

Tax justice has come a very long way as its co-nominate...

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The [International Consortium of Investigative Journalists](#) has reported today that:

Three Norwegian lawmakers have nominated the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists and the Global Alliance for Tax Justice for a Nobel Peace Prize, citing the organizations' "success in building global alliances" to increase transparency in the global financial system.

"The outstanding work of the ICIJ to expose illicit flows, and the mammoth achievement of the GATJ to build national and international pressure for accountability and fair taxation - warrants attention, recognition and support," the letter says. "They are, independently and by different means, trailblazers in creating a world where financial incentives for conflict, wars, human rights abuses and violence are non-existent. These courageous journalists and civil society organizations play a critical role in documenting corruption and Illicit flows, often while putting their lives in peril in the process."

The GATJ grew out of the Tax Justice Network, of which I was a co-founder in 2003, and whose first meeting I chaired, before serving as research director until 2010.

Tax justice has come a long way since 2003.

Warm congratulations to all who have taken it along its path to this point.

For the record, I had no involvement in the work for which nomination has been made, apart from helping spike public concern in this issue over many years. If there is one person who does deserve credit more than anyone else though it is my old friend and colleague John Christensen, who co-founded TJN with me and is still its chair. he also helped launch GATJ. No one has done more to advance tax justice than he has.