What is TED?

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Quotes from the Video:

“Twice a year, TED holds [a] conference with thought-leaders from around the world giving some mind-blowing talks. Then TED sticks them online, so you can watch them for free.

So what is TEDx? TEDx is a way for you to run a mini TED-style event in your own town.”
What is TED?

“The human mind, once stretched by a new idea, never regains its original dimensions.” Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr. (Source)

That’s what the TED conferences do: they stretch the dimensions of your mind.

TED stands for Technology, Entertainment and Design. We could tell you a bunch of stuff about it’s history and creation but what is more important is that it is the name of a big community of people that really want you to be able to share the cool ideas you have, and the amazing things you are doing with the whole world!

The people at TED think that if people are inspired by a TED speaker’s ideas, and if that sparks an action - all those little sparks will create a big fire of change. TED is made up of events that people attend in order to watch people talk or perform. Those talks and performances are taped and put on the TED website for everyone around the world to view.

Think! If you could change one thing in your life, your community, or the world, what would it be?
What is TEDx?

x = independently organized event

TEDx talks are a little bit different. TEDx talks are local, like in your city or town, and they are organized by people just like you. TEDx organizers want to find people with clever, interesting ideas and give them a place to share those ideas with people who can help them turn the ideas into a reality. They want adults to hear what you have to say, what your thoughts and ideas are, and how you can engage other young people around the world.

Think! If you could share an idea with millions of people and inspire real change, what would you say?

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What is TEDxYouth?

TEDxYouth events are organized with a focus on kids and young adults. The organizers of these events understand that it is not just adults who generate powerful ideas. TEDxYouth organizers seek to spotlight confident, innovative and globally-minded young thinkers. These events are often run by youth, for youth.

To see a super cool event, check out:

TEDxYouth@Tokyo! They have a group of dedicated young adults who believe in Ideas Worth Spreading and are helping other young people share their ideas with the world.

Think! How could you motivate your friends to get involved in TEDx and organize an event?
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"**TED-Ed**'s mission is to capture and amplify the voices of great educators around the world. This is done by pairing extraordinary educators with talented animators to produce a new library of curiosity-igniting videos." (Source)

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"TED-Ed’s commitment to creating lessons worth sharing is an extension of TED’s mission of spreading great ideas. Within the growing TED-Ed video library, you will find carefully curated educational videos, many of which represent collaborations between talented educators and animators nominated through the TED-Ed platform. This platform also allows users to take any useful educational video, not just TED’s, and easily create a customized lesson around the video. Users can distribute the lessons, publicly or privately, and track their impact on the world, a class, or an individual student."

(Source)

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**Flip a Lesson!** Every learner is different, and each teacher has a different approach to how to target the learners around them. TED-Ed gives you the option to choose any video from TED or Youtube and 'flip' it, or customize it for your specific needs. Then you can pitch that lesson to a massive audience using social networking sites. Flipped lessons allow students and teachers: to learn at a pace that suits them; use technology to have more productive class time; and expand learning beyond the classroom.

Start Flipping now by clicking Here!

**Think!** Why would it be cool to have students flip lessons?
Why speak at TED?

Why should I speak at TEDxYouth?

Being a speaker at a TEDxYouth event allows you to shape your future. It is not just adults who have the power to inspire people to take action. Being a TEDxYouth speaker allows you to share your passion with the globe and create the changes you want to see in the world.

TEDxYouth speakers have been able to present to vast audiences, travel to new countries, get book deals and meet their heroes. They have started websites to further peoples’ understanding of their ideas and Facebook pages to create communities of people who think just like them. TEDxYouth speakers are confident, innovative and globally-minded. They are part of an elite group of thinkers who have Ideas Worth Spreading.

Think! Who are your heroes? What are they doing to impact the world? If you could ask them for three things to help spread your idea- what would they be?
The ideal TEDxYouth speaker is...

1. **Engaging and Inspirational** (Will the idea engage the audience? Would the audience be excited about hearing this talk? Does the idea generate conversation among the audience?)

2. **Original and Creative** (Is the idea presented in a new way? Will it open people’s eyes to a new point of view?)

3. **Relevant** (Is the idea relevant to the TEDx event theme? Can the audience relate to the idea?)

4. **Logical** (Did the speaker give a clear overview of their talk? Is this structure clear and logical?)

5. **Experienced** (Will the speaker’s background appeal to the audience? Are they qualified to give this talk? Is their presentation style enthusiastic and entertaining?)

6. **Selfless** (Is the idea free from branding? Does the speaker think about others and leave out any corporate, political, or religious agendas?)

