

IDENTITY & INNOVATION

TEDX Youth@CaterhamSchool

x = independently organized TED event

WHAT IS A TEDX ALL ABOUT?

A TEDx event is a local gathering where live TED-like talks and performances are shared with the community. TEDx events are fully planned and coordinated independently, on a community-by-community basis. The content and design of each TEDx event is unique to the people and place it originiates from, but all of them have features in common.

A TEDxYouth event is a fully-loaded TEDx event, but has young people at its core. The speakers are talking to young people and have them in mind when shaping their own talks. For our own event, all of our speakers are also young people, talking directly to those that they know and understand. They are sharing their thoughts, wisdom and experiences of the world, using the TEDx format to engage with a wide and diverse audience across our own community and beyond.

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In an increasingly fast-moving, ever-changing world, young people are often at the forefront of learning about and adopting innovation. Increasingly they are also responsible for the creation of innovations across the world, both directly, by immersing themselves in new ideas, or by using their own influence and ideas to encourage others to adapt and adopt change.

Despite all of this change, one thing remains constant—young people are at a critical point in their lives—the time when they are figuring out who they are and who they want to be.

By combining these two concepts we believe that our speakers will explore an enormously exciting and diverse range of ideas that they are truly engaged with and passionate about, addressing issues that concern the young people in our community and far beyond.

Navigating change, whether in society, through technology or within your own self, is often exciting, sometimes challenging and confusing, but always a journey. Our speakers are giving an insight into the journeys they have begun, telling stories that we think will inspire our audience.

Adam Webster, Deputy Head (Innovation)

THE COMMITTEE

Preparing for the TEDx event at Caterham has shown us how the concepts of identity and innovation have become vital in our everyday lives. Planning for this event started online in February to discuss ideas and select speakers, meeting weekly throughout online schooling; something that would have been impossible without the innovations of modern technology. However, excitement in the committee really started to build when we returned to physical school, allowing us to meet with speakers as well as with each other to finalise talks and plans. Whilst reading scripts gave us an idea of what the final talks would be like, hearing them in person brought the speeches to life, adding personality and passion to the subjects being spoken about which cannot be replicated through a screen.

Being part of the TEDx committee has been a very enriching experience. We were able to work closely with the speakers in order to give them feedback on their talks - which not only gave us the opportunity to be one of the first to hear the outstanding speeches and help improve them as best we could, but also showed us just how much work goes on behind the scenes in order to organise such a great event.

From crafting the speeches, to organising the delivery of the whole event on the day, every detail is carefully thought about and worked on to make it the best quality possible in order to showcase the outstanding abilities of Caterham students. It was also very interesting to hear the feedback given to the speakers by Mr Webster and Ms Drummond. Having had experiences of giving talks like these themselves, it was fascinating to hear them give the speakers tips which we hadn't considered before. Being part of this committee has given us valuable experiences that will prove extremely useful to us in the future. It has been so interesting learning about each speaker's personal experience relating to the theme, and we hope that you enjoy these talks as much as we have.



Eugene Lower Sixth | Caterham School



DinaLower Sixth | Caterham School



Millie Lower Sixth | Caterham School

THE STAGE

TEDxYouth@CaterhamSchool incorporates a stage design which integrates its theme of "Innovation and Identity". Utilising a simple stage design with stairs leading to a blank arched door and a chandelier of several light bulbs. my intention is to provide a calming, comforting and visually appealing atmosphere which conveys the theme of the TEDx event and enhances the focus on the speaker. The design has adopted a warm and welcoming atmosphere from the chandelier of several dimmed light bulbs, whilst embracing the theme of innovation by effectively portraying new ideas, creativity, and change. Identity is a concept subject to each individual and it is something that distinguishes ourselves from others. The white curved staircase leading to a white arched empty door carries connotations of uncertainty which opens up opportunity for interpretation of what it could symbolise. The symbolism behind this design varies from person to person, showing that each individual has an identity that is unique in its own way.



STAGE DESIGN
Perlie
Lower Sixth | Caterham School



THE TALKS

Session 1 09:00-10:30



LEARNING TO LOVE YOUR ACCENT
Tiffany
Lower Sixth | Caterham School



A RECIPE FOR BEING YOURSELF

Connie
First Year | Caterham School



HYPNOSIS IN THE INTERNET ALGORITHM:
HEFTY SHIELD OR MIGHTY SWORD?

Alex
Third Year | Caterham School



MY JOURNEY AS AN AUTISTIC GIRL

Meg
Third Year | Caterham School

Session 2 11:00-12:30



HOW TO HARNESS YOUR POWER FOR GOOD
Christina Adane
Co-Chair BB2030 Youth Board



PUTTING IDENTITY FIRST IN INNOVATION
Vivienne
Second Year | Caterham School



DOES THE MIND OF A CRIMINAL ALTER THE WAY THEY SEE THE WORLD AROUND THEM?

Taylor

Lower Sixth | Caterham School



HOW CONTINUOUS LEARNING AND INNOVATION IMPROVES OUR IDENTITY

Michael

Lower Sixth | Caterham School

Session 3 14:00-15:30



THE TRUE IMPACT OF CHRONIC PAIN
Holly
Fifth Year | Caterham School



LUCK IS WHAT YOU GET WHEN YOU NEVER GIVE UP Skyla Fourth Year | Caterham School



INSIDE THE MIND OF A MASTER PROCRASTINATOR
Tim Urban
TED 2016



INDONESIA: FROM TRADITION TO INNOVATION

Marcus

Lower Sixth | Caterham School

Session 4 16:00-17:30



WHO ARE WE & WHAT IS EVERYTHING?

Marusia
First Year | Caterham School



MY YEAR OF SAYING YES TO EVERYTHING
Shonda Rhimes
TED 2016



THE QUESTION OF CONSENT FOR INTERSEX PEOPLE

Stella
Lower Sixth | London Academy of Excellence



UBUNTU IN SPORTS, LEADERSHIP & LIFE

Elias

Lower Sixth | Caterham School



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