Joseph Jaworski
Next Generation Foresight Practitioners Award

A new annual award recognising the next generation’s endeavours in shaping the future

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NEXT-GENERATION FORESIGHT

Foresight is a systematic way of engaging with uncertainty, through the exploration of alternative futures, including aspirational ones. As a discipline it has the potential to shape the future. A foresight practitioner is anyone who takes a futures approach to their work to explore and understand the impacts of longer-term factors and drivers of change on the future, to better understand how different futures might evolve, and to generate insights for decisions made today.

The world is changing and as it does we need new sources of inspiration and innovation. Change that will come from a new generation, millennials, with new aspirations and values. But equally from new geographies, with a growing foresight practice in Africa and Asia, as well as second and third career practitioners entering the field from other domains, with fresh ideas and approaches from across civil society, business and creative industries.

The Joseph Jaworski Next Generation Foresight Practitioners Award aims to identify these innovators and support them in their endeavours.

The Award will provide one winner with $25k funding to develop a new foresight initiative, support Special Awardees to develop both personally and professionally, and create a global sensing-network of future-alert activists. It will provide a platform to showcase innovative practice from around the world.

What are we looking for?
Examples of innovative Strategic Foresight practice we hope to hear about include:

- **Community Futures.** Next generation approaches to driving participation and empowering communities
- **Sustainable Futures.** New approaches to sustainability and the Sustainable Development Goals
- **Innovative Methods.** From digital to design thinking, from ethnography to performance.
- **Foresight with Impact.** Changing the conversation and direction using futures and foresight
We choose our future: we create it by what we do or fail to do

Wendy Schulz
**PROCESS AND AWARDS**

**Timeline**
**Application:** Apply online from 18 May to 01 July 2018
**Selection:** Submissions will be screened and assessed by an International judging panel
**Award:** Awards will be announced on 16 July 2018

**Application**
1. Share a story about the impact and innovation of a futures initiative you have championed or led
2. Submit a video to tell us what you plan to do with the incubator funding of USD 25,000*
3. Join the sensing network and share your views on the key issues that they think will shape the future of your community

**Judging panel**
Our panel will include Riel Miller, Roger Dennis, Joseph Jaworski, Marius Oosthuizen, and Geci Karuri-Sebina.

**Entrants will be expected to:**
- Be Millennial foresight practitioners (under 35 years old) or second or third career foresight practitioners with less than 10 years study and practice in the field
- Evidence SOIF principles - foresight with impact, purpose and with people at the heart of the future
- Be actively studying or working to develop “Innovative Foresight Practice”
- Become ambassadors within their own communities

**The Winner will receive:**
- A years’ incubator funding worth USD 25,000
- Free attendance at SOIF’s Summer foresight retreat (SOIF2018) – learn foresight with impact with an international group of policymakers, futurists and expert strategists
- Quarterly mentoring sessions from SOIF and partners
- Support to develop your project – as well as access to partnering and networking opportunities through SOIF’s network

**Special Awards:**
- Geographic awards to one entrant from each of Africa, Asia, Europe, N. America, S. America and Oceania
- Innovators working in the field in communities and the humanitarian sector
- Policy makers in local, national or international roles
- Academics and students
- Entrepreneurs

Special Awardees will benefit from partnering and networking opportunities through SOIF’s network and will be invited to take part in a series of initiatives aimed at sharing best practice amongst futurists and foresight practitioners

**All qualifying entrants will:**
- Be invited to join a new global “Sensing Network”
- Benefit from opportunities to showcase their work online and in print
To think the world can change without changes in our mental model is folly

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INSPIRATION

Joseph Jaworski

We have chosen to name the award in recognition of Joseph Jaworski, a seminal futurist and author of Synchronicity. Joseph has championed the need for foresight to be united with profound leadership in order to achieve social transformation. He inspires us across generations, being a vocal advocate for 50 years on the kind of service-leadership that is necessary for 21st century. As one of the architects of Theory U, he reminds us to put the heart and values at the centre of foresight activity.

ABOUT US

School of International Futures

SOIF is a strategic foresight consultancy with not for profit purposes. We were founded to help organisations navigate uncertainty and make resilient and better decisions in an increasingly uncertain and complex world.

Our vision is that individuals in organisations and communities across the world use foresight to improve their lives professionally and personally. We provide individuals and organisations with the tools and techniques to become better commissioners and users of strategic foresight, and encourage the development of foresight capacity through investment in skills and structures.
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