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In my opinion,  
there is  
no aspect  
of reality  
beyond the  
reach of the  
human mind.

— Stephen Hawking

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**TED<sup>x</sup>Teen**

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# WELCOME

We are the firsts. The first idea, the first innovation, the first collaboration, the first of its kind.

You never saw us coming. Until now.

We are navigators. We are creators. Our voices and actions generate movements.

We are not potential, we already discovered your future.

We are not generation x, y, or z. Our impact is not defined by a letter.

We are more than a label. We are this generation. We are simply uncharted, original and we are positively lighting the world on fire.

We are here. We are now.

We have been Untapped.

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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. Silence 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. So be a part of it all. Bump into things you may not know. If you pick only the talks you think you will like, you've missed the experience.

### 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, 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 your 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 further push the ideas. Engage in our Social Spaces activities and Breakout Sessions. Eat your food fast. Use the bathroom quickly. 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 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 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 indigo at the O2 is WiFi enabled, and the network password will be on your name badge. 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 all of your devices 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 at the rear of the Main Arena, where you enter the Purple Lounge, as well as on the Balcony level.

Top to Bottom:  
Scenes from previous  
TEDx events; TEDxTeen 2015 NYC,  
TEDxBaghdad, TEDWomen



# Things to do During the Breaks

## SOCIAL SPACES

*Located in The Main Arena and The Purple Lounge*

### World Departure Lounge

Hosted by: THINK Global School

Drop by the World Departure Lounge to recharge your phone, try out our photo booth, test your knowledge in our geography trivia quiz and learn about life at the world's first traveling high school.

### Make A Computer

Hosted by: Kano

Make a computer, learn what's inside and play with code! Kano is a computer and coding kit for all ages, all around the world. You can draw art, make music and code games (like Minecraft and Snake). Come see what it's like to create technology – not just consume it.

### Shape the Sound

Hosted by: Music Hackspace

The London Music Hackspace is a place for everybody to learn something - a community of artists, engineers and musicians breaking the boundaries of technology and sound art. Come visit This Floating World, combining movement and

dance with interactive audiovisual art and Kazumi, an accessible instrument for aspiring musicians and makers.

### Tell Us Your Favorite Part!

Hosted by: Eduzine Global

Come learn about our work supporting and celebrating young people while telling us on camera what YOUR favorite part of TEDxTeen is!

### Moving Walls

Hosted by: Innovation Arts

Innovation Arts is a design-led consultancy. They help people to think differently, visualize their ideas and design solutions so that they can move forward, as well as engage and inspire others to be moved with them. Come watch their scribes draw, capture and deconstruct the content of the talks on large "WorkWalls."

### TEDxTeen Auditions

Hosted by: We Are Family Foundation

Do you want to be a TEDxTeen Speaker? Here's your chance! We're giving you the opportunity to audition on camera!

## BREAKOUT SESSIONS

*Located in The O2 Lounge*

### Amplify Your Voice (First Break)

Hosted by: Adobe Project 1324

Want to create compelling videos in minutes but don't know how to start? Learn how to use Adobe Voice, a free iPad app that enables you to tell powerful digital stories. Create and share your own video to make your voice heard!

### Made With Vibe (Second Break)

Hosted by: Adobe Project 1324

Want to share the best moments of your life in seconds? Learn how to use Vibe, a free iOS app that allows you to combine images and video easily with your music to capture the vibe of an event you want to share.

## OFFICE HOURS

*Located in The O2 Lounge*

Take 2 minutes to share your ideas, thoughts, innovations with the experts.

### Office Hours with Denzyl Feigelson

Join Denzyl Feigelson, founder/CEO of AWAL (Artists Without A Label) and strategic advisor to Apple and iTunes! Denzyl has worked in projects and products such as the iPod, the global iTunes stores, Apple Music and the highly successful iTunes Festival. Denzyl will share his amazing experiences, and what he thinks the tools are that create remarkable human beings.

