
A forum designed to generate innovative leadership, best practices, capacity building, and networking to advance community initiatives.

In Spring 2012, San Jose State University hosted a highly successful Social Innovation Leadership Forum with its partners: Altis Solutions, The City of San Jose, Global Green Village, Hewlett-Packard, Social Enterprise Alliance – San Francisco Chapter, and Step-Up Silicon Valley. The Forum brought together over 120 nonprofit, corporate, community, education, entrepreneur and student leaders to explore how innovation and an innovation-centered leadership approach can help these leaders tackle society’s most pressing challenges. As a result of this forum, partnerships between participants were created, and collaborative projects geared towards alleviating poverty in under-served neighborhoods were begun. The 2013 conference intends to continue the conversation and help the innovators of Silicon Valley come closer to achieving one common goal: providing social change in San Jose and giving relief to the social problems in our community.

Interest in social innovation is growing. Although Silicon Valley is home to some of the world’s most successful companies, there are many social and economic issues running in parallel to this wealth: rising poverty, increased social inequity, reduced access to health and unemployment. Join social entrepreneurs, thinkers and leaders from non-profits, business, government, education, and the community in addressing these issues. We welcome you to come and share innovation leadership experiences and lessons, and continue building and strengthen our social innovation network.

This Forum embraces the “Unconference” theme, or Open Space Technology, in which participants are engaged in selecting topics of interest. The Forum will be a highly interactive event whose purpose is: Learn, Connect, and Collaborate! You will have the opportunity to meet a large number of fascinating people, make lasting contributions, connect with like-minded individuals, and then go home with practical innovation leadership and collaboration ideas.

Come help us figure out how to better tap the power of innovation and collaboration to address the poverty issues in our region. Together, we can create solutions that address issues of poverty and other community ailments and innovate for the common good!

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