

TEDx Wilmington

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What you should know and agree to as a TEDxWilmington Committee Member

As a TEDxWilmington Committee Member, you have the opportunity to work towards bringing a remarkable event to life with a diverse group of passionate individuals who are on a whole new level of insane. In fact, it just may be that they invented the thing, because you will find them working for the event at all sorts of ungodly hours, often only surviving on snacks, caffeine, and the goodwill of their peers. They do not do this because they like to torture themselves, they do it because they believe in what they are doing, and they believe in the power of collective genius to turn things around. This is why TEDxWilmington is going to be an event and an experience to remember. You seem to have the same kind of spirit, and this is why you have been called upon to be a part of it and join in on the crazy.

Please note that this document is not intended to be a legally binding contract between us. As you know, neither party intend any employment relationship to be created at this time.

So please – check the ego at the door, read and agree to the following, and let's begin!

The Oath

By agreeing to collaborate as an official TEDxWilmington Committee Member, I agree to the following:

Leading Up to The Event:

1. I will believe in the power of collective genius. I will learn and share and walk the talk with pride.
2. I am going to research and abide by the governing TEDx rules like it's going out of style, and know what I'm talking about when I open my mouth about all things TED, TEDx, and TEDxWilmington (They have VERY SPECIFIC rules so this is CRITICAL <https://www.ted.com/participate/organize-a-local-tedx-event/before-you-start/what-is-a-tedx-event>).
3. We will have monthly meetings leading up to events, and weekly meetings a month form events. I am going to exercise my right to be awesomely cool and show up for meetings and be present as often as possible. This event will require everyone's commitment!
4. I will not quit, no matter what. Once I'm in, I'm in. There is no option of divorce in this relationship, unless something apocalyptic like a zombie takeover happens. Even then I will reconsider my decision to quit.

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5. I will maintain team spirit by being supportive, constructive and respectful of other's opinions. I will question things and give suggestions to make things better, not to randomly rip them apart.
6. I will hold myself and my team accountable for doing what needs to be done, I will aim big, and dream bigger. I will not let pessimism take me over. I will defeat negativity with my optimism and with my genius. If things get tough, I'll get tougher. I'll give help and seek help without delay. If there is one thing I take away from this whole experience, it's working with a highly passionate team that operates like the 1995-1996 Chicago Bulls on the court.
7. I'll do what I say I'm going to do and complete my assignments to the best of my ability and when they are due.
8. I will share my bio and headshot within the requested time frame and will allow you to use my name, image, and likeness in all marketing materials showing how cool I am.

Day of the Event:

9. Meg Wall, the Event Manager, is the boss. No really. She's the glue that will keep everything together.
10. I will discuss any grievances in private with Meg and try to resolve any issues with the kind of dignity that will set new standards of class. I recognize this is a grassroots effort so challenges are to be expected.
11. We are a fully united team and I will never say 'no' when asked to perform a task, no matter how boring, lowly or far from the glory and excitement of the stage.
12. If I can't be there for a task, I will alert Meg ASAP so that the poor thing can arrange for someone else to cover.
13. I will not abandon team members to face bump out, particularly team members who have been putting in 20-hour days for weeks in advance, to bump out alone.
14. I will have so much fun, my friends and family members will want to join the committee next year just to see what I'm on.
15. I will be the best Committee Member that TEDxWilmington has ever known. A 10/10.

Added items:

16. I understand that I will not be reimbursed for my services and this is fully a volunteer position.
17. I will read and abide by the governing TEDx rules.
18. I am willing to contribute on average _____ hours to TEDxWilmington per week. I understand that this amount may change.

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19. I agree to help setup on the morning of the event, be present for the full event, as well as stay after to help with anything additionally.

Name

Signature

Date

I have signed on to become an official TEDxWilmington Committee Member.