

# TED<sup>x</sup>Exeter

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## **TEDxExeter: the hottest tickets in town sold out in a record 22 minutes**

Massive demand meant that tickets to TEDxExeter 2016 sold out faster than ever before on Tuesday. Tickets for the live event at the Exeter Northcott Theatre sold out in 20 minutes, and tickets for the simultaneous livestream to the nearby Alumni Auditorium all went before the end of the day.

TEDxExeter is Exeter's leading festival of ideas, and next year's conference will be the fifth held in the city. It is also streamed online so that everyone who could not get tickets can still watch it live. Videos of all the talk will also be free to watch online after the event.

"We are delighted at the enthusiasm for tickets for our event," said Claire Kennedy, licensee and curator of TEDxExeter. "The hunger for it has grown exponentially over the five years we have been organising TEDxExeter, and this year's unprecedented rush did cause some problems with the online booking system. Our apologies to those who had a frustrating time as a result, and our thanks to the staff at the Exeter Northcott Theatre for all their hard work getting the bookings through.

"We hope that all those who missed out on tickets will still take part and watch the livestream. It is a great opportunity to get a group of friends or colleagues together and start your own conversations in the breaks. Anyone who wants to run a viewing party can contact us for more information."

A proportion of the tickets for the livestream to the Alumni Auditorium have been reserved for schools groups and there are still a small number available. Schools who want to bring students along should contact Jackie Bagnall, co-ordinator of educational experiences [jackie@tedxexeter.com](mailto:jackie@tedxexeter.com) for more information and a booking form.

TEDxExeter 2016 takes place on Friday 15 April 2016 at the Exeter Northcott Theatre and the Alumni Auditorium at the University of Exeter.

***For more information*** about TEDxExeter please contact Cathy Debenham, [cathy@tedxexeter.com](mailto:cathy@tedxexeter.com), 07786 440129.

*Photographs of past speakers and events are available for download from the TEDxExeter Flickr page. Click on individual pictures to see captions and picture credits.*

### **Notes to editors**

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### **About TEDx**, x = independently organized event

In the spirit of ideas worth spreading, TEDx is a program of local, self-organized events that bring people together to share a TED-like experience. At a TEDx event, TED Talks video and live speakers combine to spark deep discussion and connection. These local, self-organized events are branded TEDx, where x = independently organized TED event. The TED Conference provides general guidance for the TEDx program, but individual TEDx events are self-organized. (Subject to certain rules and regulations.)

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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](http://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](http://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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