

**Title: Organizing Social Enterprise & Social Entrepreneurship Resources at Cornell for Research & Teaching**

**Hosts: Center for Transformative Action, Engaged Learning + Research, Entrepreneurship at Cornell, and the Center to Sustainable Global Enterprise**

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*Abstract:* Please join the Center for Transformative Action, Engaged Learning + Research, Entrepreneurship at Cornell, and the Center to Sustainable Global Enterprise for a topical lunch sponsored by the Atkinson Center that will begin to identify research efforts and teaching activities focused on creating innovative, system-changing, and sustainable solutions to environmental and social challenges through social innovation and entrepreneurship, human-centered design, mission-driven organizations and businesses, and other related domains. Interest in those topics worldwide, have increased dramatically over the past decade. In 2008, the Center for Transformative Action, Entrepreneurship at Cornell, and the Center for Sustainable Global Enterprise – with the support of the Provost’s Office – collaborated to make Cornell an inaugural member of the Ashoka U Changemaker Campus Initiative, a network of colleges and universities that have established themselves as hubs of social innovation. Cornell clearly has extensive research, teaching, and service opportunities in related fields, but they remain fragmented. This lunch will be an important step in a concerted effort to better understand and communicate Cornell’s capabilities, identify important questions in the field, form new research collaborations, and develop curriculum to meet the growing demand among students across campus – in the natural sciences, social sciences, and the humanities – for hands-on research and learning opportunities.