### Office Hours with Erica King

Erica King is an Assistant Cultural Affairs Officer at the U.S. Embassy. Erica works with the U.S. Ambassador to conduct youth outreach throughout the United Kingdom. Erica can answer questions about her experiences working as a diplomat, living abroad, and listen to your ideas about the future.

## DON'T FORGET TO EAT!

*The Balcony and the Purple Lounge*  
Lunch, snacks and beverages will be served during breaks – make sure to refuel!

# Schedule Of Events

## Session 1

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**9:00am**  
(Doors Open)  
TEDxTeen guests arrive

**9:00am–9:45am**  
(Purple Lounge, The Balcony, Main Arena)

### The Conversation begins...

Meet, talk, think, share, explore and engage in Social Spaces

**9:45am**  
Attendees take your seats

**Livestream**  
Join us online at [TEDxTeen.com](https://www.tedxteen.com)

### The conversation continues online at:

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**Conference Hashtags:**  
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**10:00am – 11:30am**  
(Main Arena and TEDxTeen.com)

**Shaadow**  
Performance

**Mukunda Angulo**  
How My Imagination Set Me Free

**Meltem Avcil**  
You Are a Part of This Story

**Mahalia**  
Performance

**Rob Greenfield**  
How to End the Food Waste Fiasco

**11:30am – 12:30pm**  
(Purple Lounge, The Balcony, Main Arena, O2 Lounge)

**BREAK:** Meet, talk, think, share, explore, engage in Social Spaces, Office Hours, Breakouts and eat lunch

Exclusive speaker and partner interviews **LIVE** on [TEDxTeen.com](https://www.tedxteen.com)

## Session 2

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**12:30pm – 2:00pm**  
(Main Arena and TEDxTeen.com)

**Zak Abel**  
Performance

**Konstantin Avdienko**  
How to Turn Thin Air Into Water

**Safeerah Mughal**  
A Reading of “A Quilt of Stars”

**Scott Crouch**  
How Good Data Can Make Our Communities Safer

**Ciara Judge**  
Changing the World In Your Pajamas

**2:00pm – 3:00pm**  
(Purple Lounge, The Balcony, Main Arena, O2 Lounge)

**BREAK:** Meet, talk, think, share, explore, engage in Social Spaces, Office Hours, Breakouts and have a snack

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## Session 3

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**3:00pm – 4:30pm**  
(Main Arena and TEDxTeen.com)

**Kash Gaines (feat. Bgirl Terra)**  
Why We Film Dance in the Streets

**Mariah Idrissi**  
Changing the Face of Fashion

**Ann Makosinski**  
Why I Don't Use a Smart Phone

**Connor Grooms**  
How to Learn Anything In 30 Days

**Rudimental**  
Performance

**4:30pm – 5:00pm**  
(Purple Lounge, The Balcony, Main Arena)

**Before you depart:** Meet, talk, think, share, explore and engage

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## Ella Purnell Host

Ella, 19, was born and lives in East London.

She has been acting professionally since her first appearance aged 9 in the West End production of Oliver! Her film debut was playing the young Keira Knightley in the feature Never Let Me Go. Since then she has appeared in Kick-Ass 2 and Maleficent, and leading roles in the films The Intruders opposite Clive Owen, Ways to Live Forever and Wildlike. In 2016 she will be seen playing the young Margot Robbie in Tarzan for Warner Bros, The Journey is the Destination opposite Ben Schnetzer and Kelly Macdonald, the British independent film Access All Areas and as one of the leads in Tim Burton's new film Miss Peregrine's School for Peculiar Children.

She is the publicist and face of the non-profit organisation Educate2Eradicate which aims to educate young people about the horrors of honour based violence. She is also campaigning with the public benefit organization Youth for Change to review FGM and child marriage training for school staff.

She has worked closely with Creative Visions since 2015 and is also chairperson of the Influential Young Activists Movement, which aims to encourage young celebrities to use their voices for positive influence.

