

Encounters TEDEd Club @Vancouver



"The world is waiting to be redefined by the biggest, smallest, boldest, quirkiest, bravest, most inspiring and most brilliant ideas from young people around the world."

Who are we?

The Encounters TEDEd Club is a community based experiential program dedicated to exploring and celebrating the ideas of youth in Vancouver, BC

What do we do?

We discover and explore great ideas with new (and old) friends. We research and develop their ideas worth sharing and learn how to present our ideas to the world in the form of TED-style talks. We also join and contribute to a global knowledge network of tens of thousands of passionate youth in over 100 countries.

We empower youth to:

- Be curious about the world
- Cultivate an openness to difference
- Articulate their identity authentically and confidently
- Cultivate a collaborative ethos
- Express themselves in multiple ways
- Develop empathy – engage the 'other'
- Be informed lifelong learners
- Be leaders TODAY
- Be active global citizens
- Make a difference in their local and global communities
- Serve humanity



IlluminaTED Conference:

This is an annual conference created for youth by youth as an expression of gratitude for the unique experience they have had. We create a space for youth to engage with ideas worth spreading and inspire them to take action, think creatively about their future and build resilience to navigate rapid change. To date we have served over 450 students, established 10 community partners and hosted amazing keynote speakers. We aspire to improve each year, learning from experience and building on it.



Conference Objectives:

- To stimulate and celebrate the creative ideas of students
- To connect students from different backgrounds and cultures to the wider communities in which they live
- To work with a generation of problem solvers, critical thinkers and innovators to make the world a better place
- To create an environment where students explore the encounters between people, communities, cultures, geographies, and within themselves. And to think about how to apply it to contemporary issues relevant to youth.



Highlights from conferences:

[Encounters TED-Ed illuminaTED 2020 - HD.mp4](#)
[Encounters TEDEd illuminaTED 2019.mp4](#)

Some student talks from our club:

Ali Ismail: <https://youtu.be/7DN8yzO0krM>

Mikkah Damji: <https://youtu.be/oDyqkvoPP-w>

Ashiana Sunderji:

<https://youtu.be/nuhmQnLCLng>

Ahmad Devji: <https://youtu.be/zTORnYU6Bhk>

What is the Encounters TEDEd Program:

The Encounters TEDEd Program is a comprehensive experiential program that begins in the classroom and culminates in a student-led conference through iterative cycles of learning. Our focus is student-centered learning, using



critical and experiential pedagogies to teach an integrated curriculum.

Our inspiration:

"... In the encounters of people and cultures, much depends on the path that each has taken to that point ... The subjects have histories. The encounter has complexity and rich dimensionality. The result of an encounter between two people or between two cultures is shaped by the assumptions of each, by their respective goals and ... by the repertoire of responses that each has learned. Encounters therefore have aspects of both the general and the specific. What makes our current time distinctive are the new combinations of people and cultures that are participating in these encounters"

- H.H. the Aga Khan, Commencement Speech MIT, May 27, 1994



Outcomes include: exploring passions, deep self reflection, increased empathy, appreciation of pluralism, increased understanding of individual and communal identity, building 21st century competencies and skills, increased motivation to learn, and commitment to community and serving the world.

Success Factors:

- Authentic Student Voice and Leadership
- Proven mentorship model
- Confident articulation of identity
- Enriching experiences with long-term impact
- Ambassadorship- Building bridges within local, national, and international communities
- Student Talks recognized by TEDEd; and featured on TEDEd Platform



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