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MOST INCLUSIVE EVENT AWARD

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WHAT IS THE MOST INCLUSIVE EVENT AWARD?

Each year, the Societies Council (SOC) provides an award for the most inclusive event run by a SOC affiliated club. This is to encourage clubs to ensure their events are diverse in the students they attract, cater to a wide variety of interests, and provide an inclusive atmosphere. This year (2021), this award will be voted upon by the student body in way of a survey. You will need to nominate your event to be in the running to win this award!

MOST INCLUSIVE EVENT CRITERIA

The winner of the Most Inclusive Event Award is determined by the SOC Committee and this year, the student body. Please provide the following information in your application:

Briefly outline the event for which this application is being submitted; include details such as when, where, price, attendance and a brief description of the event

- Provide photographic evidence of the event
- Provide a copy of any advertising used to promote the event (posters, photos of any banners etc), if this is unavailable a description will suffice
- Provide proof that the event was submitted to the Guild (either through the Events Calendar or an Event Management Plan)
- Briefly outline how the event meets the definition of “inclusive”
- Any additional information that may benefit your submission.

HOW TO APPLY

To apply for the Most Inclusive Award, clubs must submit a written application addressing the criteria listed above by 5PM on the 20th of September. Applications should comply with the following:

- Include a completed Most Inclusive Award Application Coversheet
- 10 page maximum, excluding (this) coversheet
- Be submitted via email in PDF format to soc@guild.uwa.edu.au
- May include any photos and publicity material in support of the application

For any queries relating to the Most Inclusive Event Award, please contact the SOC President Eleanor at soc@guild.uwa.edu.au.

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THE EVENT

This application is being submitted for our event, *TEDxUWASalon: Symbiosis*. It was held at EZONE on the 12th of July earlier this year. Tickets were \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members, and the event saw an attendance of 90.

TEDxUWASalon: Symbiosis was a TED-like event that aimed to provide attendees with an eye-opening experience in an environment that encouraged and facilitated the sharing of ideas. We had 4 speakers share their ideas in order to create a synergy of ideas within the STEAM and education industries. Attendees were able to enjoy the talks and engage in enlightening conversations with the speakers during intermission. Attendees also got the opportunity to network with 6 amazing STEAM focused stalls manned by UWA professors and student-led clubs, while grabbing a drink and a bite to eat. We also had a stall facilitated by Young Engineers to provide a more hands-on learning experience for attendees that were interested in a more practical manner of engaging with ideas.

WHY IT WAS INCLUSIVE

TEDxUWA always has inclusivity in mind when planning events and it really showed with *TEDxUWASalon: Symbiosis*. The STEAM industry, like many others, can lack diversity so it was important to us that we provided attendees with an experience that was more reflective of the diverse group of people that have an interest in the STEAM field.

With this in mind, our Speaker Resources team scouted speakers that had innovative ideas and a desire to make a positive impact on the STEAM community. The speakers that we confirmed for the event all believed in the importance of diversity and inclusion in the field. Simon Fittock and Dr. Amber Boyatzis are both good examples of this.

Simon Fittock is a PhD candidate researching system-level social justice leadership and the unjust reality faced by disadvantaged students in Australia. His talk was centred around good education and the opportunities for success for all learners. He spoke about how unrealistic it is to expect all students to learn the same way and at the same pace, especially when some students also face economic, cultural and political injustices on a daily basis. He drew on his area of research along with his work with some of the most isolated Indigenous communities and educators from all walks of life to form his inspiring talk.

Dr. Amber Boyatzis is an early-career teaching-intensive academic. Their talk was about how people studying scientific subjects should appreciate that there are many means of understanding if they want to be successful in their mission to help others. They spoke about how science is a humble practice that contains a myriad of human things like our limitations and

also our aspirations. That due to the influence of human traits, science is built on doubt and when doing science, there is always the potential to be wrong. How, despite this, scientists are always actively working together to make it better. Their message was an impactful one and their belief that everyone brings something different to the big picture subtly conveyed the importance of inclusivity in STEAM.