She has been teaching children in maths, English, dance, drama, singing and piano since she was 13 and feels very strongly about educating the underprivileged youth about mental health, social relationships, professional skills, personal development and helping them realise their own creative ability.

She continues her philanthropic work with children and teenagers focusing on education, mental health, honour based violence, women's rights and creative activism, whilst maintaining her acting career.

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## Poppy Jamie Livestream Host

At 19, Poppy became the youngest ever entertainment correspondent at the UK's largest news organisation, ITN, while still studying Politics at the London School of Economics. Best known for her signature interviewing style, charisma, positivity and personal flair, she has hosted shows for ITV2, MTV international, Extra USA, Yahoo and TEDx, and remains ITN's main fashion anchor.

It wasn't long before Poppy became a favourite among Hollywood A-listers with the likes of Jude Law, Samuel L Jackson, Cameron Diaz and even Leonardo DiCaprio declaring she's a "breath of fresh air". Her enthusiasm, energy and numerous viral interviews with the likes of the Kardashians and One Direction, Poppy has been crowned the 'Golden Girl of Showbiz'.

Sitting front row at the global fashion weeks from New York and Paris to London and Milan, she works with international fashion brands such as Burberry, Mulberry, UGG and River Island on collaborative projects, social media takeovers and ambassadorship programs, always actively engaging with her millions of digital followers worldwide.

In 2015, Poppy was announced as Snapchat's talk show host presenting her very own show; 'Pillow Talk with Poppy'. With this being the platforms first ever series it was a huge event for both Poppy and Snapchat. Airing weekly on Snap Discover to millions of people, the show saw guests such as Suki Waterhouse, James Marsden and Seth Macfarlane.

Poppy immerses herself within the world of music, fashion and film. She also supports and works closely with the Teenage Cancer Trust.



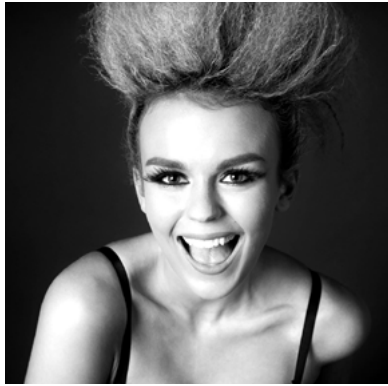
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## TalliaStorm Periscope Host

17 year-old Tallia's life changed forever in 2012. She was only 13, and spontaneously left her demo CD with Sir Elton John's partner, David Furnish, in a hotel restaurant. The teen singer/songwriter was amazed when Sir Elton John called within 24 hours and invited her to open his football stadium concert in Scotland. Since then, Tallia has performed across the world with her trademark big hair and quirky, fearless sense of style and sound, released a critically acclaimed debut EP and written a novel entitled 'POP GIRL' published by Scholastic UK.

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Landing herself at red carpet events and rubbing shoulders with the likes of Drake and Justin Bieber, it's clear Tallia is heading for big things. Having grown up singing along to Ella Fitzgerald and Dinah Washington, to later finding a love for contemporary artists such as the late Amy Winehouse and Kendrick Lamar, Tallia has crafted a unique sound to deliver a powerful and modern urban vocal, which is gathering an array of fans from around the world. Her forte is live performance and her simple acoustic set is where her heart is, which is why her social media fan base goes from strength to strength.

She has already been featured on a number of big name publications like Vibe, Music Week, Billboard, MTV and Idolator.

"There's no doubt Tallia Storm is headed for big things with her soulful and powerful vocal."- DJ Target (BBC Radio 1)

# #FLASHBACK

TEDxTeen London 2014





The question  
isn't who is  
going to let me;  
it's who is going  
to stop me.

— Ayn Rand

# Session 1

Shaadow

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## Shaadow

Ange-Michael Mbombou, also known as Shaadow Sefiroth, started dancing in 2009. His first dance style was “electro dance”, that he approached while in France. It was only in the year of 2010/2011 that he began to practice hip-hop. To better himself as an artist, he researched the elements of the Hip-Hop Culture. This gave him a better understanding of the dance, as well as a respect and deeper love for the art form. Peace, love, unity and fun are all values that hip hop represents, and the values he lives by in his own life.

