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# *Volunteers* *Booklet*

**2012** *Organizing Team*

***Volunteers do not  
necessarily have the time;  
they just have the heart.***

*Elizabeth Andrew*



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## **Dear Volunteers,**

Welcome to TEDxAthens 2012 and congratulations for your decision to follow us on this extraordinary way to show our passion for “ideas worth spreading”.

It is a great honor for this conference to see talented & passionate people to value the benefits of a voluntary experience.

Through your active participation to the organizational part of the conference, you will have the chance to watch for free some inspirational sessions and to interact with extraordinary people. You can also grab this opportunity to strengthen your CV and expand your network!

So, enjoy every moment of this experience, contributing time and enthusiasm towards the success of the event. In that way, you will gain personal motivation, and you are going to live an unforgettable, self-improving experience!

Last but not least, we would like you to remember this phrase about volunteerism:

***“Volunteers are not paid -- not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless...”***

On behalf of the TEDx Athens Team,

**Dimitris Kalavros-Gousiou**

TEDxAthens Founder and Curator



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## / All About TED

TED is an annual event where some of the world's leading thinkers and doers are invited to share what they are most passionate about. "TED" stands for Technology, Entertainment, Design - three broad subject areas that are, collectively, shaping our future. And in fact, the event is broader still, showcasing ideas that matter in any discipline. Attendees have called it "the ultimate brain experience" and "a journey into the future." The diverse audience -CEOs, scientists, creatives, philanthropists- is almost as extraordinary as the speakers, who have included Bill Clinton, Bill Gates, Jane Goodall, Frank Gehry, Paul Simon, Sir Richard Branson, Philippe Starck and Bono.

## / TED<sup>x</sup> in brief

TED<sup>x</sup> is a program of local, self-organized events that bring people together to share ideas worth spreading. At a TED<sup>x</sup> event - where "x" stands for independently organized event - TED Conference only provides general guidance and TEDTalks, videos and live speakers combine to spark deep discussion and connection.

In the spirit of ideas worth spreading, TED<sup>x</sup> is a program of local, self-organized events that bring people together to share a TED-like experience. At a TED<sup>x</sup> event, TEDTalks video and live speakers combine to spark deep discussion and connection in a small group. These local, self-organized events are branded TED<sup>x</sup>, where x = independently organized TED event. The TED Conference provides general guidance for the TEDx program, but individual TED<sup>x</sup> events are self-organized.

## / TED<sup>x</sup>Athens 2012

The subject for this year is "**The Ones Who Do**", extending invitations to visionary individuals from a variety of fields challenging commonly held preconceptions and pre-established boundaries in their field. The Ones Who Do are individuals pushing boundaries dreaming of a different world; the One Who Do seek to find ways of making their ingenuous vision an everyday reality. Any individual challenging widely-held preconceptions regarding how the world works or how the world should work redefines not only our perception of the world but also how our actions might affect the world. Our choice of subject is not only topical but urgent: we need to be active in the way we approach the world itself.

## ***Why should I join the TED<sup>x</sup> Athens 2012 Volunteers Team?***

- Strengthen your CV.  
(you are going to receive a certificate of participation in the Supporting Committee)
- Beautiful Experience that is going to improve your personality.
- Chance to watch some TED<sup>x</sup> Talks for free.
- Increase your network with all the benefits that this mean.

## ***What qualifications are required to become a volunteer?***

- Speak Greek and English (the more language you speak-the best).
- Complete the Volunteers Program Application Form.
- Attend the Seminars that we will organize after your election.
- Contribute with your time and enthusiasm towards the success of the event.



## *When and for how long will my services be required?*

- Volunteer Election: Second & Third Week of October.
- Education Meetings  
General Training: Last week of October  
Functional Training: 3rd week of November
- Preworking Period 16 - 23 November 2012
- Event 23-24 November 2012

## *Top 3 TED & TED<sup>x</sup> Athens Talks*

### */ TED Talks*

#### **Ken Robinson says schools kill creativity**

[http://www.ted.com/talks/ken\\_robinson\\_says\\_schools\\_kill\\_creativity.html](http://www.ted.com/talks/ken_robinson_says_schools_kill_creativity.html)

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#### **Rory Sutherland: Perspective is everything**

[http://www.ted.com/talks/rory\\_sutherland\\_perspective\\_is\\_everything.html](http://www.ted.com/talks/rory_sutherland_perspective_is_everything.html)

### */ Bonus Videos*

#### **TED<sup>x</sup> Athens 2011 Experience - The Disruptive Documentary**

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RZBgfRXolv4>



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*Let's bring volunteerism to the extra mile!*  
**Good luck and thanks  
for your application!!!**

*“If you see someone  
without a smile ...  
**give them one  
of yours”***

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