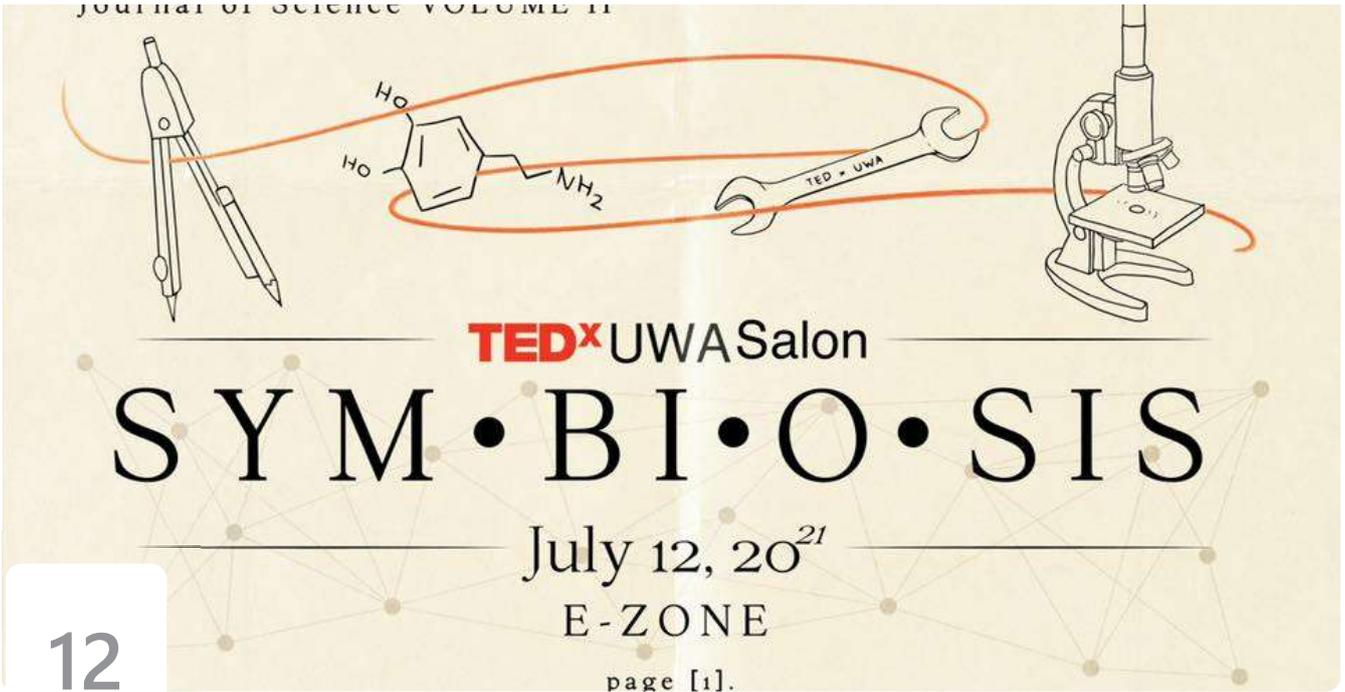
We were also fortunate enough to have several different stalls at our event, manned by a diverse group of UWA staff and students. They showcased their STEAM focused ideas and creations during the intermission, and attendees got the opportunity to learn more about staff and student-led innovation on the UWA campus. Student-led clubs like *Engineers Without Borders*, *CPEC*, and *UWA Science Union* displayed their projects related to sustainability and innovation in STEAM related fields. ALVA Professor *Santiago Perez*, on the other hand, put on an impressive display with a robot that he programmed. He showcased the robot's ability to paint and also spoke about the creative ways his architecture students were using robots to assist in the construction of buildings.

With the stall holders coming from a variety of different STEAM backgrounds and being at different educational levels, attendees were exposed to a wide variety of perspectives. Attendees were able to see how all these different stalls approached the issues facing STEAM and the various steps they believed we should take to improve them. Attendees, speakers and stall holders alike were able to share their diverse experiences and views in a comfortable environment.

It is likely due to our diverse group of speakers and stall holders that the attendees at the event ended up being from all different walks of life. We had a wide age range from high school students to late-career professionals. We also had people from many different disciplines, some not related to STEAM at all, attend the event as well as people from a wide variety of cultural backgrounds.

As the sharing of ideas is a central part of our events, we ensured that we provided an inclusive environment for speakers, stall holders and attendees alike to connect with each other and exchange ideas. We did this by holding the intermission in a wheelchair accessible space and ensured that we accounted for any requirements attendees may have to make the event as accessible and comfortable for them as possible by having a requirements section on the ticket purchase page. We also ensured that we had vegetarian, vegan, gluten free and nut-free catering options available so that all attendees could grab a bite to eat during intermission. Our committee was also present during intermission and was readily available to assist anyone that might be uncomfortable or simply had an issue that required our attention.

After the event was over, we sent out a feedback form that would allow us to see what we did well and what could be improved. We were delighted to see that attendees found the event to be informative and an all around, good experience.



MONDAY, JULY 12, 2021 AT 5 PM UTC+08 – 9 PM UTC+08

TEDxUWASalon: Symbiosis

EZONE UWA Student Hub, Crawley WA 6009

Going



Details

160 people responded



Event by TEDx UWA

EZONE UWA Student Hub, Crawley WA 6009

Duration: 4 hr

Public · Anyone on or off Facebook

Symbiosis: any relationship or interaction between two dissimilar organisms.

It's all about synergies – unlikely comrades joining forces to make each individual stronger and better... [See More](#)

Networking









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to me ▾

Begin forwarded message:

From: UWA Student Guild <donotreply@guild.uwa.edu.au>
Date: 6 July 2021 at 3:51:02 pm AWST
Subject: Event request for TEDxUWA Salon: Symbiosis has been approved
Reply-To: events@guild.uwa.edu.au

Hi Aditya,

Tiana has approved your event for TEDxUWASalon: Symbiosis

Further comments:

Please remember to contact trace this event.

Thanks!

If you have any further questions, please let us know at events@guild.uwa.edu.au.

Kind regards,

UWA Student Guild Team

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Event Actions ↓	🔒	Approved	Medium	📄 TEDxUWA	Academic	TEDxUWASalon: Symbiosis	12 Jul 2021	12 Jul 2021	100+	EZONE North Learning Studios 1.09, 1.10 & 1.11 & EZONE Social	Aditya Gupta
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