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John Ashton has had a long and distinguished career within the British Foreign Office, holding various posts in British Embassies in Rome and Beijing. John was Deputy Political Adviser to Governor Chris Patten in Hong Kong during the transition to Chinese sovereignty (1993-1997). On his return to the UK John established the first environmental policy department within the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office and was the UK's leading environmental diplomat until late 2002.

John's experience in government and subsequently at LEAD has convinced him that activated networks of individuals, spanning cultural and sectoral boundaries, can create powerful forces for change. Systemic approaches of this kind will be an essential component of getting from well-established environmental goals to sustainable outcomes that currently seem out of reach. With a group of like-minded colleagues he is now developing these ideas further through a new organization, E3G (for Third Generation Environmentalism), of which he is Founder and CEO.

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