that Jon could come and share his experiences with employees on the Science Park'. He added 'Jon is a keen cyclist, as are many people who work here, it was a very entertaining morning but with a serious message about a very worthy charity.'

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(Photographs and Editors notes on following page)



Jon Snow speaking about the Bishop Simeon Trust at the Oxford Science Park.



Jon Snow with members of the Bishops Simeon Trust at the Science Park breakfast event.

Notes for editors:

- **The Bishop Simeon Trust**

In South Africa, millions of individuals are mired in poverty as a direct result of the former Apartheid regime. The Bishop Simeon Trust focuses on education and development work in some of the poorest communities, where the HIV crisis is a traumatic, additional burden.

The Trust was founded in 1989 and is named after a black South African bishop who was at the centre of the struggle against repression. It now supports a range of education work, community development initiatives and HIV projects, with a particular emphasis on the most vulnerable, such as AIDS orphans.

The development work funded by the charity, is carried out by local partner organisations in South Africa and is carefully monitored by the Trust.

- The Race Against Time is a unique endurance challenge, now in its 6th year. It involves a group of 10-15 cyclists going from Lands End to John O'Groats in just six

days – that's an average of 145 miles a day, and a total of 874 miles in less than a week. Its purpose is to raise as much money as possible for the [Bishop Simeon Trust's](#) HIV/AIDS work in South Africa

For further details see: <http://www.bstrust.org/>

and <http://theraceagainsttime.com/>

- **The Oxford Science Park**
The Oxford Science Park, which comprises approximately 30 hectares/75 acres, is a joint venture between Magdalen College, Oxford and the Prudential.
- The Park aims to attract science-based companies with growth potential, whether start-up businesses or research and development divisions of multinational companies.

For further details see <http://www.oxfordsp.com>