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Vivienne Westwood Foundation continues fashion icon's activism

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After pausing to commemorate the passing of the 81-year-old fashion designer, her self-named foundation is honoring her legacy by getting back to world-changing work. Image credit: Vivienne Westwood Foundation

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International nonprofit [Vivienne Westwood Foundation](#) is continuing the work of its late founder.

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Known for her activism, English fashion designer Vivienne Westwood originally formed the nonprofit in 2019. Now, the organization is announcing plans to continue the creative spirit that fueled Ms. Westwood's fight for a more equitable world.

"The Foundation is built upon Vivienne's four pillar approach to save the world halt climate change, stop war, defend human rights and protest capitalism," said representatives, in a statement.

"We raise awareness and fundraise for NGOs aligned with our mission to create a better society and halt climate change."

Foundational values

The Vivienne Westwood Foundation is grounded in Ms. Westwood's four-pillar approach. To bring progress into fruition, the organization will continue donating to NGOs, increasing funding for society-minded and nature-forward causes.

When it comes to the climate-facing part of the foundation's activism, protecting biodiversity and cutting emissions on a global level remains a priority.

The organization specifically mentions the protection of the rainforests and ocean, stating it will first donate to entities specializing in those areas.

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The Vivienne Westwood Foundation has begun pushing for human rights, donating \$12,400 to the [Campaign Against Arms Trade](#). The United Kingdom-based charity urges Britain to stop arming the Saudi Arabian militia that is further fueling the violent crisis in Yemen.

Operating members have also pledged funds to the U.K.'s [Refugee Council's Age Disputes Project](#) and to the [War Child's Emergency Relief Fund](#), committing to sending \$27,200 to each.

Both charities work to protect children's rights on an international level.

Ms. Westwood is widely regarded for her role in bringing Britain's punk fashion movement of the 1970s mainstream, having also involved herself as an activist, the work of which underlined the Dame's entire career and concerned her into her latter years. The creative passed away peacefully on Dec. 29, in Clapham, South London ([see story](#)).

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