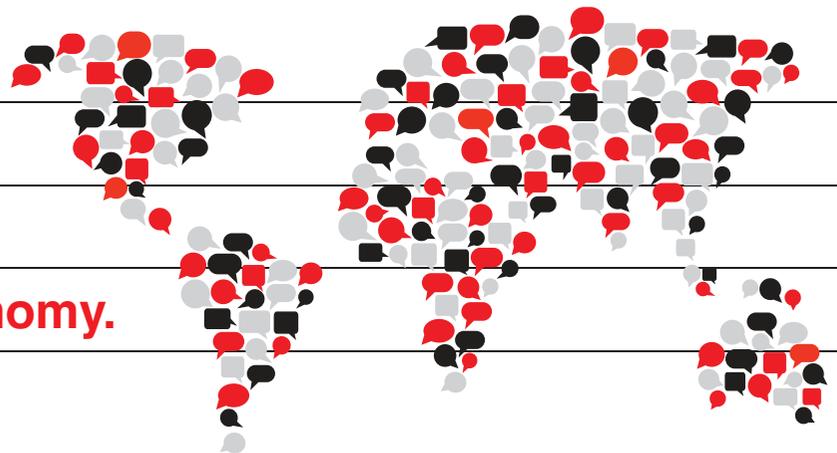


**The Impact of Culture
in a Changing World**

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TEDx Youth@Dun Laoghaire
19th November, 11am - 12.30pm
at The Studio, dlr Lexlcon

Our 2021 young speakers have lived through a global pandemic. They've had time to think about what it means to be a teenager in a time when the world stopped. Everything. Their schooling. Their family lives turned upside down. They learnt how to be resilient. They have learnt what matters most. And most important of all, in finding their voices, they will share their innermost thoughts with us. They've worked collaboratively, supported one another and acquired new communication skills. As importantly, in sharing their stories with us, we'll all gain insights into how they see the world and what it means to be a teenager living through and emerging from a global pandemic. Our speakers this year come from counties Dublin, Laoise and Offaly and their talks will, like each of them, will resonate with teenagers across the globe.

This year 6 young speakers from Dublin, Offaly and Laoise have come together, participated in collaborative coaching and engaged with 5 past young speakers as part of our Young ChangeMakers Peer Mentoring program, where they learn new skills and the art of constructive feedback and teamwork. Having had their opportunity to speak, now they play it forward as volunteers!

Doors open for registration at 10am. Event & Filming begins at 11am sharp. Strictly No late admittance. Late arrivals only after the interval.

Please note: Entry for both events requires proof of vaccination and masks as a courtesy and safety precaution encouraged.

Program Runs 11am –c.12.30pm

Opening Address by Founder Janie Lazar

Sue Adams as MC facilitates

1st Guest Speaker: Ken Gibson, The Leprosy Mission

6 Youth Speakers –

2nd Guest Speaker: Gerry Creighton: What Elephants Teach Me

Appreciation: Ken Gibson

Speaker & Young ChangeMaker Awards

Event Closes

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Speakers:**

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Muireann Byrne

Saul Whelan

Ava Prendergast

Salim Kajani

Sarah Meacle

Our 2021 TEDx Youth@DunLaoghaire Speakers

Kenneth Bracken

Kenneth Bracken is a 17 year old student of Ard Scoil Chiarain Naofa. He has a passion for history and politics and will talk of the need for youth participation in decision making within local communities and politics at local and national levels. He feels leaders of the future are created in the present and that many young people don't know how best to engage in their communities to become involved in the decision making process and for their voices and opinions to be heard.

Muireann Byrne

Muireann Byrne attends St Fergals College Rathdowney, a secondary school in Laois. She is a member of Comhairle na nOg, an Irish child and youth council which gives young people the opportunity to be involved with local services and policies and an active member of the Student Council. Muireann plays camogie with Clough Ballacolla Club, an Irish stick and ball sport played by women and ladies football with Shanahoe Football Club as well as both in her school. Her talk touches on her love of reading.

Saul Whelan

Saul Whelan attends Colaiste Iosagain, a secondary school in Offaly. He is a member of Comhairle na nOg, which is a child and youth council which gives young people the opportunity to be involved with local services and policies. He has talked on behalf of Comhairle na nOg at Co-Op 26 and climate summits. He plays soccer with Arlington AFC. He has been getting help for his anxiety and depression for two years. Saul's talk explores how he deals with it, often with humour and hopes he can help others see it more as an asset than a liability.

Ava Prendergast

Ava Prendergast attends Scoil Chríost Rí, a secondary school in Laois. She works part time in a takeaway restaurant and a stage school. She coaches her local soccer academy. She is a member of Comhairle na nOg, which is a child and youth council which gives young people the opportunity to be involved with local services and policies. She will discuss how sometimes in our fast paced society we cannot help but feel a false sense of exclusion by our community. Ava Prendergast speaks about finding your tribe, your place of belonging and how as a human being that is the most important thing we need.

Salim Kajani

Salim Kajani attends St Michaels College, a secondary school in Dublin. He is a climate activist and is a member of Fridays for Future, an international climate movement led by youth, and the Irish Second-Level Students' Union, the national representative body for school students in Ireland that is led by students for students. He is also a mental health campaigner. In the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic, he found the escape of running. He'll discuss the use of coping mechanisms when dealing with mental illness and how we can use them as a tool to overcome hardship.

Sarah Meacle

Sarah attends Colaiste Naomh Cormac, which is a secondary school in Offaly. She enjoys being an active member of her community and is involved in her local camogie club, which is an Irish stick and ball sport played by women, where she is the Minor captain, and badminton club, where she became a badminton coach. She is also active in her school community where she is secretary of the Green School Committee, which is a committee that raises awareness about the environment in school. She became interested in criminology after her uncle became a victim of an aggravated burglary and wants to demonstrate the importance of community in helping victims recover. She believes that being willing to support one another through difficult times is vital in today's society. Sarah's talk will show how community support is essential in helping families affected by crime.

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Thank you for being with us today. Your support means the world to us all.

On behalf of each and every one of the TEDx Dun Laoghaire Team, thank you!

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