



MEET CHRIS TSE

Me to We Speaker



Chris Tse has always been compelled to make a difference in the lives of young people. Today, armed with knowledge, brimming with creativity and possessed with a relentlessly positive spirit, this inspirational speaker is doing just that.

A deep love of words and passion for human rights has led Chris—who hails from B.C.—around the world as a poet, speaker and journalist. Early in life he developed a compassion for others that would propel him toward great achievements. As a teen, Chris spent time in Mexico in migrant worker camps, witnessing firsthand the devastating poverty that so many people around the world face every day.

Chris was soon volunteering in countless soup kitchens and homeless shelters. His deepening knowledge and passion for social justice led him to the journalism program at Carlton University, where he realized the potential of his ever-sharpening written skills, and how effective they could be as a tool for social change.

But in his second year at Carleton University, Chris discovered his gift for spoken-word performance. While a course curriculum provided the academic basis for his social-justice acumen, it was meeting people from around the world that put him in touch with personal and tangible issues that, for Chris, deserved a wider audience. A vibrant arts community showed him how these issues could be expressed.

Chris captained the Ottawa Capital Slam team to a national championship at the 2010 Canadian Festival of Spoken Word. He then placed second at the 2011 Poetry Slam World Cup in France. He has produced a book of poetry and an EP, both entitled *An Ode to My Afro*, and performed on stages from Vancouver to Paris to Kumasi. His work has appeared on CBC, CTV and in numerous newspapers across the country.

Chris spent time in South America, Europe, Asia and the U.S., using his spoken word as a channel for social justice issues and, after graduation, worked for Journalists for Human Rights in Ghana, reporting on human rights abuses and the progress of CIDA-sponsored millennium development goal projects.

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Throughout his experiences, Chris maintained a desire to help empower young people. He coached basketball and volunteered with youth mentorship programs, but it wasn't until he attended a Take Action Camp to conduct a spoken-word workshop—his first encounter with Me to We—that his direction became cemented. He has never looked back.

Chris knows all too well that being on the right path is crucial—right from the start. “I grew up with some kids who took the wrong path, getting mixed up in drugs and gangs and ending up in jail or dead,” he says.

As a motivational speaker and experienced leadership facilitator for Me to We, Chris spreads his message in the most dynamic and unforgettable manner, upholding the timeless Voltaire adage: “Stand upright, speak thy thoughts, declare the truth thou hast, that all may share; be bold, proclaim it everywhere: they only live who dare.”



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