Biography

Michael Sheridan, Founder and Director, Community Supported Film and SheridanWorks Productions

Michael Sheridan is a filmmaker, educator and activist whose documentary films address issues of social and economic development and the tipping point between order and chaos. For nearly 20 years Michael has engaged the public in stories from Asia, Africa and the Americas about people in poor and developing communities challenging the status quo and struggling to improve their lives.

In 1996 he co-founded Oxfam America’s documentary production and since then has worked to break new ground in the effective use of media to educate and change policy. He has taught documentary filmmaking for 15 years at the community and university level and from 2007-08 served as a Senior Fulbright Scholar in Indonesia.

Michael founded Community Supported Film in 2010, and also runs his filmmaking company SheridanWorks. Community Supported Film seeks to take the foreign out of foreign correspondence by providing intensive training in documentary filmmaking to storytellers and activists in conflicted and developing communities. Their stories are screened in public engagement campaigns to educate concerned citizens and policymakers about sustainable paths to a more equitable and peaceful world. He is currently working with 10 new immigrants and refugees in Boston on their production of films that will visualize their experiences and perspectives – New Immigrant and Refugee Visions.

You can learn more about Michael's work at www.csfilm.org and www.sheridanworks.com