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# TED<sup>x</sup>Teen

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So what? Says who? Who cares?

This book belongs to:

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“Together we can  
gently remind the  
world – the leaders  
and the children –  
that peace is  
possible, because  
peace is a choice.”

- Mattie J.T. Stepanek

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## Where Is TEDxTeen Taking Place?



### **In the heart of SoHo NYC at the Scholastic Auditorium.**

The Scholastic Auditorium provides a stimulating, one-of-a-kind environment for both children and adults that caters to a broad range of programming needs. The 4,000 square foot space was designed for multimedia events, including live productions and performances, live global webcasts, press conferences, product launches, screenings, and so much more.

# Take a minute to gain some global perspective.

We are a population of **6,807,385,075** (that's billions) – We are growing by **222,000** each day – We are a world of **6912** living languages – In **195** countries – On one planet (that seems to be getting smaller and smaller) – And that's the big issue.

Our coordinates don't matter – We live in an age where technology makes us all virtual neighbors, accessible at the click of a button – Isn't it time we get to know one another?

We are more alike than we are unlike.

We eat.

We breathe.

We sleep.

We need water to live.

We are friends, neighbors, children, parents, artists, teachers and leaders – We are global citizens – We Are Fam-i-ly (you know the song).

We face a few global problems that seem overwhelming – poverty, hunger, disease, illiteracy, natural and man-made disasters – How do we solve them?

We work together across borders, oceans and boundaries of ALL kinds – share our knowledge and collaborate on a global scale – In fact, it is the only solution – and our youth have the answers.

**The We Are Family Foundation is honored to host the first TEDxTeen – where the Ideas Worth Spreading are from the world's teens. Welcome!**

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## CONFERENCE GUIDE

### 1. LEND US YOUR BRAIN

You are about to be hit by a blizzard of incoming ideas. Your mind will be zapped, pinged, prodded, and teased. But to benefit from TED's brand of brain therapy, you need to shut down the competition. Forget about work and school for a few hours. Forget about your email. Switch off your phone. Experience what is happening on stage, on screen and around you.

### 2. SEE EVERY TALK

The best moments seem to happen when you least expect them. TEDxTeen is not about what you already know. It is about how what you know connects to everything else.

### 3. TALK TO THE SPEAKERS

The conference time is limited, so we don't have time for long speaker introductions. We have included each speaker's bio in this program and relevant links to their work and additional information so you can take it all in after the conference. Attendees at TEDxTeen have the advantage – you can strike up a live conversation with them during the breaks. And we encourage you to do so! As you listen to their talks, write down questions, comments and ideas you want to talk about or ask them.

### 4. BREAKS ARE IMPORTANT

Your TEDxTeen experience is not limited to the auditorium. The TED brand is about "Ideas Worth Spreading." To get the most out of the conference, soak up the information during the talks and then use the breaks to discuss the information with fellow attendees, and let the conversation continue to push you to explore the ideas. Eat your food fast, use the bathroom quickly and keep your brain stimulated between sessions.

### 5. THE CONVERSATION CONTINUES

TEDxTeen is a one day conference. But today is not a finale – it is the beginning. The talks you saw today will live online following the conference at [tedxteen.com](http://tedxteen.com) and we encourage you to blog them, tweet them, share them, chat them and push them out around the globe. TEDxTeen is not just a conference, it is a community. Being here today you have first hand access and knowledge to amazing information and stories coming in from around the globe about teens who are doing extraordinary things, who have extraordinary ideas, who need your help to keep their conversations alive and who look to you for your ideas and contributions. Join in the community, contribute to the conversation and come together to tell the story of TEDxTeen to the world.

### 6. TEDxTEEN TECH PROTOCOL

The Scholastic Auditorium is WiFi enabled, and you will receive the network password at the conference. You are welcome to use your laptop during breaks in the open areas and we encourage you to tweet and share the information from the conference. However, we ask that attendees refrain from laptop use during the sessions. You need to focus, and keyboards are distracting. Use this program to write notes. Turn your cell phones, Blackberry's and iPhones off or to silent. Do not check them during sessions. If you must do so, please wait until the breaks. Video is prohibited during the sessions though feel free to record conversations during the breaks. Photography is permitted during the sessions and breaks, but please no flash photography, and keep the clicking noises during sessions to a minimum. Following the conference we hope you will share your photos with our online community.

### 7. RESTROOMS

There are restrooms located in the lobby outside the auditorium as well as on the 2nd floor, outside the Resource Center, behind coat check.

Top to Bottom: Scenes from previous TEDx events; TEDxParis and TEDxAtlanta.



