

Scott James

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Speaker Bio:

BusinessWeek named Scott James as one of America's Most Promising Social Entrepreneurs and Forbes Magazine profiled him as a Game Changer.

Scott was awarded a Governor's Award of Excellence in Service by the state of Washington for his nonprofit community preparedness nonprofit, Bainbridge Prepares. FEMA asked him to present his book – Prepared Neighborhoods: Creating Resilience One Street at a Time – at the Emergency Management Institute's national training symposium.

The products from his impact-driven businesses have been featured in publications as diverse as Oprah's O Magazine, National Geographic, Parents Magazine, the Washington Post, Outside Magazine, and US News & World Report. His film projects range from the opening shorts at the United Nations Climate Change Summits to the breakthrough nature-based series on Netflix (title series: "Moving Art").

Scott is a sought after mentor for social entrepreneurs and public speaker who has addressed audiences of thousands with passion to inspire action. He previously worked in the high tech sector as a software evangelist, including Visio and Microsoft. Details, sample media interviews, and more can be found at scottjames.me.

Presentation:

Neighborhoods: the Sweet Spot to Build Community Resilience

In a disaster, all communities can become an island; Bainbridge Island just happens to be one all the time. I've lived on this island for 25 years and have learned a few things about community resilience and the power of the neighborhood.