

Get to Know Your Speakers!

Question	Zayna Khayat Co-Founder and Senior Advisor at MaRS Discover (Opening Session)	Dr. Louis Francescutti Visionary storyteller (Closing Keynote)	Dr. Peter Vaughan Deputy Minister of Health in Nova Scotia (Monday Panel Presenter)
Your chief characteristic	Infectious enthusiasm	Scattered brained, but focused	Sense of humour
Your idea of happiness	To want for nothing, to be content with things as they are	Health and laughter	The obliteration of desire and suffering
Your favourite colour	Blue-grey	Yellow and green and aqua blue	The shimmering event horizon of a black hole
Where would you like to live?	London, UK	Deep in a cabin in forest by a roaring waterfall	Completely in the moment
Your favourite heroes in fiction	People who endure suffering as children and triumph later in life after an epic journey	Superman	Every man/woman the archetypal hero with a thousand faces
What you appreciate most in your friends	Joie de vivre	Companionship	The rigor of non-judgmental listening
Your favourite food	The purpose of life is to find your gift. The meaning of life is to use it.	Word fired pizza from our backyard	The bitter sweet chocolate of remembrance
Your favourite motto	Any dream that is deferred	"Life is too serious to be taken seriously"	Know Thyself
Your idea of misery	Focus, clarity of purpose	Loneliness!	A life without conscious awareness of the beauty of the universe
Your favourite qualities in another person	Teachers for whom teaching is a true calling, changing kids' lives every day	Great listener	Honest loyalty
Your favourite hero/heroine in real life	My grandpa (dad's dad) who fled Armenian genocide with his wife and 4 little children, and died when my dad (his oldest) was 12.	Dr. Aidan Halligan	Socrates
The person you'd most like to have dinner with	The purpose of life is to find your gift. The meaning of life is to use it.	My mom who passed away in 2013	Dalai Lama