

Canadian Space Agency astronaut David Saint-Jacques joins live from the International Space Station for interactive Q and A session as Ria Mae, Johnny Orlando and more celebrate young change-makers at WE Day Montreal

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Montreal, QC (February 11, 2019) – Today, [WE Day](#) returns to Montreal bringing together 2,000 students and educators at **Théâtre Saint-Denis** to celebrate young people committed to making a difference. This inspiring youth empowerment event features renowned speakers, innovative thought leaders and dynamic performers including Canadian Space Agency astronaut **David Saint-Jacques**, who will be joining live from the International Space Station with WE co-founder, **Craig Kielburger**, co-hosts **Tyrone Edwards** and **Chloe Wilde**, alongside **Nalie Agustin**, **Simone Aslan**, **Neon Dreams**, **Celebrity Marauders**, **Nakuset**, **Fariha Naqvi-Mohamed**, **Ibrahim Musa**, **Ria Mae**, **Safia Nolin**, **SonReal**, **Paula Toledo**, **Setiz Taheri**, **Asalah Youssef** and [more](#).

“We’re beyond grateful to return to the WE Day stage to perform for such an inspiring group of kids,” said Adrian Morris and Frank Kadillac, from Halifax Hit-makers, **Neon Dreams**. “Their dedication all year long in leading the charge for the causes they’re passionate about, is so impressive and leaves us hopeful for the next generation.”

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

- Canadian Space Agency astronaut **David Saint-Jacques** joins live from the International Space Station for an interactive question and answer segment with youth in the audience.
- Author, YouTube personality and speaker, **Nalie Agustin**, inspires the youth in attendance to defy the odds, overcome your greatest challenges and never stop pushing towards the life you’ve always dreamed of living.
- Singer/songwriter, **Johnny Orlando** takes the stage to surprise the students in attendance with his hit-song ‘*What if*’.

More than a one-day event, WE Day is connected to the free, yearlong educational program [WE Schools](#), a program designed to enhance a school or community’s existing social initiatives or spark new ones. WE Schools provides participants with curriculum, educational resources and action campaigns, encouraging students to further their curricular learning and develop life skills to succeed beyond the classroom. In the 2017/2018 school year, over 320 schools and groups across Quebec improved the world through WE Schools, volunteering over 175,000 hours and raising more than \$500,000 in support of over 100 global and local causes including bringing awareness to homelessness, food security, LGBTS+2s rights, access to education, access to clean water and the environment.

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

"As we start another year of creating lasting change, I'm thrilled to be at WE Day Montreal to recognize and applaud the work of the thousands of incredible young leaders here today. Each student and educator have challenged themselves to give back in remarkable ways and we're honoured to provide them with the tools to achieve their year-long service goals," said **Craig Kielburger**, co-founder of WE. "From tackling the stigma surrounding mental health, to fundraising to improve access to clean water and eliminating local homelessness, today's young change-makers are more fearless than ever when it comes to taking action on timely issues. Their unwavering commitment to doing good never ceases to inspire me."

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