

Young Adults Summer Programme 2024: Invited Speakers

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Opening Plenary Speakers



Business Pioneers: Fraser Doherty MBE What makes a successful entrepreneur?

Fraser Doherty's remarkable journey began at fourteen when he transformed a passion for making jam into the innovative brand, SuperJam. His 100% fruit jam captivated major supermarkets, making him the youngest supplier at sixteen. SuperJam has flourished globally, selling millions of jars, funding charitable initiatives, and earning Fraser accolades, including an MBE. As a Visiting Professor, he shares his inspiring entrepreneurial story worldwide.



Closing Plenary Speakers

Intake 1: 30 June to 13 July: Charlie Walker

How can you develop perseverance & resilience? Charlie, a British explorer, writer, photographer, and motivational speaker, specializes in long-distance, human-powered expeditions. Charlie's diverse expeditions demonstrate resilience, introspection, and a passion for exploring the world's remotest regions. His inspiring talks encourage audiences to learn from wilderness experiences, promoting themes of perseverance, goal-setting, positive failure, leadership, teamwork, and resilience.



Global Leaders: David Saddington

How can young people become agents for positive change in the world?

Renowned climate change activist David Saddington, recognized as a leading expert, has significantly impacted UK and international policy. His pioneering climate media campaign, reaching over 3 million on BBC, Sky, and ITV, showcases his commitment. At 25, he engages diverse audiences worldwide, emphasizing simple yet impactful climate science communication.



Digital Innovators: Nick Corston

Digital media and new forms of creative expression

Nick, a recognized advocate for creativity in education, has earned acclaim from Wired, The Guardian, and education leaders nationwide. Acknowledged by Hot Topic as a top global edtech leader, and with an extensive background in technology, creativity, and communication, Nick champions a future where passion and art connect communities and schools.



Intake 2:14 July to 27 July: Lucy Shepherd

What are the secrets of leadership and teamwork?

Lucy Shepherd, a 29-year-old pioneer in modern exploration, shares her secrets for staying positive and achieving ambitious goals. Lucy blends resilience, leadership, and environmental advocacy to educate about the planet's fragility. Lucy's talks emphasize facing adversity, pursuing dreams, and fostering positivity, creativity, and curiosity, making her a vital presence on the world stage.



Intake 3: 28 July to 10 August: David Hyner

Raising aspirations: motivational goal setting

David, an accomplished international motivational speaker and bestselling author, boasts a remarkable career as a BBC Radio show host, record-breaking charity fundraiser, and researcher. With over 250 interviews of top achievers, he addresses global audiences of 10,000-50,000 annually, delivering impactful results. Recognized for excellence, he holds prestigious awards, including the Speaker Hall of Fame.