**INNOVATOR PROFILES**

**ERIC WATSON GLUSTROM**

**Educate!**

2009 Global Fellow

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**BIG BOLD IDEA**

Empower Ugandan high school students to become the next generation of socially responsible leaders through a two-year leadership curriculum and long-term mentoring that equips students to create social enterprises.

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**PERSONAL BIO**

Eric Glustrom is the founder and CEO of Watson Institute and founder of Educate!—two organizations transforming education worldwide. Watson Institute is a new model of higher education based in Boulder, Colorado, and South Florida dedicated to supporting next-generation innovators, leaders, and social entrepreneurs to solve the toughest challenges facing the world. Educate!, which Eric started when he was in high school, reaches over 50,000 students across Uganda, Rwanda, and Kenya through a mentorship-based leadership and entrepreneurship program that has significantly influenced the national curriculum and exam of Uganda and Rwanda. A graduate of Amherst College in biochemistry, Eric has been recognized as an Ashoka Fellow, a 2009 Echoing Green Fellow, and twice as one of Forbes’s 30 Social Entrepreneurs Under 30. His work is driven by a simple belief: to solve the toughest challenges facing humanity, the place to start is within the hearts and minds of the next generation.

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**Issue area**

Poverty Alleviation  Economic Development

**Organization/Fellow Location**

Boulder, USA

**Impact Location**

Africa

Uganda

**Organization Structure**

Nonprofit

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