

INSPIRING YOUTH CAN BE HEARD AND SEEN AT TEDxKIDS@BC

Some of BC's most awe-inspiring kids are showcased at TEDxKids@BC. Remarkable youth with big hearts share their stories that originate from genuine curiosity, bravery, determination, and bold ideas.

What is TED?

TED is a nonprofit organization devoted to **Ideas Worth Spreading**. Started as a four-day conference in California almost 30 years ago, TED has grown and spread across the globe to support the sharing of world-changing ideas. Every year, two TED Conferences invite the world's leading thinkers and doers to speak for 18 minutes on a diverse mix of topics. Although held all over the world, the TED2015 Conference took place in Vancouver, British Columbia!



What About TEDx?

In the spirit of ideas worth spreading, TEDx is a program of local, self-organized events that bring people together to spread ideas and to have an experience that is similar to the official Ted events. At a TEDx event, TEDTalks video are combined with live to spark deep discussion and connection. These local events are branded TEDx, with the "X" meaning independently organized. So individual TEDx events are self-organized by local people, which gives opportunity for more events and more sharing of ideas, even in BC!



An Opportunity for BC Youth In Annual TEDxKids@BC



It took one inspired person to think – why shouldn't youth have their own event, and that is exactly what one person thought. Together, with a group of committed individuals, TedXKids@BC was born in 2011. Each year since, up to 15 amazing young people have braved the stage to inspire other youth to strive to make the world a better place, to embrace and chase dreams, to overcome challenges, and to share lessons learned. Whether a presenter or a participant in the audience, these events continue to inspire with the speakers, great conversations, entertainers, and even a luncheon for everyone that attends.

Volunteering with TEDxKids@BC

TEDxKids@BC volunteers are passionate and dedicated people. Volunteers help in areas and roles of interest them while getting mentoring from peers and professionals. Our volunteers range for young kids to youth kids to adult kids.

We are always in need of volunteers at different times of the planning stages for our event. See tedxkidsbc.com for opportunities.

Inspiring Youth In Our Midst



We have amazing young people in British Columbia, some who have made it onto the TedXKids@BC stage. Perhaps you know one of these awesome young people.

2014 - 2016 speakers included:

- *Veronika C. – The Juice Box Project* - Through growing her popular Juice Box recycling program at her school, Veronika inspired others to join her in raising funds to sponsor over 50 wheelchairs for children with disabilities in Guatemala. In 2013, Veronika was invited to travel to Guatemala to learn more about the people and region, and see the impact of her project on the wheelchair recipients.

- *Ashley P.T.* - “ *Mistakes Should Be Celebrated*” – This talk was about how making mistakes is a part of life. Most people hate making mistakes because they are afraid to feel embarrassed or appear silly, but experimenting and making mistakes is vital to personal growth, learning and progress. Ashley is extremely interested in world affairs and global politics because she loves understanding how the world around her works. In her spare time, Ashley competes in speech and debate and travels to different places to do so.
- Noah D - Noah’s talk “Kids Can Too” is all about how he started a business at a ripe age of 7. He gave insight into his business of making new crayons from old crayons and shared how he sells them online, at craft fairs, and in local stores. Noah reminded everyone that anything is possible, at any age. He also hoped to remind everyone that you just have to look for opportunities and not to be scared of failure.
- Albert C – Albert is the founder of the Tech Easy Foundation, a local non-profit organization aimed to teach seniors about technology. He spoke about connecting seniors with technology and youth, by sharing his story of how he got involved with the senior community and what he learned along the way.
- Emma and Andrew - Emma and Andrew’s talk, “Generation Millennials,” addressed some of the harmful stereotypes that the youth generation has acquired in the past years. Performed using spoken word poetry, they offered new perspectives on today’s youth and their untapped potential for greatness.

TedxKids@BC plans to continue to give a place for BC’s most awe-inspiring kids to shine and inspire. Remarkable youth with big hearts share their stories that originate from genuine curiosity, bravery, determination, and bold ideas. Inspired audience leave with even more great ideas to talk about and hopefully the motivation to live inspired lives, too!