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Paul Biggar, Founder of \$1.7B Tech Unicorn, Announces Expansion of Tech for Palestine at Web Summit Qatar 2026

Paul Biggar, Silicon Valley founder of billion-dollar tech unicorn CircleCI, will appear at the Web Summit Qatar 2026 press conference to outline the rapid growth of Tech for Palestine (T4P) and announce the next phase of its expansion. At the conference, Biggar will call on technologists, founders, investors, and institutions to collaborate in building practical, tech-driven support for Palestinian freedom and accountability.

Biggar is seeking partnerships, funding, and new members to help scale T4P's growing ecosystem of projects, while formally opening a membership option for individuals who want to join the movement and contribute their skills, networks, or resources.

A computer scientist by training, Biggar earned a PhD from Trinity College Dublin and went on to found and scale multiple technology startups, including CircleCI—now valued at over \$1.7 billion—and Darklang. For more than a decade, he worked at the center of the Silicon Valley ecosystem, building high-growth companies backed by Y Combinator and other leading investors.

Over time, proximity to power and capital led Biggar to question the technology sector's role in global injustice and its growing complicity in systems of oppression.

In late 2023, Biggar experienced a profound personal and moral reckoning that reshaped his life and work. In a widely read blog post titled "*I Can't Sleep*", he described being haunted by images of civilians in Gaza and struggling with the tech industry's silence and complicity amid unfolding atrocities. The post resonated deeply across the tech world, particularly because it came from someone firmly embedded in the industry's establishment. Thousands of engineers, founders, and investors reached out asking how they could help.

Out of that reckoning emerged Tech for Palestine, a global collaboration designed to turn technical expertise into concrete impact. T4P operates as a no-cost incubator for tech-driven justice and advocacy projects, offering mentorship, access to volunteer engineers, strategic communications support, and strong connections to the international Palestine advocacy ecosystem.

T4P currently supports more than 70 active initiatives, including high-profile projects such as **Thaura** — an ethical AI platform that actually respects your values, protects your data, and tells the truth - all without Big Tech strings attached, **UpScrolled** — a newly launched social media platform positioned as a fair and transparent alternative to Instagram, where users can share photos, videos and text without shadowbanning or algorithmic censorship, **Boycatt** — a boycott-scaling and economic pressure platform and **Newscord** — a media accountability and narrative-tracking initiative. Its broader project portfolio spans media monitoring, divestment technologies, whistleblower support and tools that challenge corporate and platform complicity.

Built rapidly from the ground up, T4P has mobilised 90+ project leaders, a Discord community of 10,000+, 300 Entrepreneurs for Palestine (E4P), 45 Investors for Palestine (I4P), and a global team of 50+ staff and organisers working across nine functional areas, from engineering and venture support to marketing, operations, and whistleblowing.

Through communities such as Entrepreneurs for Palestine and Investors for Palestine, T4P is driving a shift in tech from complicity to accountability—supporting workers inside major firms, elevating whistleblowers, leading industry-wide campaigns, and collaborating with partners to advance ethical standards across AI, venture capital, and platform governance.

At Web Summit Qatar 2026, Biggar's presence marks a full-circle moment—from building billion-dollar software platforms to mobilising a global tech movement for human rights and justice. His aim is to align T4P's fast-growing network with global economic development and liberation efforts, while inviting technologists worldwide to join T4P as members and actively participate in reshaping the role of technology in global justice.

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