

DELEGATE OUTCOMES

In 2011, over 300 international delegates working in 22 different sectors **convened**, **connected** and **created**. Here are their stories.



DEEPAI KHANNA

Director, Youth Learning, The MasterCard Foundation

Opportunity Collaboration brings together a diverse and insightful group of dedicated social innovators. It allowed me to interact with like-minded actors and gain from the plethora of voices. I was definitely inspired by my various encounters during the course of the convening. Thank you for this wonderful effort!



MICHAEL GORDON

*Arthur F. Thurnau Professor
Ross School of Business*

I am writing a book entitled, "What I Wish I Knew Then: Becoming a Social Entrepreneur," which will provide practical guidance to early-stage social entrepreneurs. I interviewed 17 people, obtained information from 50+ people in group settings, got buy-in for a key survey and arranged for at least a dozen more interviews. The four-day investment of my time netted me a gain of months or years towards completing my book. And these numbers overlook the intelligence, passion and thoughtfulness of the people I was privileged to speak to, and their range and depth of experience. Going to Opportunity Collaboration helped me with my research more than I possibly could have imagined, or even dreamed.



SALLY BOULTER

Donor Relations Manager, Calvert Foundation

The biggest outcome from being at Opportunity Collaboration is re-discovering the joy in the work. This is the one place where you get the time, the space and the chance to have rich conversations with remarkable people who are striving to end poverty all around the world. The quality of the discourse is amazing. Every person I encountered had something of value to offer. I also get great satisfaction from lending my fundraising expertise. For Calvert Foundation, I was able to spend the time to have deeper conversations with existing and potential funders. I hope I am able to come back next year.



TOM BIRD

Social Investor

I made two commitments to fund organizations shortly after the Opportunity Collaboration, and am working on two other possibilities. The chance to accelerate the process of getting to know the social entrepreneurs running these organizations was invaluable. Four days very well invested in my view.



WICLIF OTIENO

Country Director, Kito International

I again had a magical experience at the Opportunity Collaboration. The Capacity-Building Clinics and the conversations were captivating and informative. After the Opportunity Collaboration, I am applying for three fellowships (including the International Youth Foundation's Youth Action Network) --- all of which I learned about from a Delegate. In addition, Kito is set up with Jolkona's fundraising platform and we are now posted on their website. And, once again Kito is going to get a grant from Cordes Foundation to support our work. Opportunity Collaboration just rocks!!



RITA THAPA

*Coordinator, Women's Alliance for Peace,
Power & Democracy*

Although I was accepted as a Delegate, for many months I agonized with trepidation about the 10 days it would take me to attend a four-day event, the expensive travel cost from Nepal and the unfamiliar terrain of the Opportunity Collaboration. The roster had names of only three Delegates who I knew from among over 350 participants! The Founder's opening remarks reassured me instantly in knowing that I was in the right place. Every Delegate was inspiring. The space and the programme provided an ideal and a heady combination of "convene, connect, create" - and the four days flew by in vertical flight.

DELEGATE IMPACT

Delegates of the Opportunity Collaboration are working in 98% of the world. **This is their impact by country.**

