

Media Release

TEDxPembroke Line-Up of Speakers Will Dream Big

(Pembroke-October 26, 2016) The Chief Executive Officer of Canadian Nuclear Laboratories and the Director of Emergency Services for the County of Renfrew will be among a group of seven dynamic speakers who will launch the first TEDxPembroke event on Saturday, November 12 at Algonquin College's Waterfront Campus.

Under the theme of "dream big," Mark Lesinski of CNL will be talking about the opportunity for innovative nuclear reactor technologies, with a focus on very small modular reactors. Lesinski will argue that the technology holds great promise for reducing carbon emissions and is a clean, safe and cost effective source of energy for rural and remote areas.



As Renfrew County's Chief Paramedic, Michael Nolan has gained attention for his innovative leadership in preventative ambulatory care. Nolan has published many papers on identifying and evaluating risk of socially isolated and vulnerable older adults.

Nolan's TEDx talk will speak to innovation in leadership and mobilization, ranging from grassroots engagement to informing and shaping national and international health policy to support and sustain community development.

The line-up also includes Mitch Kurylowicz, the founder and driving force behind Project Jenga, a non-profit organization working to promote and fundraise for gender equality in Kenya. Kurylowicz will engage his audience with a message about how luck influences our lives, and what happens if you don't have it. In his opinion, you need to make luck!

Craig Gauthier, originally from the Pembroke area, is a self-proclaimed creative "geek", who wears many hats including entrepreneur, consultant, filmmaker, author and speaker. He promises an inspirational and practical talk on finding your keys to success.



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Dr. Duncan Stewart is the General Manager and Director General of Canada's National Research Council. His talk will focus on the importance of entrepreneurship and innovation, particularly in Canada's rural regions.

Two Algonquin College Environmental Technician students will also make presentations. Aarika Charlebois will speak on overcoming hardships and obstacles to achieve personal goals while Emily Krutzelmann will share her personal journey to achieve success in her life.

Seating is limited for this TEDxPembroke event which will run from 3 to 6 p.m., with doors opening at 2 p.m., and will include some TED Talk videos as well light desserts and beverages. A cash bar will also be available. Tickets cost \$35.25 and are available at Algonquin College's Waterfront Campus or on line at tedxpembroke.com/tickets.



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