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Later on, Shaadow moved to London to study. He began to acquire a deeper knowledge of the art form. He practiced relentlessly to find and refine his style, with both his mind and body.

He created a way to understand the dance through martial arts, science and philosophy, all other subjects he enjoyed. These elements allowed him to combine the rigor and dedication of martial arts, the critical thinking, precision and factual nature of science, along with the constant questioning of philosophy. He has a wide-ranging dance vocabulary that allows him to truly capture music. He embodies the emotion and energy of music and then transmits it into a physical form. Shaadow has certainly mastered the art of hard work and perseverance, teaching himself other art forms such as drawing, singing, music production and his most recent venture, designing clothes.

## MukundaAngulo

Mukunda Angulo is an artist and filmmaker from New York City. He is one of the six brothers featured in the critically acclaimed, Sundance Grand Jury prize-winning documentary, “The Wolfpack”.

The film focuses on Mukunda and his brothers, raised in a New York public housing apartment isolated from society by their paranoid, overbearing father. Movies became their only view of the outside world and led them to create elaborate homemade costumes to emulate the films that they watched obsessively. At 15, Mukunda decided to leave the apartment for the first time on his own, setting off a chain of events to liberate him and his brothers from his father’s lock down. On one of the boys’ outings, they met director Crystal Moselle, resulting in the award-winning documentary years later. Since its debut, Mukunda has traveled the world engaging with audiences, meeting his film heroes and sharing his story. He has been on talk shows and radio shows, and featured in publications such as The New York Times, The Guardian, The Telegraph, The New Yorker and New York Magazine.

He has made several short films starring his brothers including Poison Hit, Mirror Heart and Window Feel.

Window Feel was presented at Deitch Gallery in The Wolfpack Show, alongside over 250 pieces of their handmade prop and costume archives. The show had was critically acclaimed by publications such as Indiewire, Paper, artforum, Nowness, The New York Observer and Vogue.

Mirror Heart was commissioned by Vice and made its theatrical debut at the “The Future Is Now: 30 under 30” film festival, and later played at The Night Hawk shorts festival.



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## MeltemAvcil

Meltem is a former child detainee. She was woken up at 6:00am by eight immigration officers who rushed into her house and occupied every room on the 27th of August, 2007. She was put in a caged van and taken to the police station, and from there, to the B-class prison Yarlwood Detention Centre in Bedfordshire.

Now, Meltem is a 22 year-old award-winning human rights activist.

She started her first campaign while still in prison to stop children's detention. She is currently campaigning with Natasha Walter to #SETHERFREE. Her first award was the Liberty Human Rights Award. She went onto receive the Christie Jackson Young Person of the Year Award in 2014 and Cosmopolitan Ultimate Campaigner of the Year in 2015.

Meltem currently lives, works and studies Psychology at the University of Goldsmiths in London. She is an amateur author, poet and scriptwriter. Her essay was published by Virago books in 'I Call Myself a Feminist.'

## Mahalia

Introducing Mahalia, the beguiling voice behind Rudimental's brilliant track 'We The Generation'. Signed to Asylum Records (Ed Sheeran, Rudimental and Charli XCX) at only 17, Mahalia is already turning heads through supporting Ibeyi and Leon Bridges, and joining Rudimental during their shows throughout the summer at Lovebox, Boardmasters and their homecoming show at Hackney Empire.

An incredible musician in her own right, she's been hosting her own 'Mahalia Presents' nights in Leicester over the past few years, curating shows with acts such as Martin Luke Brown, Saint Raymond and JP Cooper. She is featured on, and co-writer of 'We The Generation', and this autumn sees Mahalia taking centre stage with her own EP and string of live dates planned for the rest of the year. She is currently working on her debut album with producers 1985 (Drake, Nicki Minaj) Supa Dups (Bruno Mars, Mary J Blige) and Steve Fitzmaurice (Sam Smith, Aloe Blacc), among others.



