Taking the Long View

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Exeter Northcott Theatre
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We aim to take the long view back into the past, and explore how it has shaped the world we now live in. We want to ask what responsibilities the past places on us in the way we live now and how we innovate.

Much current political, economic and personal decision-making is rife with short-termism. So we will also take the long view into the future, and ask how it can reveal and help us to understand the challenges that face us now, and shape the way we live and the decisions we make?

TEDTalks video and live speakers will combine to spark deep discussion and connection.

Make a pledge

We hope our speakers today inspire you. We are also challenging you to “take the long view” and send your future self a postcard.*

Please take the time to think about how you could take action in the short term in order to make a difference in the long term.

Put this pledge to yourself in writing and post the card into one of the TEDxExeter pillar boxes.

We will post these cards back to you in six months time and hope they will serve as a timely nudge, a reminder of what you have done or an amusing look back at a failed enterprise.

*We had wanted to facilitate sending your past selves a message, but our budget wouldn’t stretch to that.
Session 1
Open Communities
9.25 - 10.50am
Matthew Owen
Cool Earth: saving rainforest
a village at a time
Will Marshall
Tiny satellites show us the Earth
as it changes in near-real-time
Rachel McKendry
Going viral: the digital future
of public health
Candy Chang
Before I die I want to…
Carmel McConnell
Can we end child hunger in the
6th richest economy?
Break

Session 2
Global Connections
11.35am - 12.45pm
Clive Stafford Smith
My father, mental illness
and the death penalty
Eric Whitacre
A choir as big as the internet
Chetan Bhatt
Visions of a future without origin
stories and identity myths
Karima Bennoune
A video update
Celia McKeon
Reimagining security
Lunch

Session 3
Renewed Visions
2.00 - 3.10pm
Dick Moore
Dancing or drowning in the rain?
Beth Barnes
Effective altruism
Kieron Kirkland
Performance
Jenny Sealey
Sidelined
Sara Hyde
We need to talk about prisons
Break

Session 4
Changing Perspectives
3.45 - 5.10pm
Michelle Ryan
Work-life balance: balancing
time or balancing identity?
Kieron Kirkland
Make magic and influence
people
Peter Randall-Page
Theme and variation
in nature and culture
Andrew Solomon
How the worst moments in our
lives make us who we are
Harry Baker
Performance
Close
Our Speakers

Beth Barnes
Beth is a student in her last year at Exeter College. She became involved in the Effective Altruism movement last year, and started the Exeter Effective Altruism Society. She is currently considering career pathways to making a difference.

Carmel McConnell
Shocked by the numbers of children arriving at school too hungry to learn, Carmel founded Magic Breakfast as the first stage in a global approach to give every hungry child a good breakfast as fuel for learning.

Celia McKeon
Celia is a peace-builder. She has more than 15 years’ experience of supporting and documenting peace processes in various contexts, including the post-Yugoslav states, Colombia and Northern Ireland.

Chetan Bhatt
Chetan is Professor of Sociology and Director of the Centre for the Study of Human Rights at LSE. He has been involved for several decades in international work related to human rights, human freedoms and social justice.

Clive Stafford Smith
Clive is a lawyer specialising in defending people accused of the most serious crimes, representing prisoners facing the death penalty and prisoners held at Guantánamo Bay. He is Founder and Director of the UK legal action charity Reprieve.

Dick Moore
Dick is a campaigner on adolescent emotional wellbeing. He visits businesses and schools around the UK and overseas to talk to pupils, parents and teachers about the challenges of adolescence and the signs and symptoms of common mental health disorders.

Harry Baker
Harry is about to graduate from the University of Bristol. While there, he won the Poetry Slam World Cup; wrote and performed an Edinburgh Fringe show; accidentally become an international rap battler; and released his first anthology of poems.

Jenny Sealey
Jenny co-directed the London 2012 Paralympics Opening Ceremony. As Artistic Director and CEO of Graeae, she has pioneered a new theatrical language, coining the term “Aesthetics of Access”; the creative integration of sign language and audio description within performance.

Kieron Kirkland
Kieron is magician, technologist and social innovation geek. As Magician-in-Residence at the Pervasive Media Studio he created new ways that magic and technology could be intertwined. He has performed everywhere from Shakespeare’s Globe to the Arctic Circle.

Matthew Owen
Matthew co-founded Cool Earth in 2007 to work with indigenous communities keep their rainforest standing. Cool Earth now works throughout the tropics and has put 500,000 acres of endangered forest out of reach of loggers.

Michelle Ryan
Michelle is Professor of Social and Organisational Psychology at the University of Exeter. With colleagues she has uncovered the phenomenon of the glass cliff, whereby women are more likely to be placed in risky or precarious leadership positions.

Peter Randall-Page
Peter has gained an international reputation through his sculpture, drawings and prints. He has exhibited widely, and his work is held in public and private collections world-wide. His public sculptures can be found in many urban and rural locations.

Rachel McKendry
Rachel is Professor of Biomedicine and Nanotechnology at UCL. She is Director of i-sense, an interdisciplinary research collaboration developing global early-warning systems for infectious diseases by combining self-reported symptoms on the web with low-cost mobile phone-connected diagnostic tests.

Sara Hyde
Sara is a leading left-wing thinker on women and the criminal justice system. She has worked in prisons for six years and currently works with young women leaving custody. She also writes and performs with theatre company Wonder arts.
On the stage today, we welcome artwork kindly lent by our speaker Peter Randall-Page.

**Terminal Bud I, II, III & IV**
2009; charcoal on canvas; 200 x 200 cm

The ‘Terminal Bud’ series of drawings are derived from a sequence of cross sections through a bud revealing the spiral phyllotaxis geometry of petals or leaves flooded in a complex balance between order and randomness.

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In the spirit of ideas worth spreading, TED has created a program called TEDx. TEDx is a program of local, self-organized events that bring people together to share a TED-like experience.

Today, there will be talks and performance, an excellent locally-sourced lunch, and wonderful opportunities to connect with speakers and fellow TEDx-ers during the breaks.

TEDxExeter could not have happened today without massive support and input from our team and volunteers. All speakers and entertainers take part on a no-fee basis. We are hugely grateful to each and everyone of them. Huge thanks goes to the amazing Fionn Connolly who will entertain you in the Great Hall.

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