

eFuture Web 2.0 and Social Media Teacher resources

Resource: TED.com			
Level: higher	Address: http://www.ted.com/	Cost: free	Language: all (subtitles are available in many different languages, this facility is growing all the time)
Relevant subject disciplines	All		
Resource description	<p>TED is a nonprofit devoted to Ideas Worth Spreading. It believes in the power of ideas to change attitudes, lives and ultimately the world. TED.com contains over 1100 inspirational talks on wide variety topics; trust me whatever your and your students interests are there will be talks that will engage and inspire.</p> <p>The talks are from the international TED Conferences held in the USA, Europe and Asia each year. Each speaker is given a maximum of 18 minutes to present their ideas in the most innovative and engaging way they can. This ensures that talks are to the point, sharp and keeps people's interest.</p> <p>Past speakers have included Michelle Obama, Bill Clinton, Jamie Oliver, many Nobel Prize winners and many. Many more who are the leader thinkers in their area presenting cutting edge thought and ideas.</p> <p>Take 18 minutes to watch this talk by Sir Ken Robinson who challenges the way we are educating our children. He makes the case for personalized learning which cultivates creativity and acknowledging multiple types of intelligence (and its available with subtitles for 53 languages): http://www.ted.com/talks/sir_ken_robinson_bring_on_the_revolution.html</p>		
How it works	<p>You can browse talks according to subject, length and languages subtitled.</p> <p>Talks can then be viewed via the site for free.</p> <p>The majority of talks are in English but many now have subtitled in a wide range of languages.</p> <p>The talks can be freely shared and reposted.</p>		

Strengths	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• It's free• Talks are limited to 18 minutes in length• The majority of talks are subtitled in a wide range of languages• Diverse range of subjects and topics• Access to cutting edge thoughts and ideas
Weaknesses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Not all talks are subtitled in all languages
Lesson ideas	Use the talks as a Springboard for class discussion or assignments