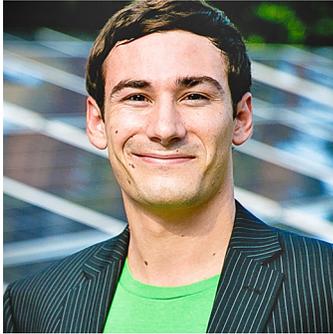


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Chris Castro is an award-winning sustainability professional, eco-entrepreneur and community organizer with a passion for accelerating the transition to a smart, resilient and sustainable future. He is most notably known for his work as the founder and president of IDEAS For Us, an international nonprofit and United Nations-accredited organization working to develop, fund and scale environmental solutions around the World; and co-creator of the renowned 'Fleet Farming' urban agriculture program that started in Orlando.

Among some of his recognition, Chris has been called the 'Guru of Green' by the *Orlando Business Journal*, selected as a GreenBiz '30 Under 30' sustainability professional in the U.S. and recognized as a 'Grist 50 Fixer', one of the top 50 emerging sustainability leaders around the world.

Chris is currently the director of sustainability and co-chair of the Smart Cities initiative for Orlando Mayor Buddy Dyer and the City of Orlando. In his role at the City, he works to develop cross-sector partnerships, policies and programs that support the sustainability, energy and climate-related goals of the "Green Works Orlando" initiative.

Over the last 10 years, Chris has consulted for governments, academia, business chambers, companies, nonprofits and communities to implement sustainability projects that include a wide variety of topics, specifically smart cities, solar energy development, building efficiency, electric vehicles, local food systems, water quality, ecological restorations and more.

In 2012, Chris co-founded a clean energy consulting and development firm called Citizen Energy, specializing in custom clean energy solutions for small and mid-sized commercial and multifamily buildings in Florida and the Greater Washington DC area. Chris also sits on several nonprofit boards, including the US Green Building Council of Florida (USGBC-FL), Florida Green Chamber of Commerce (FGCC), Florida Renewable Energy Association (FREA), FL Solar United Neighborhoods (FL SUN) and the World Economic Forum's Global Shapers Community. Chris also recently joined the Advisory Board for the Orlando Science Center, University of Central Florida's clean energy research institute known as the Florida Solar Energy Center (FSEC) and the Valencia College's Engineering and Computer Science department.

Chris holds a B.S. Environmental Science and Policy with a minor in Energy & Sustainability from the University of Central Florida and has several technical certifications including LEED accreditation.

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