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CT.org says...Ms. Schochet offers a strategy that relies on positive actions directed at the multitude of small systems in our environment to effect positive change of the larger systems. TED with the National Academy of Sciences has provided another stimulating discussion.

# How bumble bees inspired a network of tiny museums.

## Amanda Schochet

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“If you told me five years ago that today I'd be delivering a talk about our individual power to make a difference, I would have cringed. It was my job to study huge global systems. I was a researcher at NASA using satellite data to study the big picture. You can see a lot of things from space, like every ecosystem on Earth being threatened from pretty much every angle and global inequality in air and water safety. These kinds of things would keep me up at night. And then outside of work, I'd use this bird's-eye view while thinking about our huge social structures like education and media and health care, and it looked to me like they were all really struggling, too. So I felt like the world was just trapped in this huge self-amplifying system that was just spiraling towards destruction. And of course I wanted to do something about this, and I felt so small and utterly powerless. But I started to feel a little differently as my perspective shifted from the macro towards the micro.”

*Amanda Schochet is the cofounder of MICRO, a fleet of six-foot-tall science museums designed to transform public spaces and increase access to fundamental scientific knowledge.*

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