

TED^x Darwin

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TEDxDarwin Partners for 2016 helping impact the future

TEDxDarwin, an event that will bring a diverse group of speakers aimed at building the capacity in our community to develop and explore new ideas, is proud to confirm Charles Darwin University as the Foundation Partner for 2016.

Jason Schoolmeester, TEDxDarwin Licensee, said that Charles Darwin University has been one the biggest supporters of TEDxDarwin since the first conference in 2011. "Having the support of our local university is fantastic. We could not bring together people for a day of inspiration, networking and dialogue without the University's support," Mr Schoolmeester said.

Professor Martin Carroll, Pro Vice-Chancellor Academic said that, "At Charles Darwin University, we believe a new world university is one built on social justice, sustainability, creativity and collective effort. A place where everyone can follow their passion to make things better – however big or small."

"CDU is delighted to partner with TEDxDarwin in facilitating opportunities for people to share and hear great ideas that will help shape a brighter future," Prof Carroll added.

In addition to our Foundation Partner, TEDxDarwin is excited to introduce our Collaboration Partners: Captovate, MinterEllison, Master Builders NT, Rust490, Dolphin Software, iSpry Digital Marketing, Torchwood Group and Paul Mead. "At TEDxDarwin, we look for partners, not sponsors. We want our supporters to play an active role in making TEDxDarwin a success," Mr Schoolmeester said.

TEDxDarwin, an independently organised event licensed by TED, will be held on the Saturday, 6 August 2016. TEDxDarwin is a public conference that will take place at the Charles Darwin University Theatre.

In the spirit of ideas worth spreading, TEDx is a program of local, self-organised 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. These local, self-organised events are branded TEDx, where x=independently organised TED event. The TED Conference provides general guidance for the TEDx program, but individual TEDx events are self-organised.

In the lead up to the event we will be releasing an exciting program of speakers and performers that is sure to capture the imagination of everyone in the community as diverse as business people, volunteers, community leaders and public servants. For up to the minute news, you can visit our website at www.tedxdarwin.com, join us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/tedxdarwin or follow us on Twitter at @tedxdarwin.

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A media kit with hi-resolution images and video is available at

<http://www.tedxdarwin.com/media/>

Quotes from TEDxDarwin 2016 Partners:

Charles Darwin University	"We are delighted to partner with TEDxDarwin in facilitating opportunities for people to share and hear great ideas that will help shape a brighter future." Professor Martin Carroll, Pro Vice-Chancellor Academic
Captovate	"Over the past 11 years we have crafted amazing world-class user experiences for our clients. We believe great businesses are built on great experiences. And, we practice a collaborative, user-centric design process that delivers online experiences your users will love. We're very proud to be a supporter of the TEDxDarwin in 2016." Mr Michael Hawkes, Managing Director
Master Builders NT	"Master Builders NT congratulates TEDxDarwin on its third conference in the Territory. As an industry body with 50 years history to its credit, we know that one of the strengths of any community is its ability to work with ideas. We all know that change is inevitable. How we do it will be shaped, in part, by organisations and events like TEDX Darwin." David Malone, Executive Director
MinterEllison	"Our clients are looking for advice that is based on diversity of thought, and that comes from sharing ideas from many perspectives. Turning an idea or old problem on its head and viewing it through a different lens is the way forward in a disrupted world that is ever-changing, where technology and interconnectedness are moving at a rapid pace, and where ultimately, innovation is key to success. That is why MinterEllison supports TEDxDarwin. We understand the importance of new ideas generation and encourage their incubation through platforms such as TEDx." Mr Lachlan Drew, Partner

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About TED

TED is a nonprofit organization devoted to Ideas Worth Spreading, usually in the form of short, powerful talks (18 minutes or fewer) delivered by today's leading thinkers and doers. Many of these talks are given at TED's annual conference in Vancouver, British Columbia, and made available, free, on TED.com. TED speakers have included Bill Gates, Jane Goodall, Elizabeth Gilbert, Sir Richard Branson, Nandan Nilekani, Philippe Starck, Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, Sal Khan and Daniel Kahneman.

TED's open and free initiatives for spreading ideas include TED.com, where new TED Talk videos are posted daily; [the Open Translation Project](#), which provides subtitles and interactive transcripts as well as translations from thousands of volunteers worldwide; the educational initiative [TED-Ed](#); the annual million-dollar [TED Prize](#), which funds exceptional individuals with a "wish," or idea, to create change in the world; [TEDx](#), which provides licenses to thousands of individuals and groups who host local, self-organized TED-style events around the world; and the [TED Fellows](#) program, which selects innovators from around the globe to amplify the impact of their remarkable projects and activities.

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