# Akhtar Badshah

As Senior Director of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Microsoft from 2004 to 2014, Akhtar Badshah shaped Microsoft's commitment to social impact during a critical period of the company's growth.

Throughout his Microsoft career, Akhtar led the company's global philanthropy portfolio, corporate giving initiatives, and employee volunteering programs. He was instrumental in launching and overseeing initiatives such as YouthSpark, a global effort focused on equipping young people with IT skills to help them secure employment or start their own ventures, and Technology for Good, which provided software and support to over 90,000 nonprofits around the world.

In 2020, Akhtar published *Purpose Mindset: How Microsoft Inspires Employees and Alumni to Change the World*. He has served as a board member of the Microsoft Alumni Network and as a faculty member at the University of Washington's Evans School of Public Policy & Governance, as well as the UW School of Business at the Bothell Campus. Through his writing and ongoing work in social impact, Akhtar continues to champion the importance of corporate social responsibility and purpose-driven leadership as core elements of success.

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