

STATUTORY DECLARATION OF [REDACTED] LAVEAU IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION FOR LAWFUL DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE

[REDACTED] of Walsh Manor, Walshes Road, Crowborough, East Sussex, TN6 3RB do solemnly and sincerely declare as follows:

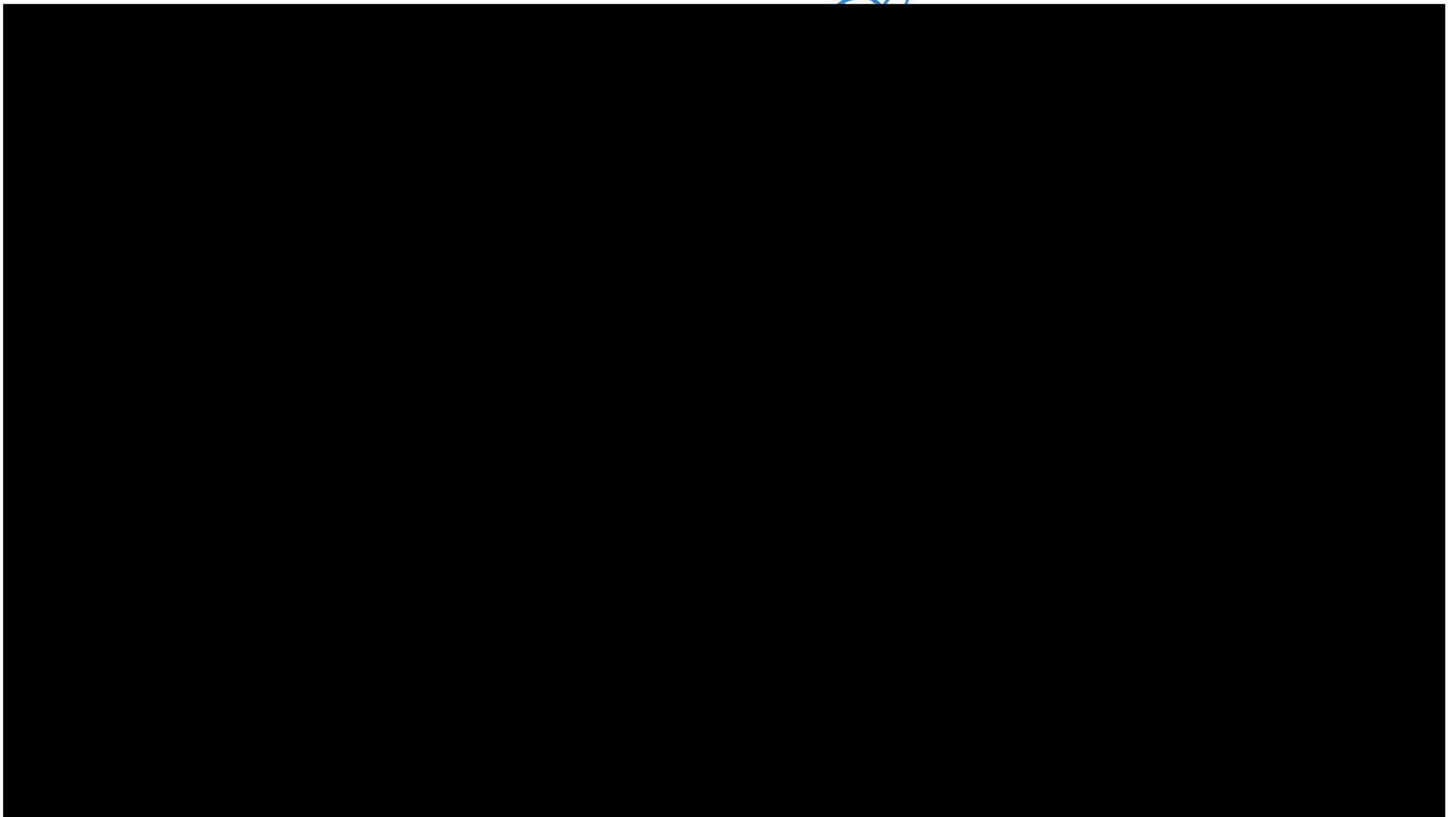
1. I am a trustee of the applicant and make this statutory declaration in support of an application for a Lawful Development Certificate in respect of an existing use relating to land at Saint Hill Manor, Saint Hill Road, East Grinstead, West Sussex RH19 4JY.
2. The position of this land is shown outlined in red on the plan submitted with this application ("the Land"). The Land is in a field immediately adjacent to a building known as Saint Hill Castle, which as a Scientology Church and registered place of meeting for religious worship.
3. In October 1984 the International Association of Scientologists ("the IAS") was founded at Saint Hill Manor. An annual event is held at that time of year to celebrate the anniversary of the founding of the IAS ("the IAS Event"), which draws thousands of Scientologists and visitors from around the world. The event takes place over 3 days – Friday, Saturday and Sunday. It culminates with a charity concert on the Sunday evening, which raises money for local charities.
4. The Land has been used for the IAS Event since October 2005. Large marquees have been erected on the Land for this purpose. Once the IAS Event is finished the marquees are dismantled and removed from the site.
5. Submitted with this application are photographs taken each year the IAS Event was held on the Land from 2005 to 2024.
6. This application seeks a Lawful Development Certificate for an existing use under Section 191 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. The use in question involves the annual erection of large temporary marquees on the Land for the purposes of hosting the IAS Event. The marquees are erected each year for the IAS Event in October (and in one year at the start of November). The erection takes several weeks. Including rehearsals, the actual use occurs for approximately one week. Dismantling and restoration of the land takes about a month.
7. The annual event has occurred on the Land since 2005, consistently in the same format and for the same purpose. The only exceptions to this continuous pattern occurred in 2013 (when although preparations were started the main marquee was not available in time) and during the years 2020 to 2022, during which the event was suspended due to the COVID-19 pandemic and associated restrictions on public gatherings. The World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a Public Health Emergency of International Concern on 30 January 2020, marking the highest level of alert under international law. This status remained in effect for over three years until 5 May 2023.
8. I submit that this short break in activity does not break the continuity of use for the purposes of a Lawful Development Certificate, based on established planning

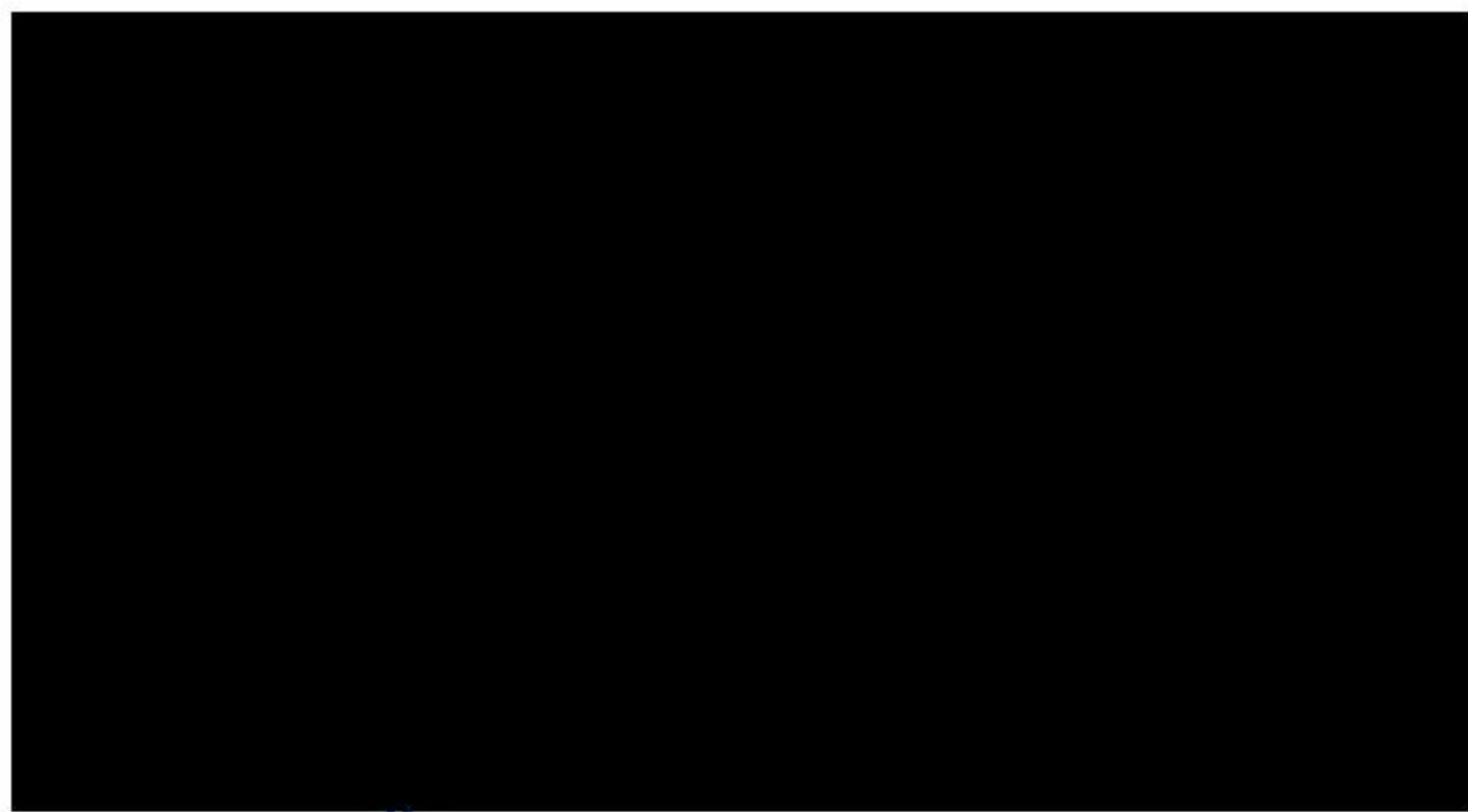
principles. The Planning Inspectorate and courts have recognised that temporary and involuntary suspensions, particularly those caused by government restrictions, do not constitute abandonment of use.

