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**The MindShare Learning Report Partners to Host Inaugural
TEDxOntarioEd
Friday, April 9, 2010**

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London, Ontario: Wednesday, April 7, 2010— The stage is set for Ontario's first ever TEDxOntarioEd event taking place this Friday, April 9 at the London Catholic District School Board offices and online.

The MindShare Learning Report will serve as exclusive sponsor of this inaugural leadership event. "We were thrilled to be offered the opportunity partner with TEDxOntarioEd. The MindShare Learning Report mission is to share knowledge and transform learning in the 21st Century across Ontario and beyond. We share the same vision of TEDxOntarioEd," said Robert Martellacci, President & Publisher, The MindShare Learning Report.

"TEDxOntarioEd offers the opportunity for bringing academics, educators, students, and thought provoking individuals from various sectors together to discuss how we can motivate students," said Ben Hazzard, TEDxOntarioEd Organizing Committee member.

TEDxOntarioEd is where educators, academics, students, and other remarkable people will have 5 minutes to share their 'idea worth spreading' about motivation. This dynamic sharing will discuss the concept of motivation, how it relates to students and educators in our rapidly changing world, the tools that enable motivation, and how motivation is manifested in various contexts. Through the support of TED, this event promises to bring together creative minds from across Canada that will immerse an audience of live and remote participants in a rich dialogue about innovative ideas.

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Educators, change agents and community members interested in improving the educational experiences of student learners are attending TEDxOntarioEd. There will be approximately 100 'in person' attendees in London, Ontario. Other attendees will participate in satellite locations around the province, which currently include: Windsor, Richmond Hill, Peterborough, and Ottawa. Other attendees from around the globe will experience TEDxOntarioEd in an online environment via a web-based video stream at the TEDxOntarioEd.ca website.

Some of the best and brightest educational thought leaders is a tentative list of speakers for the TEDxOntarioEd event. This is subject to change and addition as more confirmations are received.

Our Emcee:

Dan Misener (Toronto, Ontario)

Producer of [Spark](#), CBC's national radio show about tech, trends, and fresh ideas. Past contributor to the CBC radio shows: [Go](#), [DNTO](#), and Lost and Found. Past producer of a bunch of short docs for the CBC's Content Factory and Radio Syndication. Some people believe that he is [Dan Dupreee](#). Blogs at danmisener.com, plays in a rock and roll band called [The Canaries](#), organizes a reading series called [Grownups Read Things They Wrote as Kids](#), and teaches audio production at [Ryerson University](#).

Speakers:

Below is a tentative list of speakers for the TEDxOntarioEd event. This is subject to changes and additions as more confirmations are received.

Danika Barker (London, Ontario)

Secondary school teacher, [education blogger](#), and former learning coordinator with an interest to bring innovation to secondary English and history classrooms. [See her bio here.](#)

Jesse Brown (Toronto, Ontario)

Host and co-producer for [Search Engine](#), an audio and video podcast for TVO, and the co-founder of [Bitstrips.com](#).

Alec Couros (Regina, Saskatchewan)

Professor of Educational Technology and Media, Faculty of Education, University of Regina and an active [blogger](#).

Paul Finkelstein (Stratford, Ontario)

Secondary school culinary arts teacher, [FoodTV host](#), and former professional chef. [See his bio here.](#)

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Kathy Hibbert (London, Ontario)

Assistant Professor, Faculty of Education, University of Western Ontario and developer of [ATM Confessions](#), a financial literacy resource, as well as the [Salty Chip](#), a space for teachers and students to share and build upon their work as they develop their use of multiliteracies.

Lee LeFever (Seattle, Washington)

Co-founder and modern 'explainer' who teaches technology 'In Plain English' at [Common Craft](#).

Tim Long (California)

Writer and Executive Producer for The Simpsons and contributing blogger for VanityFair.com.

Zoe Branigan-Pipe (Hamilton, Ontario)

Elementary school teacher and [blogger](#) who advocates using technology in the classroom.

Joey Savoy (Miramichi, New Brunswick)

Technology coordinator and teacher who actively shares his understanding via [twitter](#).

Tim (Petrolia, Ontario)

Grade 11 student and member of Minister of Education's Student Voice Panel.

Nathan Toft and Jane Smith (Ottawa, Ontario)

Junior division teachers, and co-founders of [Portableradio.ca](#) and [PortablePD.ca](#).

Ray Zahab (Chelsea, Quebec)

Winner of numerous international ultra marathons, the subject of a documentary narrated by Matt Damon, TED speaker, and [impossible2possible.com](#).

TEDxOntario Ed Satellite Viewing Locations:

Educators will be gathering together in several remote viewing locations to engage in conversation and professional learning as they view the live stream of the TEDxOntarioEd events. Some of the sites that are being planned include:

- Windsor, Ontario • Hamilton, Ontario • Guelph, Ontario
- Brampton, Ontario • Richmond Hill, Ontario • Peterborough, Ontario • Peace River, British Columbia • Lloydminster, Saskatchewan • Winnipeg, Manitoba • Montreal, Quebec • O'Neil, Nebraska • Lansing, Michigan • Melbourne, Australia

Additional information, tickets, and contact information are available at [TEDxOntarioEd.ca](#).

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