

*What drives me is a vision of the future that I think we all share,
it's a world of peace and prosperity and sustainability.*

Jeff Skoll

Jeff Skoll is a philanthropist and social entrepreneur. As founder and chairman of the [Skoll Foundation](#), [Participant Media](#) and the [Skoll Global Threats Fund](#), he is bringing life to his vision of a sustainable world of peace and prosperity.

As the first full-time employee and first President of eBay, Jeff developed the company's inaugural business plan and led its successful initial public offering. eBay has since become the world's largest on-line marketplace, connecting hundreds of millions of buyers and sellers. eBay's transformational trading platform democratized economic opportunity throughout the world, empowering individuals to become successful online entrepreneurs.

After pioneering the creation of the eBay Foundation through the allocation of pre-IPO shares, Mr. Skoll then founded the Skoll Foundation in 1999. It quickly became the world's largest foundation for social entrepreneurship, driving large-scale change by investing in, connecting, and celebrating social entrepreneurs and other innovators dedicated to solving the world's most pressing problems. Its flagship program, the Skoll Awards for Social Entrepreneurship, currently supports 85 leading social entrepreneurs whose extraordinary work serves the neediest populations in over 100 countries.

The Skoll Foundation also co-produces the annual [Skoll World Forum on Social Entrepreneurship](#) with the [Skoll Centre for Social Entrepreneurship](#) at the Saïd Business School at the University of Oxford. The Skoll World Forum unites acclaimed social entrepreneurs with essential partners from the social, finance, private and public sectors. Each year, the Skoll World Forum attracts 800 distinguished delegates, including such renowned world figures as Archbishop Desmond Tutu, U.S. President Jimmy Carter, the Honorable Mary Robinson, Dr. Paul Farmer, and Nobel Laureates Al Gore, Muhammad Yunus, Jody Williams, and Dr. R.K. Pachauri.

In 2009, Skoll founded the Skoll Global Threats Fund. Its initial focus is on five global issues that, if unchecked, could bring the world to its knees: climate change, water scarcity, pandemics, nuclear proliferation and Middle East conflict.

Jeff founded Participant Media in 2004 with the belief that a story well told has the power to inspire and compel social change. Participant's films are accompanied by social action and advocacy campaigns to engage people on the issues addressed in the films. Jeff has served as Executive Producer on over 25 films to date, which have collectively received a total of 4 Academy Awards® and 18 nominations. Participant's films include, among others, [Good Night, and Good Luck](#), [North Country](#), [Syriana](#), [An Inconvenient Truth](#), [The Kite Runner](#), [Charlie Wilson's War](#), [The Visitor](#), [The Informant!](#), [The Soloist](#), [The Cove](#), [Countdown to Zero](#), [Waiting for 'Superman'](#) and [Food, Inc.](#). In 2008, Participant launched [TakePart.com](#), an on-line Social Action Network™ that enables people to learn, inspire, connect and get involved in major issues which shape our lives.



Learn more about Jeff's vision by watching his 2007 TED talk: www.skollfoundation.org/about/jeff-skoll/

Jeff received a Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Toronto and an MBA from the Stanford Graduate School of Business. He has been awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from the University of Toronto and an honorary Doctor of Public Service from Santa Clara University. Jeff's other recent honors include [Barron's 25 Best Givers](#) (2010, 2009), [Huffington Post's "Ultimate Game Changer in Entertainment"](#) among the world's top 100 game changers (2010), [Environmental Media Awards Corporate Responsibility Award \(2010\)](#), [the Producers Guild of America's Visionary Award](#) (2009), [Global Green USA's Entertainment Industry Environmental Leadership Award](#) (2009), [Business Week's 50 Most Generous Philanthropists](#) (2003-2007), [Time Magazine's 100 Most Influential People](#) (2006), and [Wired Magazine's Rave Award](#) (2006).

The Skoll Foundation is part of a portfolio of organizations founded by Jeff Skoll, each working and collaborating together to achieve his vision of a "world of peace and prosperity and sustainability."



The Jeff Skoll Group is an operating company overseeing and supporting Jeff Skoll's portfolio of philanthropic and commercial enterprises.

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<http://www.skollworldforum.org>



The Skoll Global Threats Fund confronts global threats imperiling humanity by seeking solutions, strengthening alliances, and spurring the actions needed to safeguard the future.

<http://www.skollglobalthreats.org>



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