9. Accordingly, the use has been ongoing for a period exceeding 10 years, and has thereby become lawful through the passage of time, pursuant to Section 191(2) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.
10. I respectfully request that the Local Planning Authority issue a Lawful Development Certificate confirming that the use of the Land for this annual temporary event is lawful, having become immune from enforcement action due to more than 10 years' continuous (albeit temporarily interrupted) use.
11. Should the authority require any further evidence or clarification, I would be pleased to provide it.

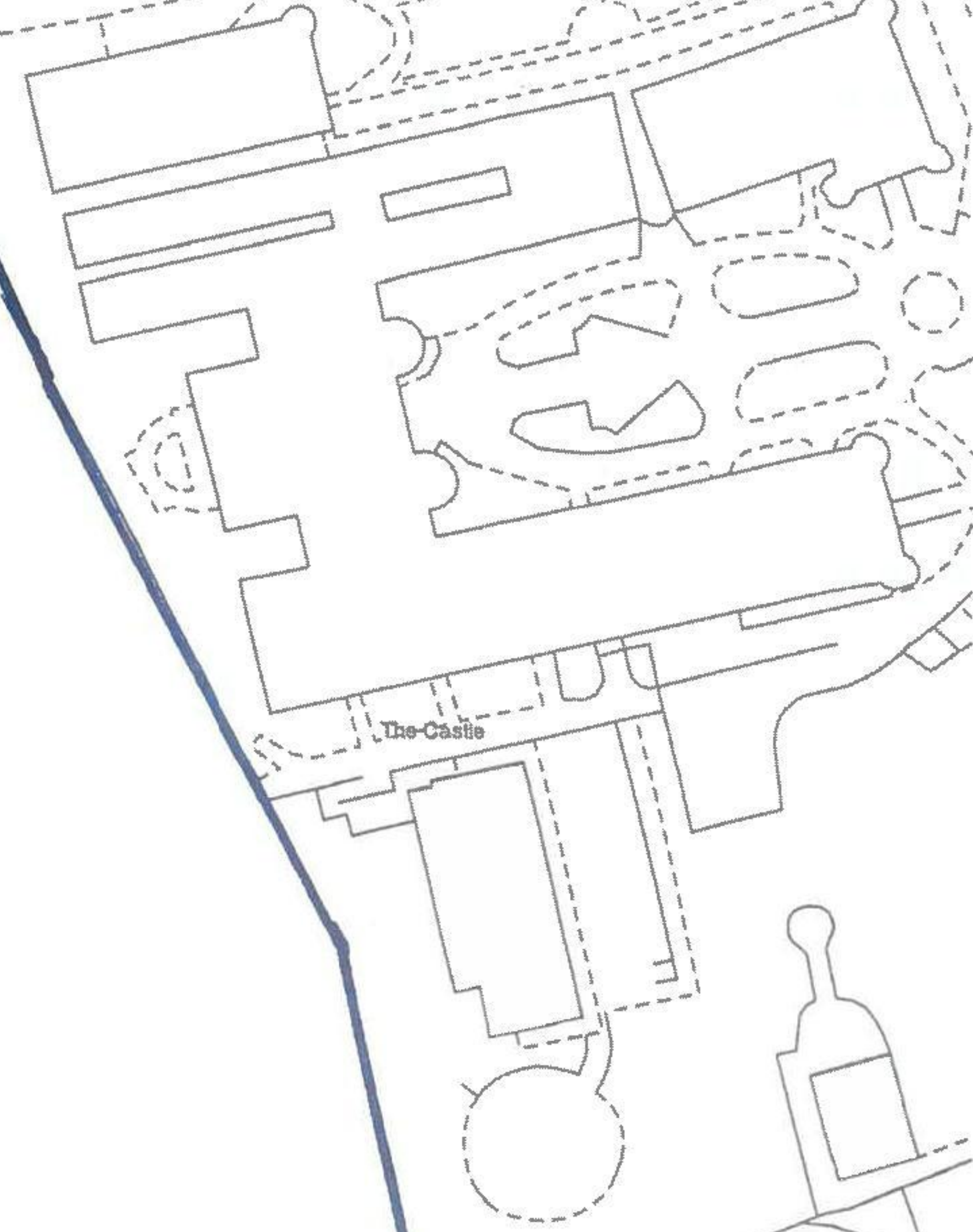
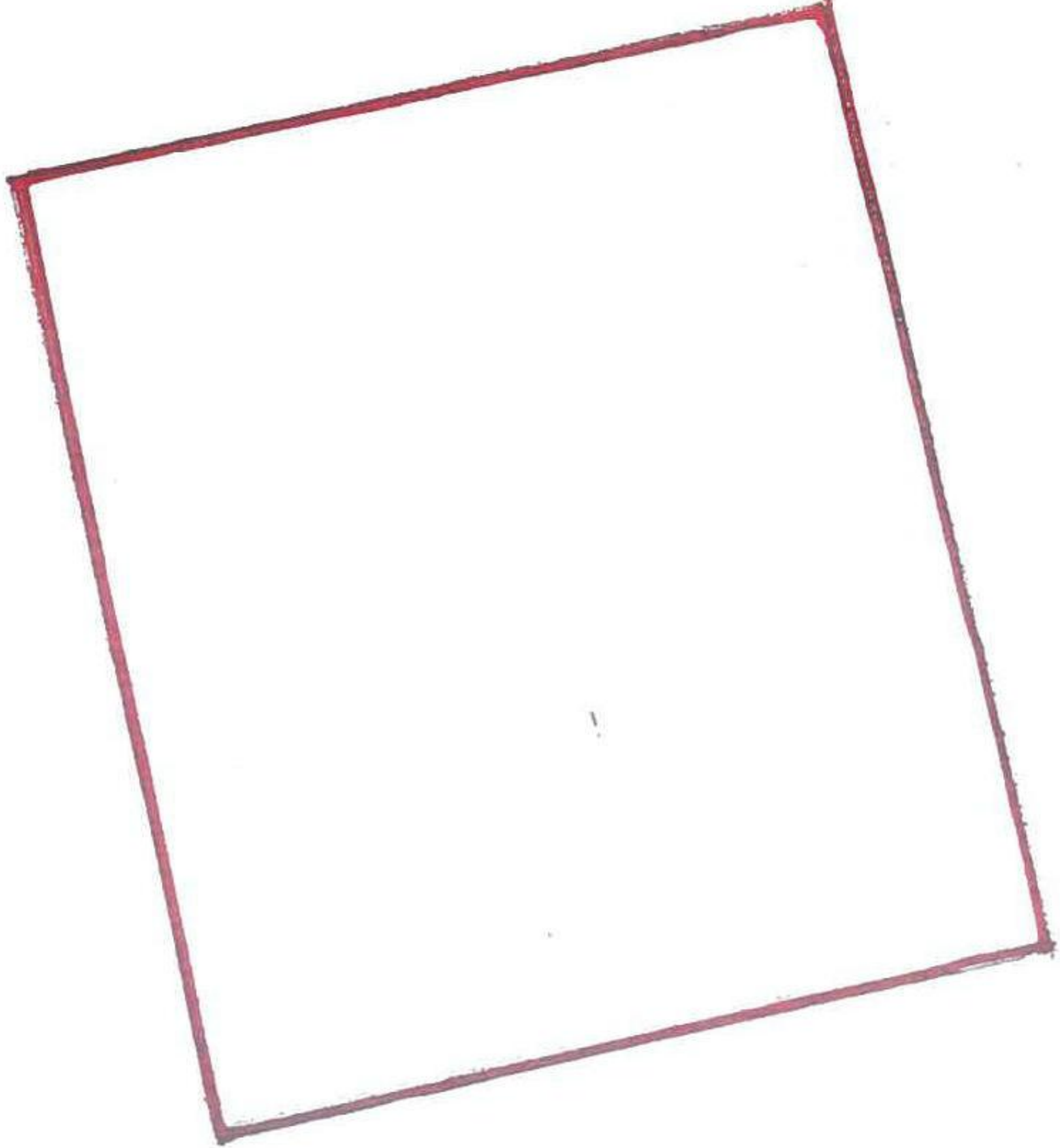
AND I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue the Statutory Declarations Act 1835.

