

The arrogance of Saint Bob

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John Hilary of War on Want - with whom I regularly share a platform - strongly criticises Bob Geldof.

He's right to do so, and not just because of his arrogance.

Time and again the Tax Justice Network has challenged Bono and Bob Geldof on tax issues and tax havens - both personally and as a matter of policy. And time and again they have refused to engage on this issue - seemingly wishing we and it would go away.

The issue won't go away.

We won't go away.

And they have to abandon their horribly typical Irish indifference to tax abuse and realise that tax havens quite literally cost lives. And you can't differentiate the so called 'legitimate' use of these places from their illegitimate use - the mechanisms used are identical.

Bob and Bono have a lot to say, a lot of apologising to do, a lot of reform to promote. Then they might regain credibility.