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“At age 9, while traveling with his family and being "roadschooled," Birke Baehr began studying sustainable and organic farming practices such as composting, vermiculture, canning and food preservation. Soon he discovered his other passion: educating others -- especially his peers -- about the destructiveness of the industrialized food system, and the alternatives.” (Source)
This follow-up to Birke’s first TEDx talk, is his second, entitled: “What it means to speak at TEDx”. He is now 12 years old and sends a message to young kids: “I want to encourage you to give it a try. Apply to a TEDx event, because until you do, you’ll never really know what the power of an idea worth spreading really is.”

In Birke’s video, he mentions many of the amazing opportunities he has received as a result of speaking at TED.

What did he feel was the most important opportunity that he received?

A. Being chosen to speak at Meetings and Events
B. Being interviewed for the Documentary entitled “Bite Size”
C. Speaking at John Cabot University
D. Being able to continue to spread his message and ideas
E. Working on an organic farm in Italy

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“It is great to see such substance and focus in the youth. Our world will be a better place because of her and the others like her.”

-Ruth Jacobs, Keller Williams Real Estate (Source)

“Imagine this—a hush descends over a darkened convention center as an audience of thousands of professionals train their eyes on the stage. Who are they waiting for? The corporate CEO or the latest motivational guru? Guess again. A little girl in Mary Janes (Adora Svitak) steps into the spotlight and clears her throat.” (Source)
“When she was 17, Natalie Warne learned about the Invisible Children Project -- a campaign to rescue Ugandan children from Joseph Kony’s child armies. As an intern for Invisible Children, she led a nation-wide campaign for the project. She successfully got the campaign featured on the Oprah Winfrey show, a victory that dramatically raised the profile of the movement. Natalie now works as a film editor in Los Angeles.” (Source)
Thomas Suarez

“Thomas Suarez’s interest in technology and programming led him to learn Python, Java, and C ‘just to get the basics down.’ He built an app and then coaxed his parents into paying the $99 fee to get his app, "Earth Fortune," in the app store. Thomas also started an app club at school to help other kids build and share their creations, and is now starting his own company, CarrotCorp.”

(Source)
Taylor Wilson

“When Taylor Wilson was 14, he became the 32nd person in history to build a working nuclear fusion reactor. He did it in his family garage, with full support from his parents. Taylor grew up with a fascination with the world and unrelenting desire to learn everything he could about it. But it was his Grandmother's fight with cancer, and the difficulties of obtaining the necessary radioactive drugs for chemotherapy, that inspired Wilson to attempt to create a reactor that could be built in any hospital. He has spread his ideas through magazines, newspapers, television programs and websites.” (Source)
I want to get Involved, but how?

It’s easy! First you need to check out the TED webpage and find an event near you. Next contact the organizer and ask how you can be involved.

https://www.ted.com/tedx/events

Here are some links to Helpful Documents:

1. Criteria for who an ideal TEDx speaker is
2. A TEDx Talk Planning Sheet

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About Us

**Tosca Killoran (Online Portfolio)**

Education is the key to a better world. We have heard it during coffee shop discussions, in lectures, and on so many TED talks. But how do we as educators find the key to make education accessible, free, and worthwhile to students around the globe? How do we turn what we have heard into action? I have ideas, do you? If so, let’s collaborate!

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**Jeff Hoffart (Online Portfolio)**

As an Educator, Publisher and Website Designer, I am passionate about sharing and spreading quality ideas and resources. I believe that each and every one of us can make a difference; and together, that difference will change the world!

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Adora Svitak

“A prolific short story writer and blogger since age seven, Adora Svitak (now 12) speaks around the United States to adults and children as an advocate for literacy.”

http://www.ted.com/speakers/adora_svitak.html
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Birke Baehr

“Birke Baehr wants us to know how our food is made, where it comes from, and what's in it. At age 11, he's planning a career as an organic farmer.”

http://www.ted.com/speakers/birke_baehr.html

http://www.birkeonthefarm.com/

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Earth Fortune

**Earth Fortune** is an App developed by Thomas Suarez:

Earth Fortune is not like any fortune teller you have ever seen. It shows different color Earths, randomly, color coded depending on if your day will be peaceful, etc. Also, you can share your fortunes with your friends and family!

Jeff Hoffart

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Natalie Warne

“Natalie Warne did not let being too young stop her from running a successful campaign for the Invisible Children project. In this talk, she calls on young people everywhere not to let age stop them from changing the world.”

http://www.ted.com/speakers/natalie_warne.html
Taylor Wilson

“Taylor Wilson built a nuclear reactor -- in his backyard when he was fourteen years old.”

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TEDx

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