Declared by the said

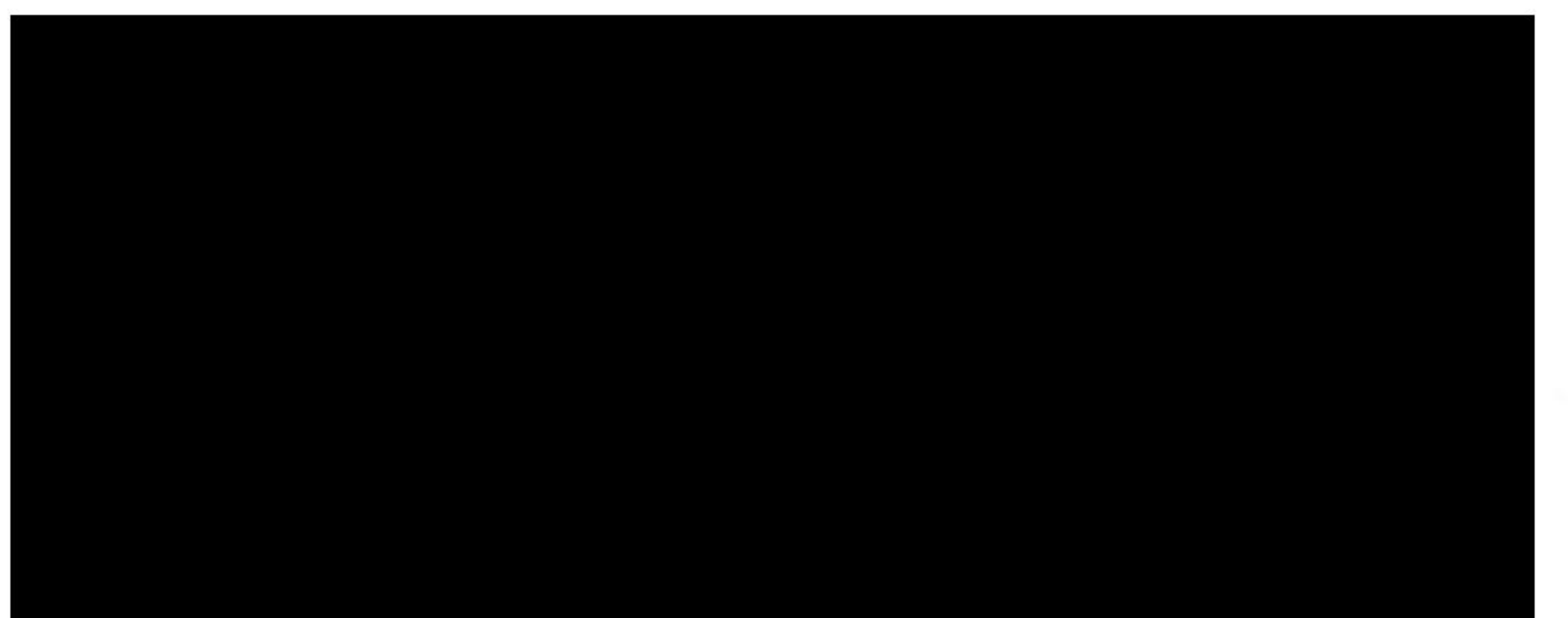


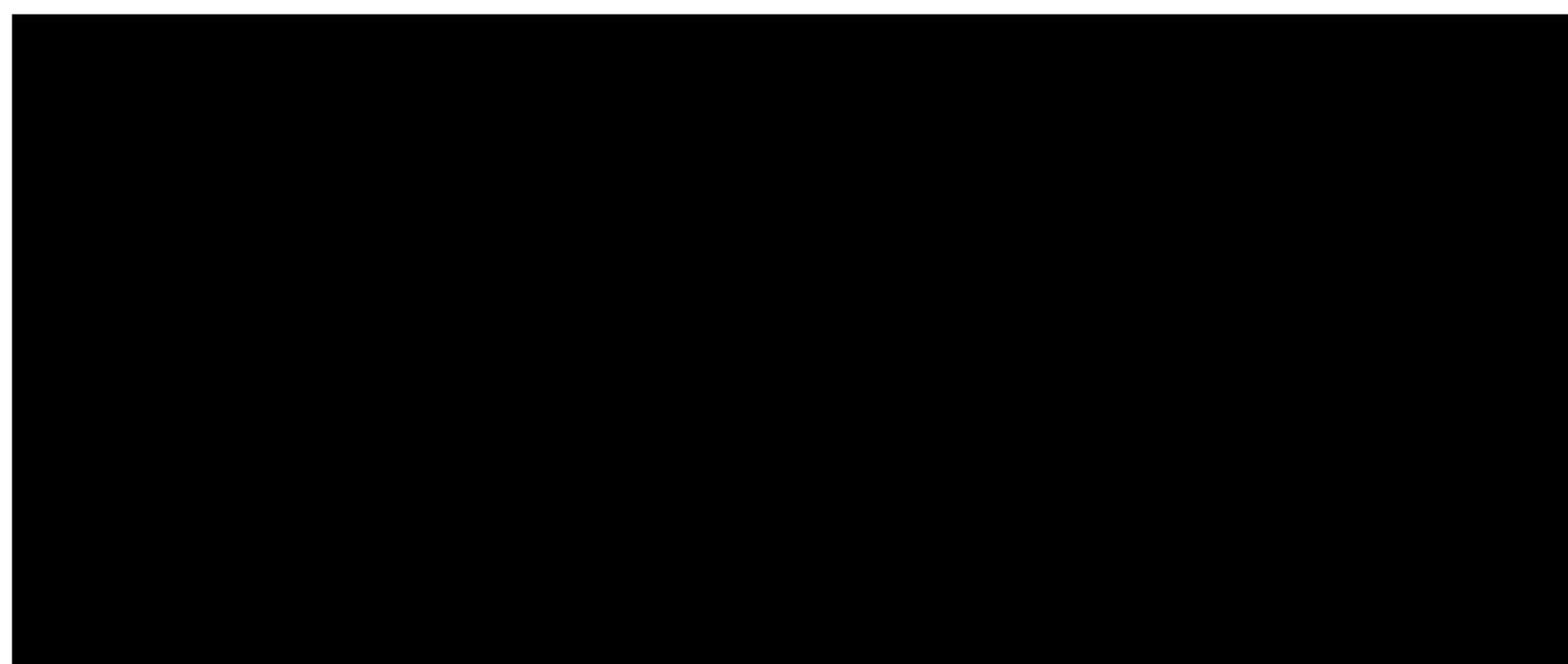


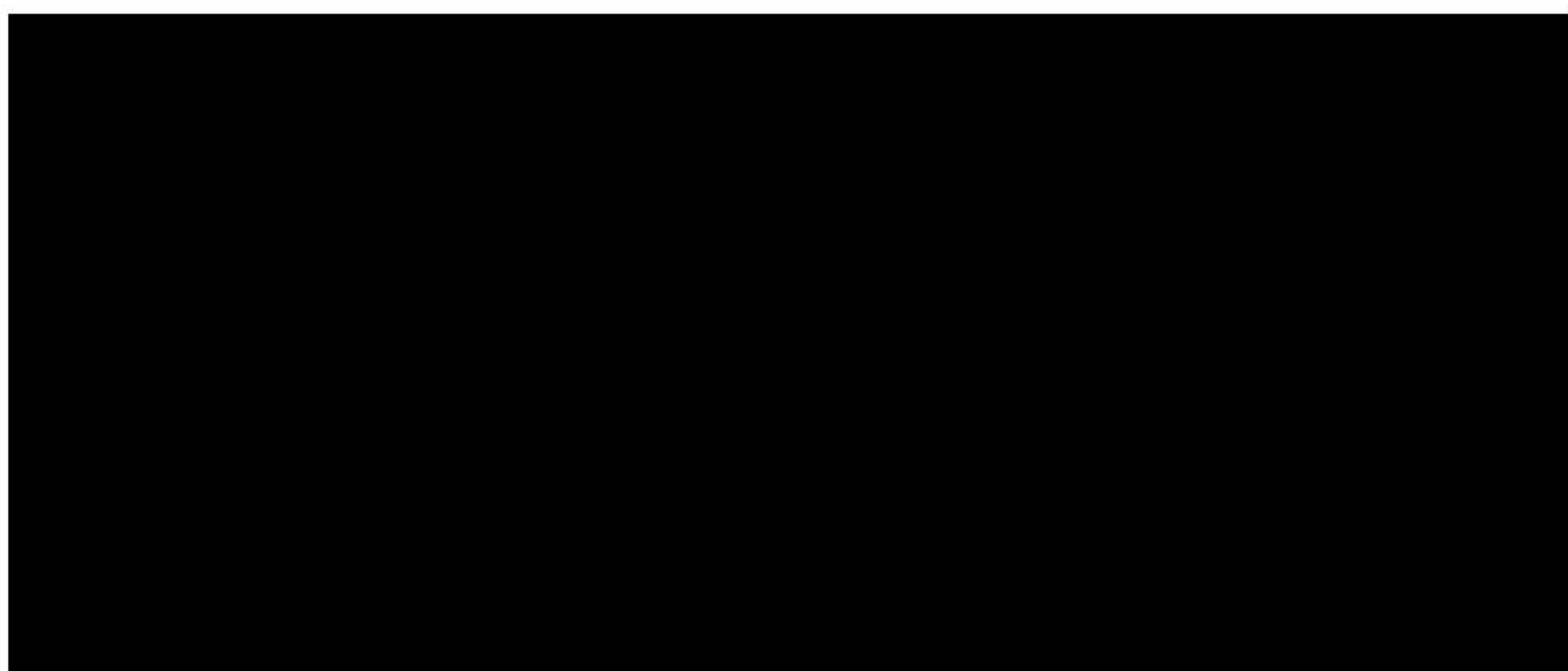
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