



HCI, POLITICS AND THE CITY

ACM SIGCHI Workshop May 7 & 8, 2011

Timetable

The ACM CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems is an international conference on human-computer interaction (HCI). This year's CHI 2011 will be held in Vancouver BC, CA. The conference focus is on understanding diversity and connecting people, actions, technologies, experiences, and ideas. HCI, Politics, and the City is a two-day workshop that invites Vancouver grassroots organizations to work with HCI researchers, activists and artists who are interested in investigating the processes, materials, challenges, and goals of communities working for social change.

The workshop structure invites six Vancouver grassroots organizations to work with five workshop participants. Each group will explore their host organization's operational objectives, through field visits, discussion, and reflection, to critique and finally suggest different technological interventions that could further enhance goals. Host organizations will benefit by discussing strategies, receiving technical solutions or advice and campaign ideas. The workshop participants will benefit from the discovery of new perspectives, synergies within the grassroots movements and invigorated research ideas.

Our organizing team will facilitate activities and debate focused on the applicability of HCI practices for social change. We will document workshop participation and results, so that we can characterize concrete design strategies, opportunities for technical interventions and future collaborations in the domain of political computing.

How to prepare?

Keep an open mind, fertile imagination and willingness to collaborate. Try to think of ways you can document and share the challenges and motivations that propelled your through this workshop experience.

Saturday May 7, 2011

9.00 to 11.30am	Introductions by organizers; short presentations by participants.
11.30 to 12.00pm	Break-out into groups, plan strategies for working with Vancouver host organizations
12.00 to 1.30pm	Travel to groups' headquarters, lunch in nearby restaurants.
1.30 to 4.00pm	Spend the afternoon with Vancouver host organizations on location.
4.30 to 5.00pm	Meet back at the CHI headquarters, brief sync up.
5.00 to 7.00pm	Breakout for dinner
7.00 to 10.00pm	Informal presentations/demos from participants (Dorkbot style)

Sunday May 8, 2011

11.00 to 12.30pm	Break out into groups; discuss strategy or design plan with/for activist stakeholders
12.30 to 1.30pm	Catered lunch & informal sync up.
1.30 to 4.00pm	Create campaign/website/physical artifact for the Vancouver host organization.
4.00 to 6.00pm	Each group presents ideas to the workshop; critique and formalize plans.



GET INVOLVED

If you represent a Vancouver grassroots organization and would like to get involved with this year's workshop on HCI, Politics in the City, please contact:

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CHI Participants & Projects include:

Urban Trend Hunter (www.urbansignature.nl)
Nathalie Jager, Urban Signature

Particle Falls (particlefalls.org)
Andrea Polli & Chuck Varga, University of New Mexico

How to Eat a GMO
Zachary Denfeld, Pacific Northwest College of Art

Datascape, a Vehicle-based Geographic Storytelling Platform
Eric Kabisch, Fluxt Design

Joyofsound (Joyofsound.net)
Will Longden, Netcells. Ltd.

The Living Voters Guide (livingvotersguide.org)
Travis Kriplean & Alan Borning, University of Washington

preserving ephemera: reclaiming critiques of the 2010 Olympics
Danielle Lafrance & Lisa Nathan, University of British Columbia

Urban Co-Creation
Marian Dörk & David Monteyne, University of Calgary

West House: The Challenges of Bringing Sustainable Home Research into Practice
Lyn Bartram, Simon Fraser University

LA Has Faults
Sean Donahue, Art Center College of Design

Where you Least Expect it: Maternity Activism in a Rural Community in Australia

Joanne White, University of Colorado

Urban-Rural Binding and Collective Action
MIT Center for Future Civic Media

Plug-in-Play (Plug-in-Play.com)
Ellen Haller, James Tichenor & Joshua Walton
LAB at Rockwell Group

Common Sense (communitysensing.org)
Paul Aoki and Allison Woodruff, Intel Labs Berkeley

Security goes to ground: on the applicability of Security Entrepreneurship to Grassroots Activism
Shamal Faily, University of Oxford

Facebook as a Site of Public Deliberation on Local Sustainability Policy
Susanna Haas Lyons, University of British Columbia

The Political Sensorium
Marty Dade-Robertson, Newcastle University

Full list of participants:

<http://staceyk.org/chi11workshop/submissions>

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