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Civic Applications

Paul Resnick
School of Information, University of Michigan
Outline

• My History

• Some Cool Applications

• Some Cool Ideas
  - mine
  - yours
My Story
Childhood

- Falk Elementary
- Allderdice HS, 1982
  - Know something, Do something, Be something
College

- Math SB, 1985
Grad School

- Computer Science, SM 1988, PhD 1992
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Figure 5: Trends in Civic Engagement
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Tejaswi Peesapaty: To avoid Jetlag: just follow the timezone when you land in Korea. Make sure you plan your sleep during journey based on the time of arrival in Korea. If you are arriving by night, then don't plan to sleep during flight. That makes you easily adjusted to the timezone.
Some Cool Apps and Opportunities
PledgeBank

PledgeBank successes

Fund a technology scholarship – WiPTintern

"Having signed a pledge on Pledgebank before, I decided it could be a really effective tool in helping me empower and mobilize others. We decided that we would raise some money to provide a small working stipend for a young woman intern. Within the first 48 hours, I had reached my goal of pledges. It was profoundly exciting, and really helped energize our modest fundraising effort."

More success stories

Recent successful pledges

United States pledges and global English pledges listed

I will... taylorrebuild
I, Simon Hunter, will give $500 to the fund to help the Taylor Family but only if 10 other people will give $50.
Target met, pledge still open for 1 day.

I will... 30daysofpeace
I, Trista Robinson, will refrain from speaking negatively of, OR “HATING” on others but only if 15 other people will sign up to do it as well.
Target met, pledge still open for 3 days.

Latest from our blog

mySociety.org volunteers – profile of Tim Morley
Heard the song ’We Built this City (on rock and roll)’ by Starship? No? Not to worry, I am just trying to draw parallels with how mySociety.org is organised and managed. You may not have realised, but a good sized chunk of the work that we do is actually carried out by volunteers, that includes... more
The French American Charitable Trust (FACT) Social Justice Challenge seeks to surface innovative Projects that leverage web and/or mobile technologies that foster collaboration around social justice issues.

All FACT Social Justice Winners will receive a cash award of $5,000 each and recognition on the Netsquared and FACT web sites. In addition to direct financial support through the FACT Social Justice Award, FACT is generously supporting fund development assistance for all FACT Featured Projects. This assistance will connect winning Projects with fundraising experts and guidance to help them move towards increased investments and greater community impact.

5 Winners

The 5 Winning Projects in alphabetical order include:

- AGRICULTURAL MARKETING INFORMATION SERVICES-CAMEROON
- Citizen Patrol
- Kabissa Connections
- wikISCHAP

15 Featured Projects

The 15 Featured Projects in alphabetical order include:

- Africa Leaks Project
- AGRICULTURAL MARKETING INFORMATION SERVICES-CAMEROON
- Citizen Patrol
- Congo Incident Report Tool (CIRT)
- GeoMob
- IPEACE PROJECT
- Kabissa Connections
- Mydoctor Project

Apps for America 2: The Data.gov Challenge

What it is

Apps for America is a special contest we're putting on this year to celebrate the release of Data.gov! We're doing it alongside Google, O'Reilly Media, and TechWeb and the winners will be announced at the Gov 2.0 Expo Showcase in Washington, DC at the end of the Summer.

Why we're doing it

Just as the federal government begins to provide data in Web developer-friendly formats, we're organizing Apps for America 2: The Data.gov Challenge to demonstrate that when government makes data available, it makes itself more accountable and creates more trust and opportunity in its actions. The contest submissions will also show the creativity of developers in designing compelling applications that provide easy access and understanding for the public, while also showing how open data can save the government tens of millions of dollars by engaging the development community in application development at far cheaper rates than traditional government contractors.

How to Compete

1. Contestants must join the Sunlight Labs Google Group
2. Entries must be applications that use at least one of the data sources or content from Data.gov
3. Entries can be client applications, web based applications, applications that use the Adobe AIR platform, etc. Applications can be hosted on whatever other kind of platform or service to run them. We use Google's open source Turnkey Linux and deploy a web server to host the applications.
Some Ideas

- TimeBanks at CraigsList scale
- Real-time ride sharing
- Active smearbusting
# Help Fight the Smears Against Obama

**1. Get a smear**
We point you to a site propagating a smear.

**2. Bust it**
You post our suggested response, or write your own.

## Smears We're Tracking

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And You?

- Civic Application Ideas

- What's your most grandiose ambition for making the world a better place?