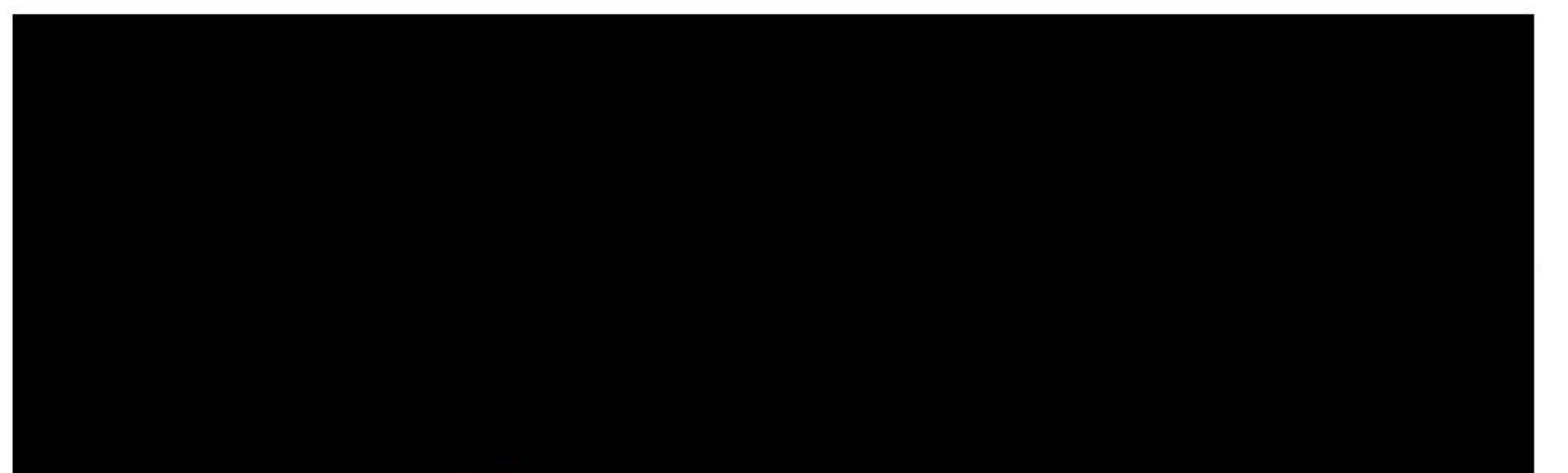


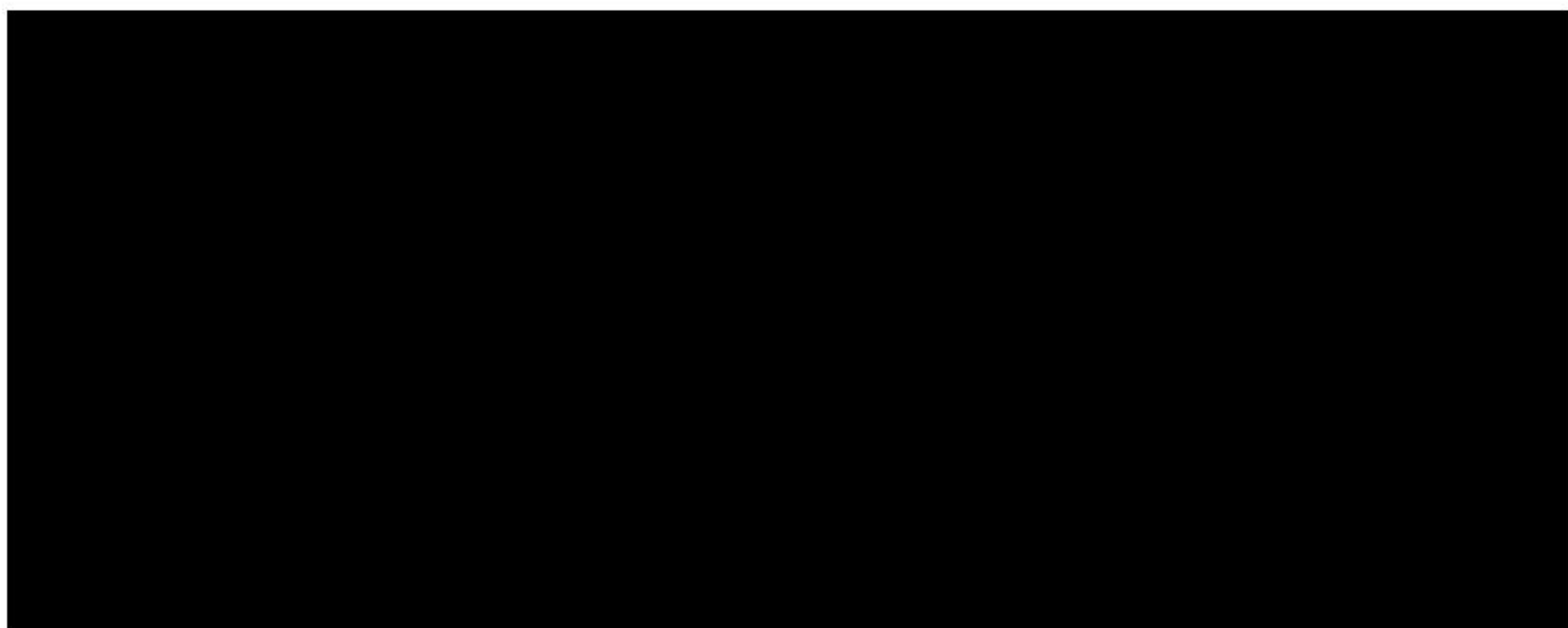
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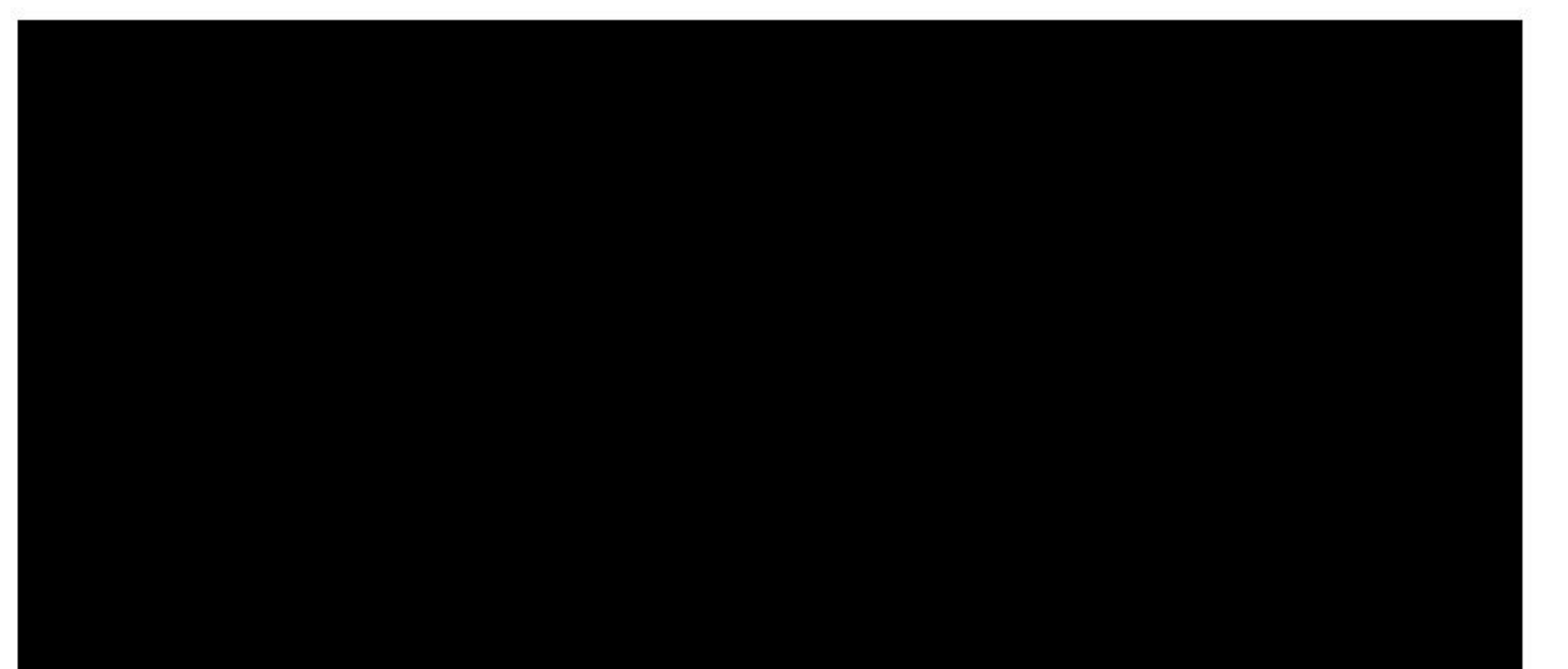