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## RobGreenfield

Rob is an adventurer, activist, and dude making a difference. His purpose is to inspire health, happiness and freedom on Earth, and he's dedicated his life to this mission. He has cycled across the United States, twice, on a bamboo bicycle, went 1,000 days without showering, and has dove into thousands of dumpsters across America, all to inspire positive social and environmental change. When not out adventuring he lives off the grid in a fifty-square-foot tiny home in San Diego. His extreme adventures and activism campaigns may appear unattainable at first glance but within them are an abundance of simple lessons and tips that can be adapted into any life to live with more happiness, health and freedom.

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Education isn't  
something you  
can finish.

— Isaac Asimov

# Session 2

ZakAbel

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KonstantinAvdienko

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SafeerahMughal

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ScottCrouch

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CiaraJudge



## Zak**Abel**

Introducing North London soul sensation Zak Abel who, at the tender age of 20, has some of the most in-demand producers clamouring to work with him. He is quickly becoming the musicians' musician, his incredible flair for a melody marrying perfectly with the organic musical alliances Zak is creating across the world.

Collaborations with Tom Misch and Kaytranada have both hit the top of the Hype Machine chart on release and, with strong support across BBC 1Xtra and publications such as The Independent, i-D, Noisey, Complex, Clash and more, the future is looking very bright for this incredible talent. In autumn 2015, Zak headed out on the road with the incredible Kwabs throughout the UK, including a night at London's Roundhouse. He also recently played a sold-out headline show at London's Notting Hill Arts Club. With Zak's debut album coming in 2016, and more live news to follow, this is a space to watch!

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## Konstantin**Avdienko**

Konstantin's name comes from a Latin word for "standfast".

He is a mechanical engineering and computer science double major at the University of San Diego, interested in sustainable technology. He has started a recycling movement in his native country of Russia, which became the largest electronics-recycling center in Moscow. Upon moving to California, he became interested in solving the problem of water drought. Konstantin invented a device that could solve the pressing issue of the scarcity of pure water. After success building a working prototype, he is working on implementing an entire system of sustainable and renewable water supply systems. As Vice President of an Engineers Without Borders chapter, he often travels to third world countries to work on engineering projects that benefit people living there.



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## SafeerahMughal

In Safeerah's 16 years, she has accomplished far more her writing than she ever imagined. Receiving an invitation to 10 Downing Street was a defining moment for her and an awe-inspiring experience that she will never forget. She thought it would end there, but then a year later, she continued to achieve what she never imagined possible. That's what words do; overcome the impossible.

She recently won the Key Stage Four short story and poetry competitions within the Young Muslim Writers Awards and had the pleasure of meeting the esteemed judges and hearing their feedback. Safeerah loves all stories, whether in prose or poetry, and can be found reading authors from Rumi and Hafiz one day to Khalid Hosseini and Derek Landy the next.

Safeerah is inspired by the contrasting landscapes of her heritage - the breathtaking Yorkshire scenery of rolling valleys and breathtaking moors, the aroma of wet earth and flowers, Pakistan's baked earth and spice, and the shouts of vendors selling their wares.

One day she plans to make a living from mastering the alchemy of thoughts and occasionally writing them down.

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## ScottCrouch

Scott is the co-founder and Chief Executive Officer of Mark43, a New York-based startup that's reinventing public safety through next-generation software. Scott and his team work on the streets with police officers across the United States to rethink how officers collect, manage, share and analyze data. Their mission is clear - to help reduce violent crime, make our communities safer and better protect first responders. Scott has been named in Forbes 30 Under 30, Enterprise Tech, Inc. Magazine's 35 Under 35 and Goldman Sachs's 100 Most Intriguing Entrepreneurs of 2014 and 2015. Scott graduated from Harvard University in 2013 with a Bachelors of Science in Electrical Engineering.



