

James Arthur, Emilio Estevez, Rupri Kaur, Sarah McLachlan, David Suzuki and WE Charity's Craig Kielburger and Marc Kielburger celebrate young people leading social change at WE Day Toronto

- WE Day Toronto will stream live at **9:00 a.m. ET** today at we.org/watchweday –
- WE Day Toronto is free to students thanks to partners led by Co-Title Sponsors [RBC](#) and [TELUS](#) –
- WE Carpet photos will be available at **10 a.m. ET** and WE Day Toronto photos will be available at **4 p.m. ET** in the [Electronic Press Kit](#) –

Toronto (September 19, 2019) – Today, [WE Day Toronto](#) returns to the Scotiabank Arena bringing together thousands of students and teachers from across the province who have created a lasting change in their local and global communities. This inspiring celebration for social good features renowned speakers, innovative thought leaders and dynamic performers including, **James Arthur**, **Emilio Estevez**, WE co-founders, [Craig Kielburger](#) and [Marc Kielburger](#), **Rupri Kaur**, **Sarah McLachlan**, **Johnny Orlando**, **David Suzuki** and more. The lineup of speakers and performers will be joined by the coveted Toronto Raptors' **Larry O'Brien NBA championship trophy** on the WE Day Toronto WE 'blue' Carpet, ahead of the event.

"I'm so grateful for the opportunity to be a part of a celebration that gives young people a platform to speak out and take action on the issues that they care about," said Singer, **James Arthur**. "It's encouraging to know that no matter how challenging it may seem, everyone at WE Day Toronto is here to support one another and bring good to the world; it's absolutely incredible."

List of WE Day Toronto speakers, presenters and performers in alphabetical order, include:

- **Appearances by:** Dillion Adams-Lane, Isabelle al Jabri, Asfiya Aziz, Nav Bhatia, Celebrity Marauders, Alessa Crispo, Jessi Cruickshank, Maddy Dimakos, Tyrone Edwards, Emilio Estevez, Mohammed Faizy, Jordan Fisher, Lauren and Kaitlin Grierson, Sarain Fox, Connor Franta, Reina Foster, Jacob Grosberg, Jade's Hip Hop Academy, Theland Kicknosway, Craig Kielburger, Marc Kielburger, Aiden Lee, Nichole Leveck, Penny Oleksiak, James Orbinski, Jenna Ortega, Johnny Orlando, Dr. Pamela Palmater, Marissa Papaconstatinou, David Patchell-Evans, Regent Park School of Music, Navia Robinson, Wali Shah, Price Smith, David Suzuki, Maddison Tory, George Yachouh, Alia Youssef, Spencer West, Chloe Wilde
- **Performers:** James Arthur, Scott Helman, Rupri Kaur, Sarah McLachlan, SonReal

More than a one-day event, WE Day is connected to the free, yearlong service learning program [WE Schools](#). Designed to enhance a school or community's existing social initiatives or spark new ones, WE Schools provides teachers with educational resources and action campaigns to encourage students to further their curricular learning and develop social and emotional skills to succeed beyond the classroom. In the 2018/2019 school year, over 3,200 school groups from across the province participated in WE Schools, creating socially innovative solutions to today's pressing issues and taking action in support of global and local causes including hunger, poverty, bullying, well-being, equality, access to education and access to clean water in communities across the globe.

Speakers and performers at WE Day Toronto will energize the crowd through a day filled with powerful educational speeches, inspirational moments and empowering performances. A few must-see highlights include:

- Singer and songwriter, **Sarah McLachlan** performs *World on Fire* and *Angel* along with the **Regent Park School of Music** choir.

- Poet, artist and performer, **Rupi Kaur** performs her powerful poem, *Broken English*.
- Canada's most decorated summer Olympian at a single Olympics, **Penny Oleksiak**, introduces fellow athlete, Paralympian, **Marissa Papaconstantinou**, who speaks about how overcoming obstacles and learning from both your achievements and failures are all part of the journey towards success.
- A surprise video message from **Bianca Andreescu** Canada's first Grand Slam singles champion, that celebrates the hard work and determination of the youth in the audience.
- Singer-songwriter, **James Arthur** closes off the day with an incredible performance of his hit songs, *Impossible*, *Rewrite the Stars* and *Say You Won't Let Go*.

"Changing the world is no small feat, and every student and teacher at WE Day Toronto has stepped up to the challenge of making an impact in their local communities and beyond," said [Craig Kielburger](#), co-founder of WE. "The energy of thousands of committed young people excited to make a difference is like nothing else in the world, and I'm grateful to have the opportunity to honour and celebrate them today."

WE Day is free of charge to students and teachers across Canada thanks to the generous support of partners led by National Co-Title Sponsors [RBC](#) and [TELUS](#). This means students can't buy a ticket to WE Day Toronto—educators and youth from across the province earn their way by taking action on one local and one global issue of their choice.

The WE Day magic continues across the country with the inspirational one-hour WE Day special airing **Saturday, Nov. 23 at 7 p.m. ET** on CTV and the CTV App. Made possible by Co-Title Sponsors [RBC](#) and [TELUS](#), the WE Day special will showcase the amazing stories of youth, teachers and families who have taken action to change the world

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socially conscious products and experiences to help support the charity, and [WE Day](#), filling stadiums around the world with the greatest celebration of social good.

[WE Charity](#) was founded by [New York Times Bestselling authors Craig Kielburger](#) and [Marc Kielburger](#), in 1995, with a mission to fight child labor. WE has since grown and evolved to address the root cause of child labor - extreme poverty. In the past 24 years, [WE](#)'s programs have empowered over 1 million people with clean water, built 1,500 schools and schoolrooms overseas, and empowered more than 200,000 children with access to education.

[WE](#) enables youth and families to better the world—supporting 7,200+ local and global causes by volunteering millions of hours of service, shopping daily with an impact, and raising millions of dollars that directly benefit their local communities and the world.

WE's headquarters is based in downtown Toronto at the [WE Global Learning Centre](#), a service and social innovation accelerator for young people, leading them to become the next generation of leaders and towards a brighter future.

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