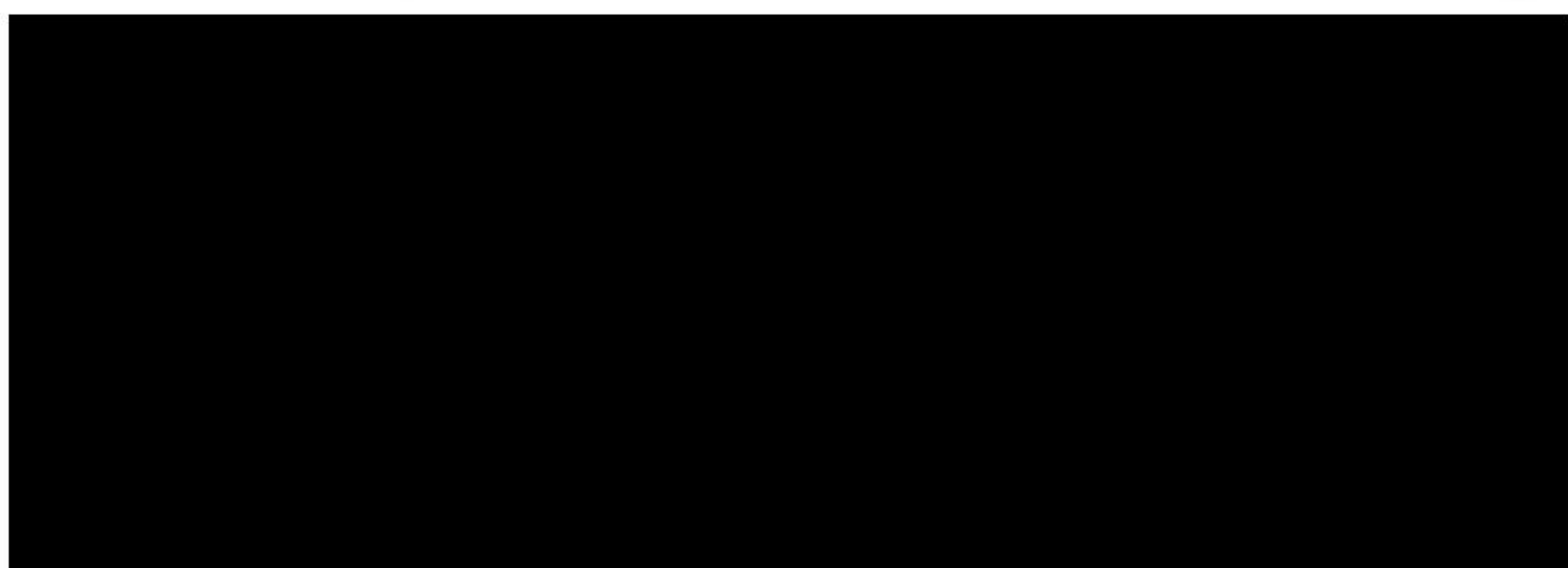


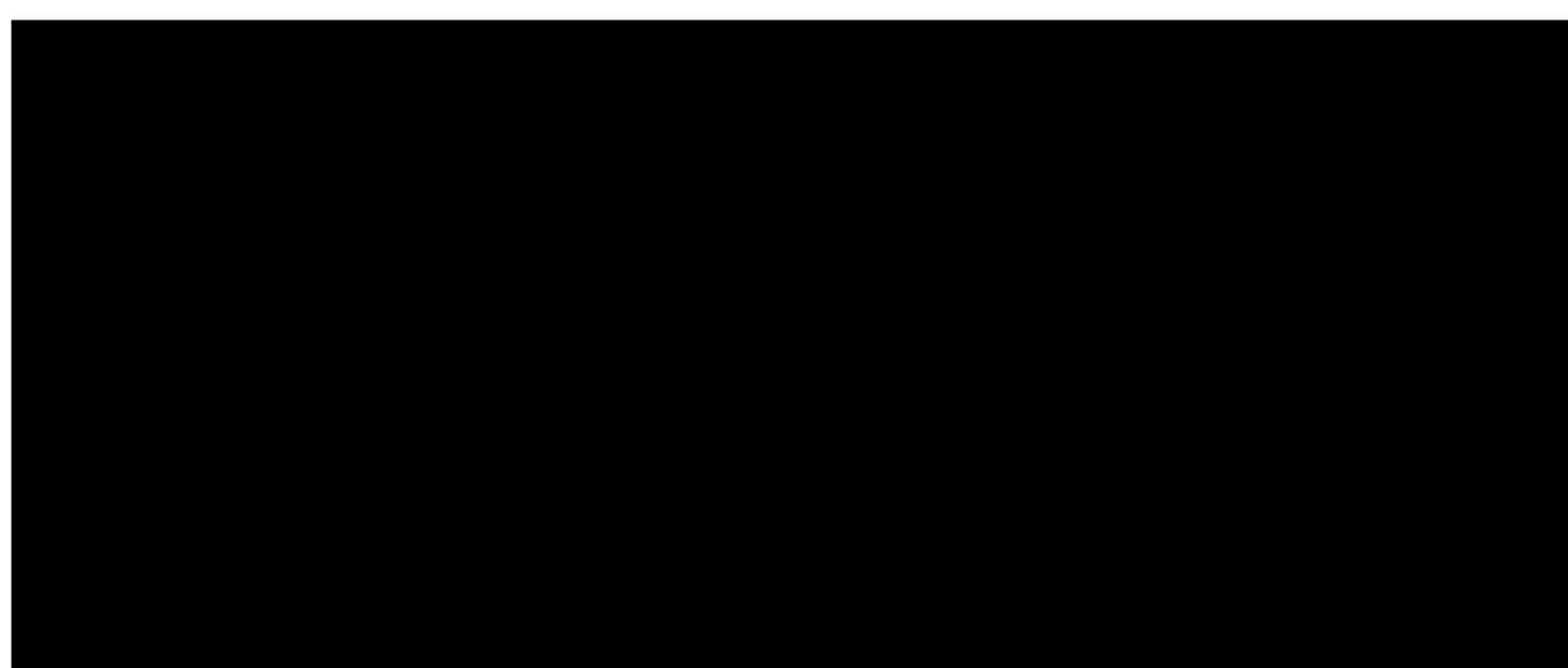
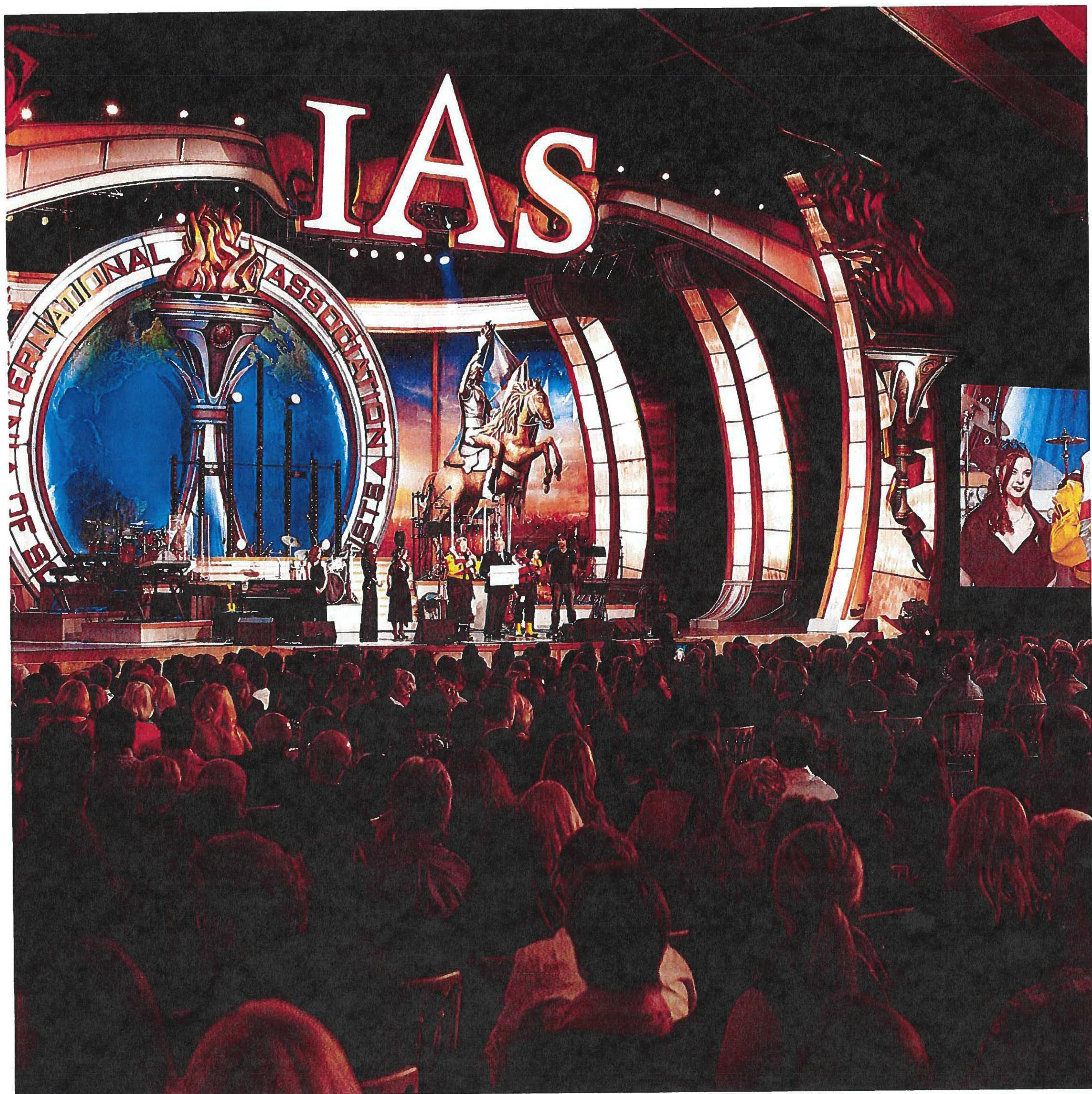