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## CiaraJudge

Ciara Judge is an 18 year-old scientist and entrepreneur from Kinsale, Ireland. Over the past three years, she has won the BT Young Scientist, the European Union Contest for Young Scientists and the Google Global Science Fair with her teammates for their research on the work of rhizobium with cereal crops. In September 2014, Time Magazine named Ciara as one of the 25 most influential teens worldwide, and she has been pegged as a 'rising star' and 'one to watch' by several national and international news outlets. She is now co-director of her first company, Germinaid Innovations, with Emer Hickey. Last summer, she began work on her second startup PurchaseMate, while studying at MIT, Boston.

Ciara is currently working with a global team on a new not-for-profit youth outreach platform called Project Zilkr to provide an online structured program that inspires young entrepreneurs. Ciara's entrepreneurial exploits, along with her philanthropic efforts with the Chernobyl Children's Project, were recently recognised at the 2015 Irish Tattler National Woman of the Year Awards.

Ciara is an internationally accomplished speaker, having spoken at events including We Day UK 2015, Wembley Arena, London; Thought For Food Summit 2015, Lisbon; The Web Summit 2015, Dublin; the Digital Ireland Forum 2014, Dublin; and the EU Innovation Convention 2014, Brussels.

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We cannot  
solve our  
problems  
with the same  
thinking we  
used when we  
created them.

— Albert Einstein

# Session 3

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**KashGaines**

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**MariahIdrissi**

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**AnnMakosinski**

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**ConnorGrooms**

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**Rudimental**



## KashGaines

Kash is a dancer, host, filmmaker and co-founder of YAK Films.

He has been traveling the world filming street dance, studying new dance styles and hosting the “Yak Like You Know” show (YLYK) which features new dancers, original styles, fresh music and epic events.

YAK Films is a media crew that covers street dance events worldwide, founded in East Oakland, California in 2008. The original crew met at the Youth UpRising Community Center, where they began working with a local street dance crew called the Turf Feinz. It started when one of their videos commemorating the loss of a dancer’s brother went viral online. They then went looking for other street dance styles and events where dancers would battle each other for money, respect and glory. YAK is dedicated to bringing together quality local visuals, up and coming music artists and the best street dance talent to serve a growing global audience.

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## MariahIdrissi

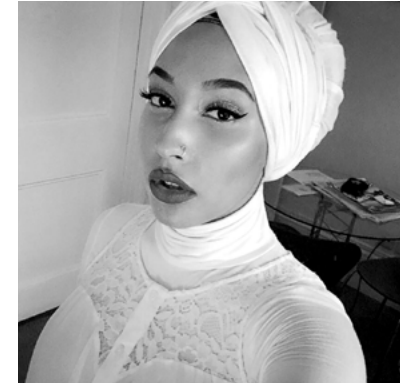
Mariah recently became the world’s first Muslim model in hijab for H&M, earning her worldwide attention.

She has appeared on CNN, BBC News, ITV, CNN and NBC, and been featured in the New York Times, The Telegraph, The Daily Mail, Evening Standard and the Khaleej Times.

She has been interviewed by BBC5 Live, BBC Asian Network, BBC1, as well as other radio stations worldwide, to discuss the issues around Muslims appearing in Western fashion.

Mariah has continued to cause a stir in the fashion world, breaking the “Western ideals” of fashion. With appearances in Harper’s Bazaar, Dazed and Grazia, she has helped to change the modern perception of beauty.

Mariah is not just concerned with making a name for herself in fashion. She wishes to inspire women all over the world with her message of equality.



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## Ann Makosinski

Ann Makosinski is an 18 year-old student, innovator and entrepreneur. Her first toy was a box of transistors. From there, her interest in science and creating arose.