# Schedule Of Events

## Session 1

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**11:30am** (Lobby)  
**TEDxTeen guests arrive**

**11:30am – 12:30pm**  
(Resource Center)  
**The Conversation begins**  
Meet, talk, think, share, eat  
and prepare!

**12:30pm – 1:40pm** (Auditorium)

**Chris Anderson:** What is TED/  
TEDx?

**Simon Cohen** Playstation, Pizza  
and a Living Buddha

**Mousa Mosawy** To Walk and Talk

**IMPACT** performs Leaders of Today

**Kimmie Weeks** Chalk &  
Gun Powder

**P-Star** Join Literacy

**Mousa Mosawy** performs  
Paradise Lost

**1:40pm – 2:30pm**  
(Resource Center)

**BREAK:** Conversation,  
information and food

## Session 2

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**2:30pm – 3:45pm** (Auditorium)

**Emmanuel Jal** The Music  
of a War Child

**Jeni Stepanek, Ph.D.** A New  
Hope for Peace: It's Not a Fairytale

**Dylan Mahalingam** explores  
The Ripple Effect

**Khadim Diop** performs  
Frankenstein

**Jennifer Corriero** Leadership:  
The Next Generation

**3:45pm – 4:30pm**  
(Resource Center)

**BREAK:** Conversation,  
information and food

## Session 3

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**4:30pm – 5:40pm** (Auditorium)

**P-Star** performs  
Rapping into Literacy

**Sejal Hathi** Empowering  
Girl Changemakers

**Ory Okolloh** on Becoming  
an Activist

**IMPACT** performs Magic

**Benjamin Quinto** Wired for Change

In closing with  
**Simon Cohen** Pizza and Harmony

**5:40pm – 6:30pm**  
Conversation and departures

The conversation continues online at [TEDxTeen.com](https://www.tedxteen.com).

“Life’s most persistent and urgent question is: What are you doing for others?”

- Martin Luther King, Jr.

# Session 1

**SimonCohen**

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**MousaMosawy**

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**IMPACT**

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**KimmieWeeks**

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**P-Star**













“We’re the ones  
we’ve been  
waiting for.”

- Maya Angelou

# Session 2

**Emmanuel**Jal

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**Jeni**Stepanek, Ph.D.

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**Dylan**Mahalingam

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**Khadim**Diop

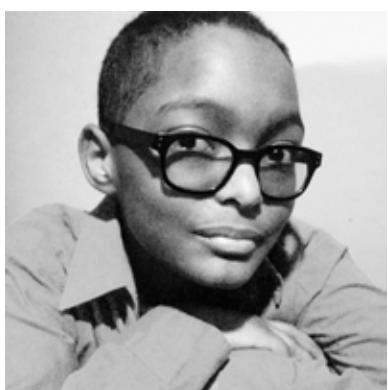
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**Jennifer**Corriero









### KhadimDiop Age 12

**Find more about me here:**  
[impactreptheatre.org](http://impactreptheatre.org)

On August 18, 1997, in Harlem Hospital kicking and screaming a star was born (premature). At the age of 5 he stated aspirations of making a difference in the world.

He has been attending the Learning Tree since 2000 where he has performed in their annual plays. He found his love for the stage while performing "The Black Man" (Anonymous) in 2005 and has also performed in "Gulla" in 2008 and was so good that he was asked to be in it again in 2009. He is also an excellent artist and has been drawing and collecting his illustrations since he was five.

Khadim joined IMPACT at the age of 11 in July 2009 where he has quickly risen as a star performer. Since his audition he has excelled as a dramatic spoken word performer as well as a developing rapper and hype man.

Khadim is an inspiration to all and will continue to make his IMPACT on the world.

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“Judge a man by his questions, rather than his answers.”

- Voltaire

# Session 3

**P-Star**

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**SejalHathi**

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**OryOkolloh**

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**IMPACT**

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**BenjaminQuinto**







## About TED

TED is an annual event where some of the world's leading thinkers and doers are invited to share what they are most passionate about. "TED" stands for Technology, Entertainment, Design — three broad subject areas that are, collectively, shaping our future. And in fact, the event is broader still, showcasing ideas that matter in any discipline. Attendees have called it "the ultimate brain spa" and "a four-day journey into the future." The diverse audience — CEOs, scientists, creatives, philanthropists — is almost as extraordinary as the speakers, who have included Bill Clinton, Bill Gates, Jane Goodall, Frank Gehry, Paul Simon, Sir Richard Branson, Philippe Starck and Bono.

TED was first held in Monterey, California, in 1984. In 2001, Chris Anderson's Sapling Foundation acquired TED from its founder, Richard Saul Wurman. In recent years, TED has expanded to include an international conference, TEDGlobal; media initiatives, including TED Talks and TED.com; and the TED Prize.

## About TEDx

In the spirit of ideas worth spreading, TEDx is a program of local, self-organized events that bring people together to share a TED-like experience. At a TEDx event, TEDTalks video and live speakers combine to spark deep discussion and connection in a small group. These local, self-organized events are branded TEDx, where x=independently organized TED event.

The TED Conference provides general guidance for the TEDx program, but individual TEDx events are self-organized.\*

\*Subject to certain rules and regulations.

# Ways to take TEDxTeen & TED home with you.

## TEDxTeen

### 1. TEDXTEEN.COM

Check back on TEDxTeen.com following the conference. The inspiring talks you saw today will go live and are waiting to be shared with the world. Help us get the word out and be a TEDxTeen ambassador.