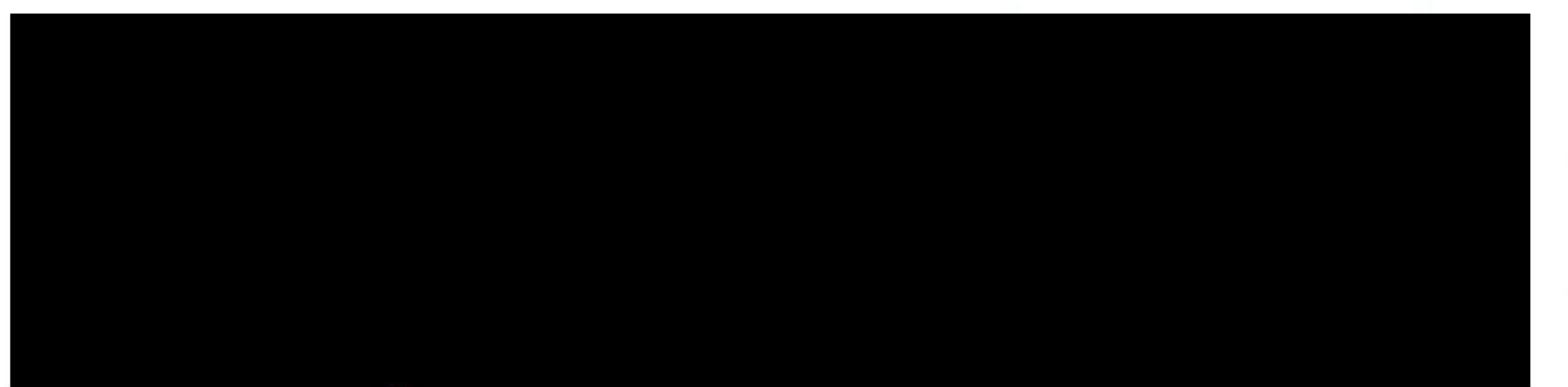














ANNIVERSARY EVENT

Friday 17th October, 5:30pm

You are invited to join us as we celebrate and honour humanitarian achievements from the past year.

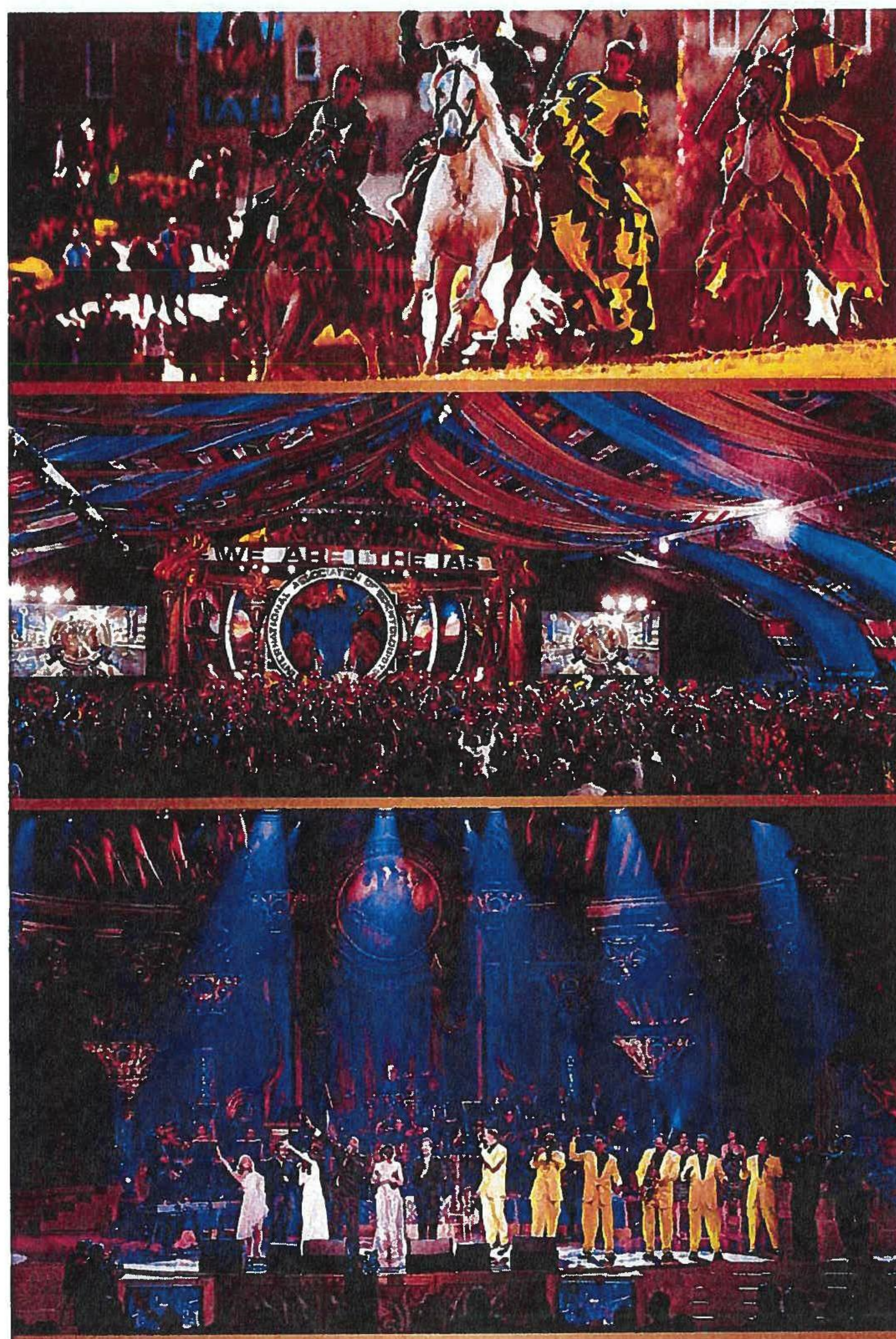
- Dynamic multimedia presentation
- Presentation of awards for exemplary charitable work
- Reception and entertainment
- Dress code smart

SAINT HILL GALA CHARITY CONCERT

Sunday 19th October, 6:30pm

Hosted by the Church of Scientology.

