

Careers often start with community involvement

There is no single pathway into a career in social skateboarding. Several of the panelists began as volunteers, participants, photographers, coaches, or local organizers before finding paid opportunities. What connected their journeys was a willingness to get involved, contribute to their communities, and consistently show up.



**Social Skate
Summit**

Relationships are the real infrastructure

Behind many career opportunities are relationships built over time. Mentors, collaborators, peers, and community members often become the people who recommend you for a role, invite you into a project, or help you navigate challenges.

In social skateboarding, community is more than a support network – it's one of the most important foundations for personal and professional growth.



**Social Skate
Summit**

Sustainable work requires sustainable people

Creating positive change over the long term requires more than passion alone. Burnout and financial insecurities can unfortunately be a reality of community work.

Looking after your own wellbeing, setting healthy boundaries, and building support systems are not luxuries – they are essential for sustaining both yourself and the work you care about long term. Try not to over-do it and burn out down the line, take things one step at a time.



Social Skate
Summit

Opportunities extend far beyond coaching

Social skateboarding needs more than skate coaches. Across the ecosystem, there are opportunities in photography, filmmaking, communications, event management, fundraising, governance, administration, research, mental health, and leadership.

Building a career around skateboarding doesn't always mean being on a board, it can mean using your unique skills to strengthen the community in different ways.



**Social Skate
Summit**