

ABOUT OUR SPEAKER – Mark Sedway



Mark Sedway is a senior partner of The Giving Practice and has spent the last dozen years as a consultant helping foundations, philanthropy organizations, and nonprofits across the country use inquiry, strategy, and influence to achieve greater impact in their work. His passion is to figure out how leaders in the social sector can most effectively develop and spread their ideas and champion their causes.

In addition to his consulting practice, between 2007 and 2012 Mark directed the Philanthropy Awareness Initiative, a project initiated and supported by the Packard, Gates, Hewlett, Irvine and Robert Wood Johnson foundations to help organized philanthropy build support and engagement among influential Americans.

Prior experiences include serving as The James Irvine Foundation's first director of communications; working for a public affairs agency; directing projects for the civil liberties group People For the American Way; stints with government agencies in education, the environment, and community development; and a failed attempt to go English-free for six months as a way to learn Spanish while living in Sevilla in the early 90s.

With more than 25 years of experience working with public interest organizations, Mark has written reports, made presentations and conducted workshops for a variety of practitioners in the philanthropy world. He has a bachelor's degree in government and a master's degree in public policy from Harvard University.