- Benefitting the East Grinstead Town Museum and the British Exploring Society
- Evening hosted by a very special guest and featuring top international performers.
- Dress code smart casual or smart.



LIVE IAS ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION:

On October 17th, thousands of people from all over the world will gather at Saint Hill to celebrate 30 years of the International Association of Scientologists.

Saint Hill is not only the former home of the Founder of the Church of Scientology, L. Ron Hubbard, but also the birthplace of the IAS. Here we celebrate our wins and accomplishments of the last 30 years of social betterment activities, such as drug rehabilitation, human rights, crime reduction and much more.

Doors open at 5:30pm and the event starts at 7pm. There will be other entertainment such as brass bands, Scottish bagpipers and more starting at 1pm. There will also be a special March for Freedom at 5pm with representatives from different religious groups.

CHARITY CONCERT:

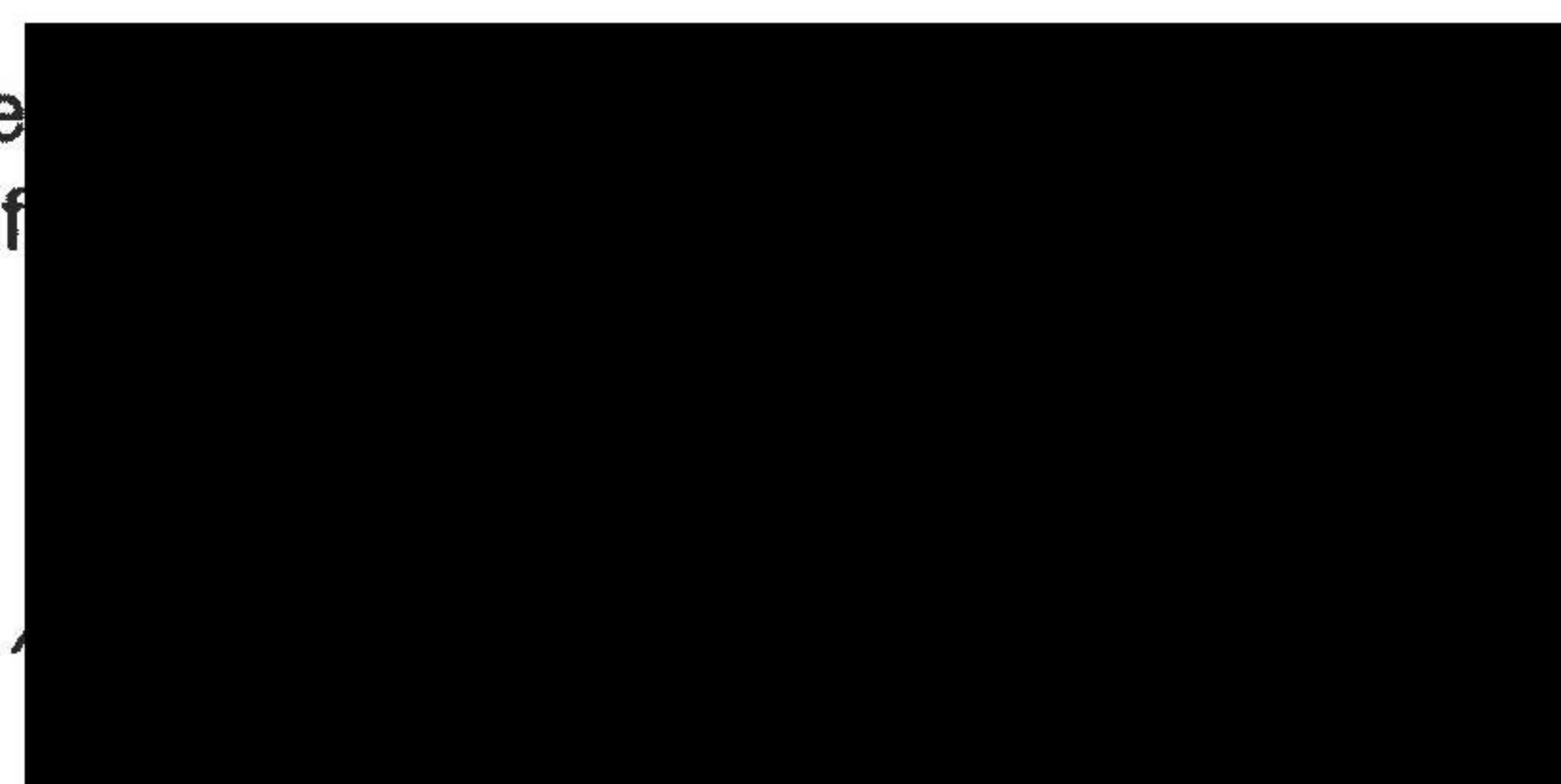
The Saint Hill Gala Charity Concert has been held annually for over 15 years during this weekend. It is now one of the most talked about events of the year in the East Grinstead area and a highlight in the social calendar.

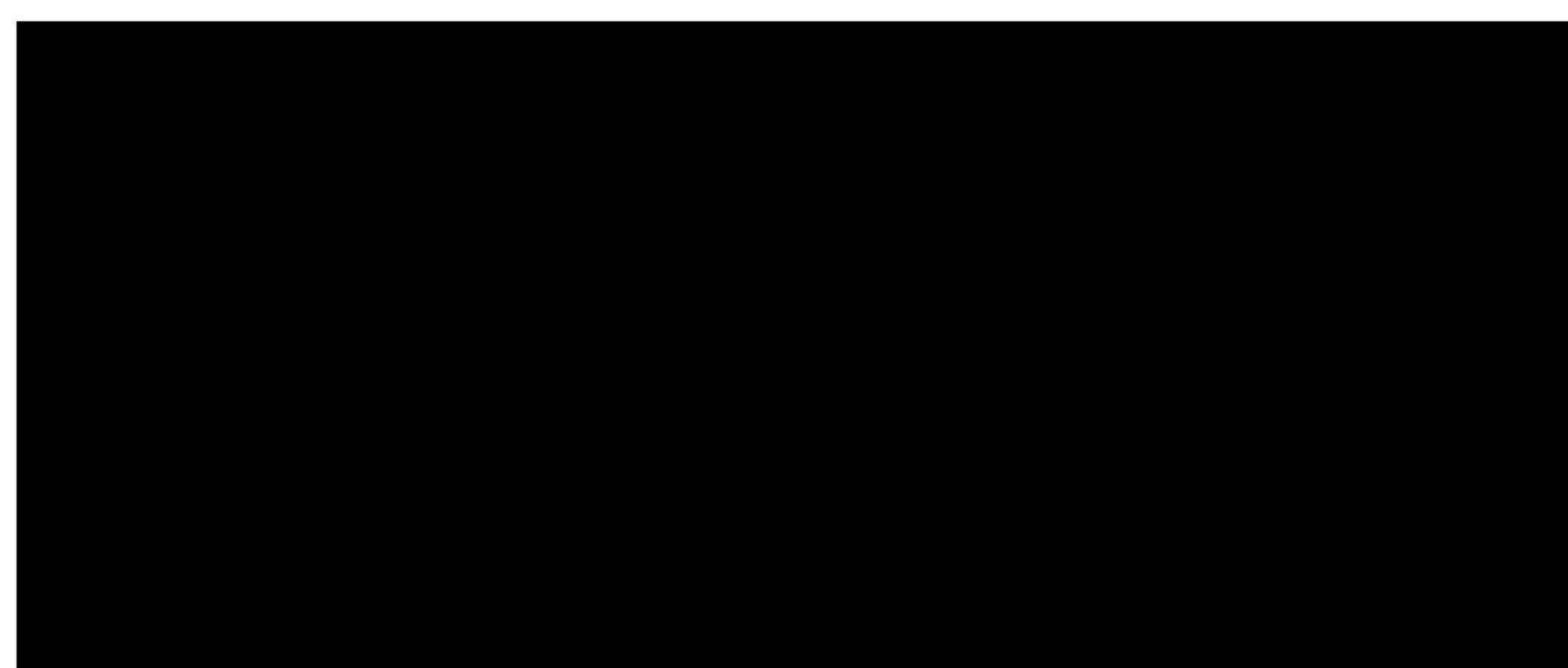
This concert follows the tradition of Scientology Founder, L. Ron Hubbard in supporting the local community while residing at Saint Hill. Proceeds from the concert will benefit the East Grinstead Town Museum and the British Exploring Society this year.

