

2026 FOUNDING CIRCLE

FOUNDING HAPPENS ONCE.

On September 19, Issaquah gets
its first TEDx event.

We are inviting businesses and organizations to be part
of the group that helps bring the first one to life.

DATE

**Saturday
September 19, 2026**

VENUE

**The Fleming Arts Center
Issaquah, WA**

CONTACT

**partners@
tedxissaquah.com**

WHY THIS NEEDS YOU

A TEDX EVENT DOES NOT ARRIVE IN A TOWN. SOMEBODY BUILDS IT.

This September, 125 people will fill the Fleming Arts Center for an afternoon of talks from people who live and work here. Most of them have never stood on a stage this size.

Every talk will be professionally recorded and published. Long after the chairs are stacked and the lights come down, those ideas can keep traveling, carrying TEDxIssaquah with them far beyond the room.

TED does not fund TEDxIssaquah. Our speakers are not paid, and the event is organized by volunteers. Ticket sales cover part of it.

Partnership builds the rest: the room, the production, the recording, and the experience that bring TEDxIssaquah to life.

125 seats, on purpose. A room small enough that attention actually lands.	1st TEDx event in Issaquah. There will never be another first year.	All talks professionally recorded and published, so ideas keep traveling after September 19.
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WHERE PARTNERSHIP GOES

Venue and production

Lights, sound, cameras, and editing

Speaker preparation and experience

Audience experience and hospitality

WHAT BEING THERE AT THE BEGINNING MEANS

01 You are part of the room.

This is not a trade show audience or thousands of anonymous impressions. It is 125 people spending an afternoon together around ideas, followed by the conversations those ideas create.

02 Your support becomes part of the first-year story

The speakers will change. The audience may grow. New partners may join. But the organizations that supported it at the beginning will always be part of the story of how it started.

03 Year one only happens once

After September 19, everyone who joins is joining something that already exists. Right now, you have the opportunity to help create the thing they will be joining.

WHAT PARTNERSHIP MEANS AT TEDXISSAQUAH

Partners help make the experience possible and can be recognized through approved event materials, hospitality, audience experiences and activations, tickets, social recognition, and other opportunities we develop together.

TEDxIssaquah retains independent editorial control over speakers, talks, and program content, as required by TEDx.

JOIN THE 2026 FOUNDING CIRCLE

Help build Issaquah's first TEDx, and we will find a meaningful way for your organization to be part of the experience.

FOUNDING PARTNER

\$2,500

The name at the top of the list, in the first year.

Top recognition across approved event materials

Logo recognition on the published talk videos, where TEDx guidelines permit

Four reserved event seats

Four seats at the Friday reception

Invitation to a small partner + speaker gathering

Opportunity to create an approved audience experience or activation with us

First conversation about returning for 2027

Founding Partner recognition remains attached to the inaugural 2026 event.

BUILDER

\$1,000

For organizations that want a meaningful role in bringing year one to life.

Logo recognition across approved event materials and the printed program

On-screen recognition during the event, where permitted

Two reserved event seats and two seats at the Friday reception

Recognition on this page and in our social thank-you

SUPPORTER

\$500

For organizations that want their name behind the first year.

Your name on the partnerships page, in the printed program, and in our social thank-you

One event seat and one seat at the Friday reception

Something different in mind? Tell us. All partner recognition follows current TEDx guidelines.

THE NIGHT BEFORE

HOST THE ROOM WHERE THE TEDXISSAQUAH COMMUNITY MEETS BEFORE THE STAGE LIGHTS COME ON.

RECEPTION SPONSOR \$2,500

On Friday, September 18, the speakers, volunteers, and partners gather the night before TEDxIssaquah. It is the most intimate part of the weekend.

This partnership underwrites the evening: space, food and beverage, and hospitality. Cash, in-kind, or a combination. For a venue or restaurant, hosting the space and food in-kind paired with cash toward Saturday's production is the version we would most like to build.

RECOGNITION MAY INCLUDE

Recognition as the official Reception Sponsor

Prominent recognition at the reception

Recognition in reception communications

Partner tickets to the TEDxIssaquah event

Seats at the reception

GIVE WHAT YOU MAKE

NOT EVERYTHING WE NEED IS MONEY.

If you print, cater, photograph, build, design, or produce, you may be able to partner with what you already do. We value in-kind and pro bono contributions and recognize them at the level that matches the agreed value of the support.

Printing, banners, and signage	Food for the Friday reception
Speaker and volunteer shirts	Green room food for speakers
Event photography	Stage build, decor, and florals
Refreshments for the audience	Attendee badges and name tags

A FEW THINGS PARTNERS ASK

Is my contribution tax-deductible?

Contributions are processed through our fiscal sponsor, InWorthy, a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit. Eligible contributions may qualify for charitable tax treatment and documentation can be provided. Treatment depends on the type of contribution and any benefits received, so please consult your tax advisor.

Does TED fund the event, or pay speakers?

No to both. TED licenses independently organized TEDx events but does not fund TEDxIssaquah, and TEDx speakers are not paid for their talks. Ticket revenue, partnerships, contributions, and in-kind support make the event possible.

When do you need a decision?

Recognition in printed materials and signage depends on production deadlines ahead of September 19, so earlier commitments carry more visibility. Tell us where you are and we will be straight with you about what is still possible.

Is TEDxIssaquah a nonprofit?

TEDxIssaquah is an independently organized TEDx event operating under license from TED, supported by InWorthy as our fiscal sponsor.

Can we contribute something other than money?

Yes. We welcome in-kind and pro bono partnerships, valued and recognized at the agreed value of the support.

How does a partnership get built?

Email us and we will set up a short conversation. We confirm the level and recognition in writing, invoice through InWorthy, and collect your logo files and any activation details from there.

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THERE IS ONLY ONE FIRST YEAR.

**If your organization wants to be there
at the beginning, we would love to talk.**

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