

## 2016-2017 SCT Earth and Wellness Symposium- Project Launch

### Purpose:

Each of you will be given an *opportunity to activate change* in your community and around the world. Each of you will be given the *chance to choose a health topic* and with a team of your classmates, learn more about that particular health issue. After learning about the health issue(s) that affects our local communities and people all over the world, you will be *tasked with DOING SOMETHING to affect change on your topic*. After completing your research and your outreach project, you will be responsible for telling the community about the topic and what you did to affect the change. You will essentially be doing a **TED-Talk** on your topic. During our symposium in (Spring 2017), your families, the school community, local community at large and the professional communities that you connect with will be *invited to hear you speak in a TED-Talk like setting*. We will have rooms set up for you and your group members to have an opportunity to *speak about what you have learned and what you have done to affect change*. This will take place over the next 6 months and you will have support in English, Biology (Biomedical Science) and with Math and Art/GIS courses. You will be assigned a teacher to help guide your progress and give you feedback but the passion, drive and responsibility will be up to you!

### Objective:

Today, we are going to watch 3 TED Talks. The purpose of watching these TED Talks is for multiple reasons. They were chosen for their **CONTENT** (*what they are talking about*) and for their **METHODS** (*how they went about doing it*) and finally for their **DELIVERY** (*how do they share this information?*)- both in the **TED Talk and beyond**. As you watch, you will be expected to fill in a **graphic organizer** and then **discuss what you have learned, brainstorm ideas for your projects and share out**.

1: [https://www.ted.com/talks/ron\\_finley\\_a\\_guerilla\\_gardener\\_in\\_south\\_central\\_la](https://www.ted.com/talks/ron_finley_a_guerilla_gardener_in_south_central_la)

Time: 10:45

CONTENT	METHOD	DELIVERY
<i>What is the effect of <b>one person</b> on a community of people?</i>	<i>What <b>steps</b> did he take to make his vision a reality?</i>	<i>How did his actions help to <b>inspire others</b> to act?</i>

What particular aspect of this **talk** inspired you? What was interesting/thought-provoking?

2: [https://www.ted.com/talks/hugh\\_evans\\_what\\_does\\_it\\_mean\\_to\\_be\\_a\\_citizen\\_of\\_the\\_world](https://www.ted.com/talks/hugh_evans_what_does_it_mean_to_be_a_citizen_of_the_world)

Time: 16:56

CONTENT	METHOD	DELIVERY
<i>What is the effect of <b>one person</b> on a global issue?</i>	<i>What <b>steps</b> did he take to ensure success? Did he stop when he was told, “No”?</i>	<i>How did his actions help to <b>inspire others</b> to act?</i>

What particular aspect of this **talk** inspired you? What was interesting/thought-provoking?

3: [https://www.ted.com/talks/rebecca\\_onie\\_what\\_if\\_our\\_healthcare\\_system\\_kept\\_us\\_healthy](https://www.ted.com/talks/rebecca_onie_what_if_our_healthcare_system_kept_us_healthy)

Time: 16:34

CONTENT	METHOD	DELIVERY
<i>How can we look beyond the issues to get to the root of the problems of healthcare?</i>	<i>How does our current healthcare system ignore the basics of health? Why?</i>	<i>How did they (Health Leads) use volunteerism and local resources to fill a niche (problem)?</i>

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**Assignment:**

Using what you have learned by watching these 3 very inspiring people talk about their projects- **brainstorm about the types of projects** you would like to complete with your groups- keep in mind that you don't know your topics yet but **think big** and **think broad** and **think outside of the box**. Come up with at least **5 great ways** that you can make a difference in our community and beyond (it needs to be **reasonable**- meaning that you will actually be able to do it and it needs to be more than just one day of effort. This needs to be something that can really make a difference.

**Example:** Coordinate with a local chapter of an organization that deals with your topic and help to organize a fundraiser or informational talk to inform the public about health care options.