The Charity Concert will be attended by many Mayors, Councilmembers, officers, religious leaders and charity directors from the southeast of England.

RSVP:

RSVP to Groom Wilson. Email g.wilson@scientology.org.uk call 01243 81243





The Saint Hill gala Charity concert

Sunday 25 October
2015

INVITATION

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Grand Weekend of Celebration Highlights Monumental Year of IAS Accomplishment

10 October 2016



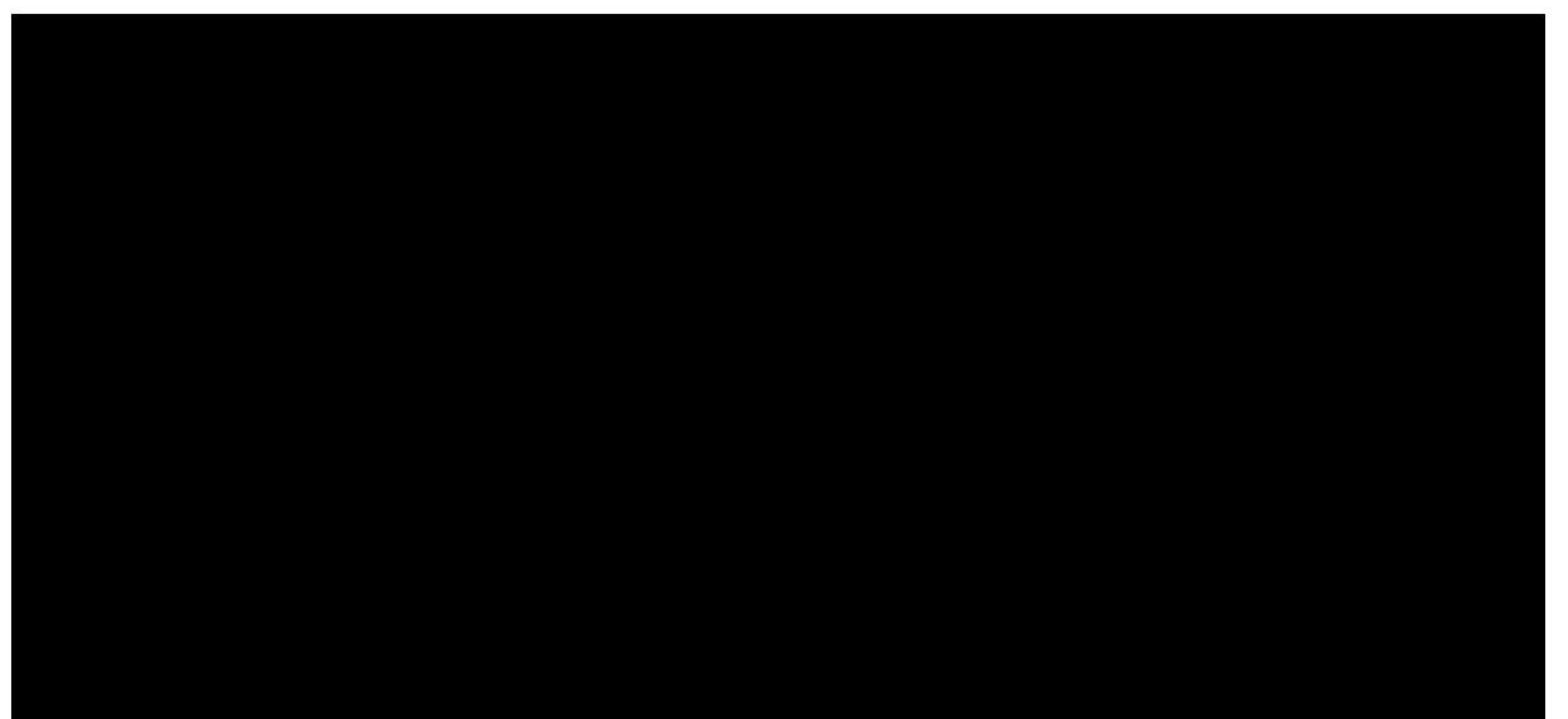
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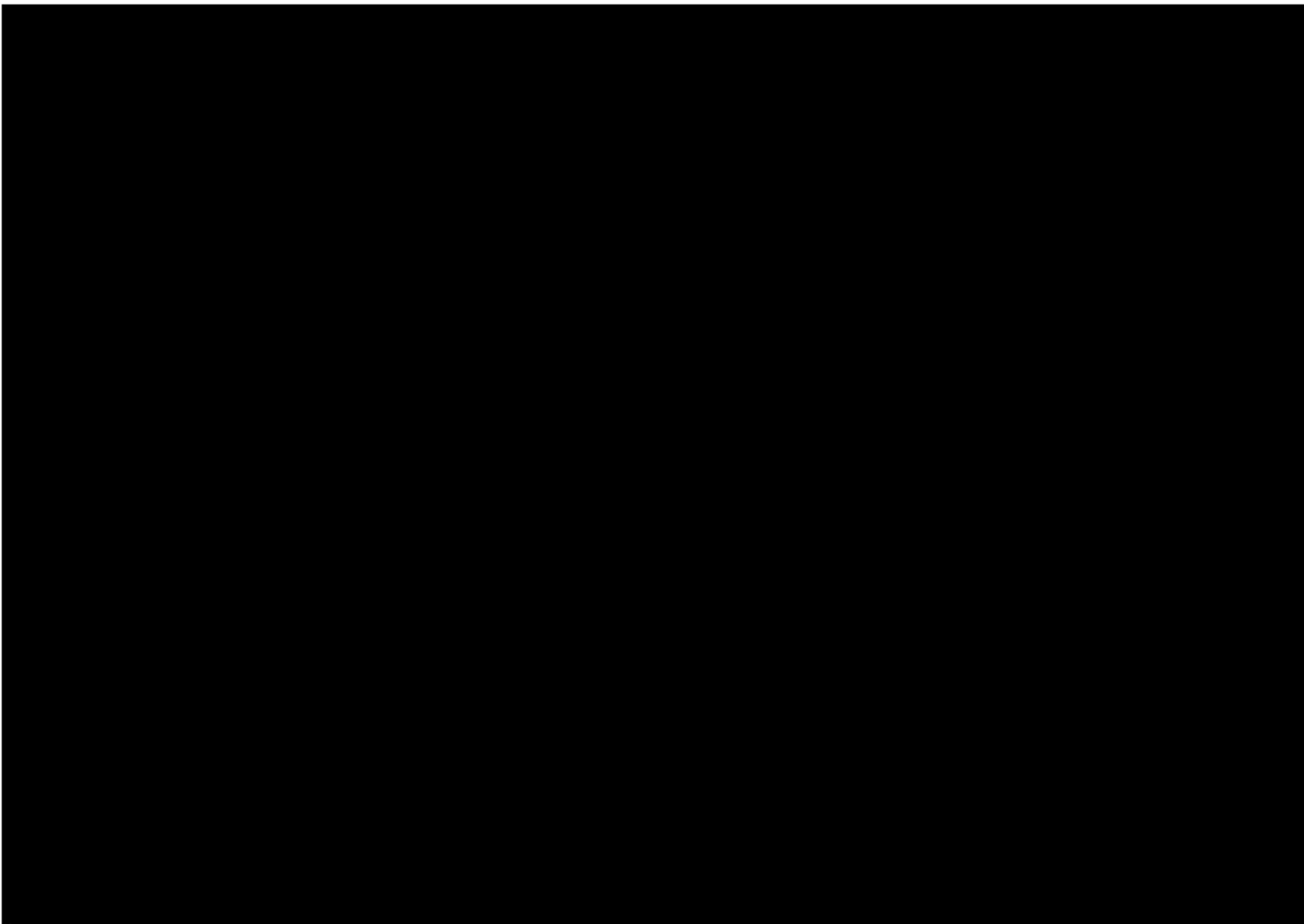
Scientology Beliefs
25 October 2017



IAS 33rd Anniversary at Saint Hill in the UK









THOUSANDS OF INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SCIENTOLOGISTS (IAS) members representing 90 nations gather on Friday, November 3. The evening honors four historic years of IAS humanitarian accomplishment.