### 2. SOCIAL NETWORKS

Join in and continue the conversations from today's conference on our Facebook and Twitter pages. And share the talks and content amongst your social networks and invite them to join our TEDxTeen community. [facebook.com/TEDxTeen](https://facebook.com/TEDxTeen); @TEDxTeen

### 3. IDEAS WORTH SPREADING

Tell your friends, family, peers and colleagues about your experience at TEDxTeen and share the information. Hold your own mini TED salon at home and discuss the talks with your friends.

## TED

### 1. DIVE INTO TED TALKS

Join TED.com to share in the excitement of Ideas Worth Spreading.

### 2. CREATE YOUR PROFILE ON TED

Join like-minded people around the globe in setting up your TED.com profile — then use your profile to save your favorite talks and share knowledge within the community.

### 3. JOIN THE CONVERSATION

TEDTalks are enhanced by the ideas and conversations that they spark. Add your own comments to the discussion pages, under a specific TEDTalk, in one of the lively Themes or on the TED blog. You'll be interacting with an intelligent, curious group of people worldwide.

# TEDxTeen Thanks

**Alley Kat Productions** for feeding us well

**FedEx Office** for printing the words and images we need

**John-Paul Teutonico Photography** for capturing the moments

**Ketchum** for spreading the word about TEDxTeen

**Production Junction** for filming our human knowledge

**Scholastic** for providing the safe space to share our conversations

**THINK Global School** for their partnership and for daring to take education to the next level

**Unboundary** for their design brilliance

**uPPstream** for a smooth production

**Volunteers** whose time and energy are invaluable

**We Are Family Foundation Team** for Everything Else

## The We Are Family Foundation (WAFF)

is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the vision of a global family by creating and supporting programs that inspire and educate the next generation about respect, understanding and cultural diversity – while striving to solve some of our biggest global problems at the same time.

WAFF believes our problems are going to be solved by investing in our youth – teaching them that people of all ethnicities, religions and cultures are of equal importance, so that they will embrace the value of others who are different.

And, our problems are going to be solved by supporting those youth who are actively engaged in changing our world, those who have ideas and are invested in solving our global problems – the game changers.

**Investing in and supporting our youth is what the We Are Family Foundation does.**



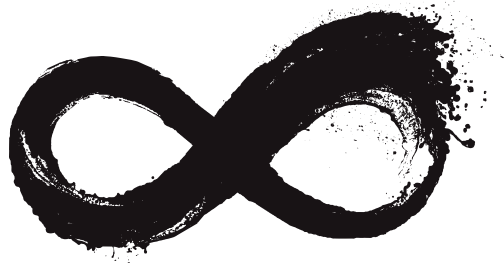
**Online:**

[wearefamilyfoundation.org](http://wearefamilyfoundation.org)  
[threedotdash.org](http://threedotdash.org)  
[TEDxTeen.com](http://TEDxTeen.com)

**Twitter:**

[@wearefamilyfdtn](https://twitter.com/wearefamilyfdtn)  
[@threedotdashorg](https://twitter.com/threedotdashorg)  
[@tedxteen](https://twitter.com/tedxteen)

**Each additional name makes the compassionate voice a more potent force in the world. Let us make the silent majority a challenge to extremism and hate. Become a partner and sign the charter of compassion in the auditorium lobby today!**



# Charter for Compassion

**The principle of compassion** lies at the heart of all religious, ethical and spiritual traditions, calling us always to treat all others as we wish to be treated ourselves. Compassion impels us to work tirelessly to alleviate the suffering of our fellow creatures, to dethrone ourselves from the centre of our world and put another there, and to honour the inviolable sanctity of every single human being, treating everybody, without exception, with absolute justice, equity and respect.

**It is also necessary** in both public and private life to refrain consistently and empathically from inflicting pain. To act or speak violently out of spite, chauvinism, or self-interest, to impoverish, exploit or deny basic rights to anybody, and to incite hatred by denigrating others - even our enemies - is a denial of our common humanity. We acknowledge that we have failed to live compassionately and that some have even increased the sum of human misery in the name of religion.

**We therefore call upon all men and women** ~ to restore compassion to the centre of morality and religion ~ to return to the ancient principle that any interpretation of scripture that breeds violence, hatred or disdain is illegitimate ~ to ensure that youth are given accurate and respectful information about other traditions, religions and cultures ~ to encourage a positive appreciation of cultural and religious diversity ~ to cultivate an informed empathy with the suffering of all human beings, even those regarded as enemies.

**We urgently need** to make compassion a clear, luminous and dynamic force in our polarized world. Rooted in a principled determination to transcend selfishness, compassion can break down political, dogmatic, ideological and religious boundaries. Born of our deep interdependence, compassion is essential to human relationships and to a fulfilled humanity. It is the path to enlightenment, and indispensable to the creation of a just economy and a peaceful global community.

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Ideas Worth Spreading

The logo for the We Are Family Foundation. It features the words "we are family" in a lowercase, cursive script font. The word "are" is written in a smaller font size than "we" and "family". A heart shape is formed by the top of the letter "a" in "are" and the top of the letter "i" in "family". The word "foundation" is written in a smaller, lowercase, sans-serif font to the right of "family".