

# TEDxWandsworth

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## TEDxWandsworth announces first batch of speakers for 2017

**WANDSWORTH**, 28 July 2017 – TEDxWandsworth 2017 will take place on Saturday 25 November at South Thames College, Wandsworth from 10am – 7pm. The independently organised event, licensed by TED, will feature local voices and TED Talk videos under the theme ‘Truth & Dare’.

This first **six** speakers slated for TEDxWandsworth include:

- David Jubb – Artistic Director and Chief Executive, Battersea Arts Centre (BAC)
- Dr. Brian Klaas – Fellow at London School of Economics, author of “The Despot's Accomplice: How the West is Aiding and Abetting the Decline of Democracy”, and political commentator
- Dallas Pounds – CEO, Royal Trinity Hospice
- Yvonne Ellis – Founder & Director, Daughter Arise
- Jo Youle – CEO, Missing People
- Dr. Jason Leigh Forshaw – Research Fellow at Surrey Space Centre, University of Surrey

Launched in 2009, TEDx is a programme of locally organised events that bring the community together to share a TED-like experience. Some of the best talks from TEDx events have gone on to be featured on TED.com and garnered millions of views from audiences across the globe.

- TEDxWandsworth is a one-day event where 16 invited speakers - representing a cross section of individuals, organisations, and businesses - will address the theme ‘Truth & Dare’, and talk for up to 18 minutes.
- The day will comprise of a variety of performances from across Wandsworth, including Performing Arts students from South Thames College.
- Delegates will have the opportunity to engage with speakers, attendees, and local businesses, and interact with the latest in 3D Virtual Reality technology during breakout sessions. There will also be space to network, decompress and brainstorm ideas
- Lunch is provided as well as an after-event drinks and networking for ticket holders.

Kay Chauhan, Organiser for TEDxWandsworth said:

“It’s our third year running TEDxWandsworth and this year we’ve set the theme as ‘Truth & Dare’. We’re excited about the speakers who have come onboard. We are compelling them to look at the world around us; our communities, our workplaces, the media & democratic institutions, and even to outer space, and asked them to bring truth to power, dare to speak their truth, and invite and empower individuals and institutions with divergent views to think and debate.”

Ms Chauhan, added:

“We are very proud of what we are achieving through TEDxWandsworth. Our past speakers have opened minds and hearts through their talks and TEDx Talk videos, which have now reached over 104,000 views.

“It’s also through the hard work of our volunteers and support from sponsors that we are able to bring the event to Wandsworth. We are growing in numbers and strength. This year we invited potential speakers to pitch their idea in three minutes at the Sound Lounge in Tooting. This exercise helped us to source a diverse range of speakers, some of whom will go on to speak at the main event this November.

“Our speakers come from a cross-section of industry from business, technology, ground-breaking research in science, space and criminal investigation, and great individual stories of triumph over adversity. It’s going to be an amazing day!”

More speakers to be announced in the coming weeks. To read the full profile of each of the speakers go to [www.tedxwandsworth.com](http://www.tedxwandsworth.com) **(Page will be published on FRIDAY, 28 July 2017 at 12.01am)**.

For more information about TEDxWandsworth 2016, and tickets please sign up to our newsletter at <http://www.tedxwandsworth.com/> or visit our social media sites [www.FACEBOOK/TedxWandsworth](https://www.facebook.com/TedxWandsworth) Twitter/Instagram [@TEDxWandsworth](https://twitter.com/TEDxWandsworth).

## Notes to Editor:

1. Speaker profiles will be published on website at 12.01, Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at [www.tedxwandsworth.com/speakers](http://www.tedxwandsworth.com/speakers)
2. For interviews contact Kalpana (Kay) Chauhan at: [kchauhan@tedxwandsworth.com](mailto:kchauhan@tedxwandsworth.com). Speaker profile pictures are available upload via [Google Drive](#). Pictures from TEDxWandsworth 2015 & 2016 events are available [here](#).
3. TEDxWandsworth partners include: [South Thames College](#), [Naked Ideas](#), [Brian Galloway photography](#).
4. Videos of TEDxWandsworth 2015 & 2016 are available to view at: [www.tedxwandsworth.com](http://www.tedxwandsworth.com)
5. TEDxWandsworth will take place at South Thames College, Wandsworth on Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> November 2017, 10am -7pm.

## About TED

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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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