

DEX TORRICKE-BARTON

Former Communications Executive for Google, Facebook, and SpaceX

Dex Torricke-Barton is at the forefront of the global communications industry. Over the last decade he has managed communications for, and crafted the voices of some of the world's most influential leaders and organizations working at the heart of global change. Dex began his career at the United Nations in 2008 as a speechwriter and spokesperson for the office of UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon. In 2011, he became Google's first executive speechwriter, supporting CEO Larry Page, Executive Chairman Eric Schmidt, and other senior leaders. From 2012-2016 he led the executive communications team at Facebook and served as speechwriter for Mark Zuckerberg.

Dex combines his experience from some of the World's most innovative and technology-driven brands with his passion for social innovation to advise companies on using technology to stay connected in a global world. He brings stories from his time as Zuckerberg's speechwriter to give an inside perspective on what it takes to build highly-effective internal teams and use technology to communicate externally.

Most recently, Torricke-Barton was the head of communications for SpaceX. In November 2016 he left to work on projects focused on global social change, including a new effort- Onwards. This new grassroots organization, founded in partnership with a group of Silicon Valley innovators, hopes to address the social and economic causes of growing political polarization in the United States.

Dex is also a New York Times bestselling ghostwriter and is writing a book examining the impact of technology in solving social divides around the world. His book will explore "how technology is transforming societies from the Rust Belt to Brexit Britain, rural India to Sub-Saharan Africa... To build a world of greater freedom, justice and prosperity, we need to hear the voices of more people from more communities."

Dex holds a bachelors degree in politics from University College London and a masters degree in Russian and East European Studies from the University of Oxford.

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