

TED^x Thaltej Youth

x = independently organized TED event

Integrity & Authenticity Policy

TEDxThaltej Youth is committed to maintaining the highest standards of integrity, originality, and responsibility in all areas of its work. Whether in speaker submissions, volunteer applications, internal communications, or final talk preparation, every word shared must reflect truth, originality, and personal voice. Our platform is rooted in real stories, lived experiences, and sincere perspectives and we hold that principle non-negotiable.

In recent months, we have observed increased usage of AI writing tools and copy-paste content in both applications and early speaker drafts. While we understand that technology can assist in structuring thoughts, TEDx is not a platform for synthetic, mass-generated content. It is a space for honest voices and thoughtful storytelling. Content that lacks authenticity undermines our values and compromises the trust our audience places in us.

To protect this standard, TEDxThaltej Youth conducts originality and authorship checks on speaker submissions, talk drafts, and select application answers. We use professional plagiarism detection platforms like Turnitin and iThenticate, as well as AI-content detection tools designed to identify machine-generated writing. Additional review tools and expert review processes are also used where necessary.

A speaker's final talk must be their own written in their own voice and developed through their own reflection. While our Speaker Support Team is there to guide and polish, no team member will write on behalf of the speaker, nor will they accept AI-generated content as a substitute for individual insight.

Speeches concerning similarity scores or clear traces of artificial construction will be returned for revision. In extreme cases, they may be rejected. All team members and applicants are also expected to answer onboarding questions and communication prompts genuinely. Submitting artificially written or copied responses is a violation of the spirit of TEDx and may lead to removal from the process.

This document serves as a permanent and active reminder that at TEDxThaltej Youth, originality is mandatory. We do not compromise on voice, intent, or ownership. Authenticity is not just preferred, it is required. Because in our space, ideas must not only be worth spreading, they must be real.