



## Sir Tim Smit

Sir Tim Smit is the visionary Co-Founder of the Eden Project, celebrated for transforming bold ideas into world-renowned ventures. A charismatic speaker, he shares compelling insights on sustainability, innovation, regeneration, and the leadership needed to turn ambitious dreams into reality.

### KEY TOPICS

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- The Eden Project: From Vision to Global Impact
- Sustainability as Smart Business Practice
- Creativity, Innovation and Entrepreneurial Thinking
- Regeneration: Building Prosperous Futures for People and Places
- Inspiring Leadership and Bold Ambition

### BIOGRAPHY

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#### Introduction

Sir Tim Smit is best known as the Co-Founder and Vice Chairman of the Eden Project in Cornwall, one of the UK's most iconic and ambitious environmental enterprises. Since opening in 2001, Eden has welcomed over 22 million visitors and generated more than £1.7 billion for the Cornish economy. As a charismatic speaker and entrepreneur, Sir Tim inspires audiences to embrace creativity, bold leadership and sustainability as drivers of innovation and growth.

#### Professional Background & Credentials

After a successful career as a music producer, composer and archaeologist, Sir Tim turned his energy to environmental and cultural regeneration. In partnership with John Nelson, he rediscovered and restored the Lost Gardens of Heligan, which went on to win Garden of the Year in the BBC Countryfile Awards and remains one of the UK's most loved attractions. Building on that success, he co-founded the Eden Project, a world-class educational, cultural and ecological destination. Eden's iconic biomes, housing the world's largest indoor rainforest and a Mediterranean environment, symbolise human endeavour and ingenuity. Eden has transformed perceptions of science and sustainability, communicating complex ideas through art, drama, storytelling and interactive experiences. Sir Tim also serves as Executive Co-Chair of Eden Project International, with the ambition to create Eden sites on every inhabited continent. He continues to champion social enterprise, regeneration and sustainable development as essential elements of business strategy.

#### Speaking Style & Audience Value

Sir Tim is a passionate, entertaining and thought-provoking speaker who combines humour with hard-won insights from his entrepreneurial journey. He engages audiences with vivid storytelling, encouraging them to reimagine what is possible when ambition, creativity and determination come together. Corporate audiences value his ability to connect sustainability with smart business practice, demonstrating how purposeful action can

drive both profitability and positive societal impact.

## Awards & Recognition

- Knighted in 2011 (KBE) for services to public engagement with science
- Royal Society of Arts Albert Medal recipient
- Honorary CBE in 2002
- Voted Great Briton of 2007 in the Environment category
- Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year Special Award (2011)
- Author of several books, including *The Lost Gardens of Heligan* and *Eden Project*

## Media & Public Engagement

Sir Tim has been widely featured in the media, including *This is Your Life* and *Desert Island Discs*. He is a regular guest on television and radio, contributing his expertise on sustainability, regeneration and the future of business and society. [Contact us now](#) for more information on how Sir Tim can inspire your audience with powerful lessons on sustainability, innovation and the leadership needed to turn ambitious ideas into world-changing realities.

## WHAT PEOPLE SAY

*""The theme of our event was "The Power of and idea" Tim was very much on message and delivered a very funny, inspirational speech. Feedback from our event has been extremely positive and especially for Tim. He has been very well received.""*

— **Lincolnshire Business Convention**

*""One of the most inspiring speakers we have ever heard.""*

— **St James's Place**

*""Tim did a stellar job - the audience really loved him. Having worked with many speakers before, I also found him extremely sociable, interesting and very good fun to work with. We couldn't be any happier!""*

— **The Health Foundation**