

THE VISIONARIES



JAKE BARTON

Jake Barton is the Founder and Principal of Local Projects, an award-winning media design firm for museums and public spaces. Jake is recognized as a leader in the field of interaction design for physical spaces, and in the creation of collaborative storytelling projects where participants generate content. Currently, Local Projects is partnered with Thinc Design as lead exhibition designers for The National September 11th Memorial and Museum at the World Trade Center. Other projects include interaction design for StoryCorps, six films for The Beijing 2008 Olympics, media design for The National Museum of American Jewish History, and co-creation of Timescapes for the Museum of the City of New York.



JEREMY HEIMANS

Jeremy has a track record of building movements around social and political causes. Jeremy co-founded Avaaz.org, the world's largest online political movement, GetUp.org, an Australian political movement with more members than all of Australia's political parties combined, and an advocacy group during the 2004 US presidential elections that raised millions in online donations to tell the stories of women with loved ones in Iraq. Jeremy was the recipient of the Ford Foundation's 75th anniversary Visionaries Award and was named a Young Global Leader by The World Economic Forum at Davos. He is the cofounder of Purpose and IS among the "Top 10 People Who Are Changing the World of the Internet and Politics" according to the World e-Government Forum



ANDREW RASIEJ

Andrew Rasiej is an entrepreneur and technology strategist working at the intersection of technology and politics. He founded Personal Democracy Media, MOUSE.org, co-founded Mideastwire.com, and serves as the Senior Technology Advisor to the Sunlight Foundation. Andrew has advised political leaders, senior government officials, not for profit and foundation heads, and academics domestically and internationally on issues related to civic engagement, new media, technology, transparency, digital diplomacy, and campaign strategy. He is frequently cited in major international news outlets such as The New York Times, Wall Street Journal, Washington Post, CNN, MSNBC, BBC, SkyNews, Financial Times, Le Monde, El Pais, among others.



CLAY SHIRKY

Clay Shirky is an American writer, consultant and teacher on the social and economic effects of Internet technologies. He has a joint appointment at New York University (NYU) as a Distinguished Writer in Residence at the Arthur L. Carter Journalism Institute and Assistant Arts Professor in the graduate Interactive Telecommunications Program (ITP). His courses address, among other things, the interrelated effects of how our social networks and technology networks shape culture and vice-versa. His columns and writings have appeared in Business 2.0, the New York Times, the Wall Street Journal, the Harvard Business Review and Wired.



CONOR WHITE-SULLIVAN

Conor White-Sullivan is the founder of Localocracy, an online forum designed to spark ongoing conversations between citizens, governments, and journalists as a means of activating local politics and civic life. The tool encourages registered voters to vote, rank, tag, and discuss with journalists and local government officials what they believe to be their community's most pressing problems and the most efficient means of solving them. Conor led Localocracy through two rounds of prize funding through the UMass Amherst Innovation Challenge.