



Awarding Social Design Pioneers

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## 2011 Curry Stone Design Grand Prize Winner Announced Sustainable Architecture in Post-Disaster Areas

*Two Winner Prizes for: Collective Urban Architecture and Community Solutions  
Through Mobile Technology*

Bend, OR (October 4, 2011)—The 2011 Curry Stone Design Prize Winners were announced today with an official presentation ceremony to follow on November 7<sup>th</sup> at the Harvard Graduate School of Design. Hsieh Ying-Chun is the Grand Prize Winner; he will receive \$100,000 from the foundation with no strings attached. Hsieh is a leading Taiwanese architect who for over a decade has deployed his talents in rural areas decimated by natural disaster. Hsieh works throughout Asia, training villagers to build locally appropriate dwellings in response to devastation such as the 2008 Sichuan earthquake, the 1999 Nantou earthquake, and the 2009 Morakot typhoon in Taiwan. Through Hsieh's hands-on education process, villagers reconstruct their own community foundation, knowing they will live in buildings with greater safety, structural integrity, and sustainability.

Two additional 2011 Winner Prizes, of \$10,000 each, will be awarded to Atelier d'Architecture Autogérée (AAA) and FrontlineSMS.

Atelier d'Architecture Autogérée is a collective of architects, designers and social scientists who transform urban spaces through collaborative endeavors. Based in Paris and founded by Romanian architects Constatin Petcou and Doina Petrescu in 2001, AAA has become an engine for engaging citizens in shaping their own cities through building, farming, and artistic intervention. AAA acts as a creative instigator, empowering local communities to carry out and sustain their own ideas for urban regeneration.

**Grand Prize Winner**  
**Hsieh Ying-Chun**  
Sun Moon Lake, Taiwan

**Winners**  
**Atelier d'Architecture**  
**Autogérée** Paris, France

**FrontlineSMS**  
London, England

**Jury:** **Alejandro Echeverri**, Medellin's former director of urban projects and a CSDP winner, **Mohsen Mostafavi**, Dean of Harvard Graduate School of Design, **Cynthia Smith**, Curator of Socially Responsible Design at the Cooper-Hewitt, National Design Museum, and **Cliff Curry**, co-Founder, Curry Stone Design Prize

[Curry Stone Design Prize Jury](#)

**Prize Secretary:** Emiliano Gandolfi, a Rotterdam-based architect and curator, and co-founder of Cohabitation Strategies.

**Prize Curator:** Chee Pearlman, a New York-based design editor and principal of Chee Company.

**Senior Advisor:** Cameron Sinclair, architect and co-founder of Architecture for Humanity.



FrontlineSMS was founded in London by Ken Banks in 2005 to enable effective communications channels for communities in the developing world. FrontlineSMS leverages the ubiquity of mobile phones and familiarity of text messaging to turn an offline laptop into a communication hub. The simple innovation empowers villagers, aid agencies, and news services to exchange information easily among groups.

The Curry Stone Design Prize was created to champion designers as a force for social change. Now in its fourth year, the Prize recognizes innovators who address critical issues involving clean air, food and water, shelter, health care, energy, education, social justice or peace. Nominees for the Curry Stone Design Prize are selected by an anonymous, rotating group of leaders representing broad fields of design, as well as humanitarian advocates from related disciplines. A jury reviews the nominations to choose one Grand Prize Winner and two Prize Winners. Emphasis is placed on emerging projects and ideas that may not have yet been taken to scale. The Curry Stone Design Prize was founded by Clifford Curry, an architect and recognized pioneer in senior housing, and Delight Stone, a historic archaeologist and social justice activist. Dr. Louisa Silva and Gary Feuerstein serve as board members.

**Grand Prize Winner**, Hsieh Ying-Chun establishes a cooperative network of designers, contractors, and residents that supports local needs. His simple designs ensure that every villager can have a hand in building their own home. His work has generated job opportunities and environmental awareness, while protecting local diversities and cultural traditions. After completion, he makes the design plans available in creative commons. Hsieh's work has helped thousands of people.

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**Prize Winners:**

Atelier d'Architecture Autogérée (AAA), Paris, France  
Collective Urban Architecture

<http://bit.ly/nnSbii>

FrontlineSMS, London, England  
Community Solutions Through Mobile Technology

<http://bit.ly/qiXnQz>

**CURRY STONE DESIGN PRIZE FESTIVAL, Harvard Graduate School of Design**

**Prize Ceremony & Presentation: Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

6:30-8:00pm Harvard GSD, 48 Quincy Street, Cambridge, MA  
RSVP [events@currystonedesignprize.com](mailto:events@currystonedesignprize.com)

**Three Workshops at the GSD: Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

12pm-2:00pm, CSDP Prize winners Hsieh Ying-Chun, Constantin Petcou and Doina Petrescu, and Ken Banks will each lead a workshop.

The Curry Stone Design Prize Festival is presented in partnership with the Loeb Fellowship and the Department of Urban Planning and Design, Harvard Graduate School of Design. For more information on the Curry Stone Design Prize, Events and Winners, see: [www.currystonedesignprize.com](http://www.currystonedesignprize.com) or Twitter [@currystoneprize](https://twitter.com/currystoneprize).

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