She participated in her local science fair when she was eleven. Tenth grade was when she got inspiration for her first project. One of her friends in the Philippines got a failing grade because she didn't have any electricity or light to study with at night. As a potential solution, Ann invented a flashlight that ran off the heat of the human hand - the Hollow Flashlight. The invention won her age category at the 2013 Google Science Fair, as well as numerous awards at the Intel Science and Engineering Fair. Ann's project has been covered in numerous media outlets. She appeared on the Tonight Show with Jimmy Fallon and was named one of TIMES 30 Under 30. Ann hopes to manufacture her flashlight, bringing the invention to developing countries and including them in emergency kits. Ann also invented the eDrink - a coffee mug that harvests the excess heat of your hot drink and converts it into electricity to charge a phone. Ann debuted the eDrink this October on her second appearance on the Tonight Show.

Ann is an ambassador for the global clothing brand Uniqlo, based on her innovative approach to technology. Ann is featured in this campaign with her Hollow Flashlight, which is related to Uniqlo's heat capturing fleece technology. Ann hopes to inspire youth to be confident and pursue their passions.

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## Connor Grooms

Society has perceived limits on what is possible - how fast you can learn new skills, achieve physical feats, or attain day-dream lifestyles without being rich.

Connor Grooms has built a life, and his education, by breaking those limits.

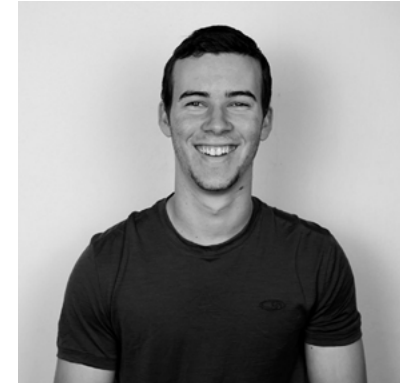
At only 20, Grooms is location independent, traveling and living around the world as he runs his business online, from Saigon to Barcelona to his new homebase in Medellin.

In November 2014, he gained 26 pounds of muscle in a month after a lifetime of being skinny, and wrote the book "Eating for Mass" on how to replicate his results. His book was endorsed by Dan John, one of the biggest names in strength training, as the "missing link".

This past June, he achieved conversational level of Spanish in a single month and self-produced the film, "Spanish in a Month: A Language Learning Documentary" about the experience, which has been featured in outlets like Forbes.

Grooms has nothing to prove - he does it out of curiosity, out of pure intrinsic motivation to learn new things, build an amazing lifestyle and become more interesting. He does it because he knows that education and lifestyle are your responsibilities. Common perception of what is possible is almost always wrong.

Following the success of his "Spanish in a Month" documentary, Grooms founded BaseLang.com - unlimited Spanish tutoring for \$99 a month, which follows the same principles he used to learn so quickly.



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## Rudimental

Throughout the 70s, Sly & The Family Stone and George Clinton's Parliament / Funkadelic made uplifting, utopian, funky rock and soul music that refused to be drawn along lines of race or genre. Four decades later, four friends from London have brought that collective spirit back while also capturing the realities of 21st century British life. The result is *We The Generation* by Rudimental.

*We The Generation* is an album for 2015, from the gospel-tinged *I Will For Love*, to the reggae-meets-drum'n'bass sparkle of *Love Ain't Just A Word*, to the soulful balladry of Ed Sheeran collaborations *Bloodstream* and *Lay It All On Me*. Guests include Rudimental favorites Ella Eyre and MNEK, 70s legends George Clinton, Max Romeo, the late Bobby Womack and Steely Dan's Donald Fagen, alongside new discoveries including sweet-voiced Essex singer Anne-Marie and energetic soul boy Will Heard. It sounds like the future, but it also reaches back to states of being long overdue for revival: togetherness, communality, acceptance.

*We The Generation* builds on everything Rudimental learnt from the success of their 2013 debut *Home*. That album, with its hits *Feel The Love* and *Waiting All Night*, went to number one and launched the careers of Ella Eyre and John Newman in the process, but it also shook up the lives of the four men who made it beyond all recognition.

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