

Don Duval

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Experienced, dynamic, and engaging speaker on an array of topics related to innovation, commercialization, and entrepreneurship

Description

Don Duval is an energetic, innovative business leader known for his skills in strategic thinking, program development, and implementation in growth-oriented organizations. He has demonstrated success as a public speaker, an entrepreneur, an angel investor, an engineering professor, as a leader at the MaRS Discovery District, and as the Chief Executive Officer NORCAT.

Outside of his day to day activities, Don serves as the Northern Ontario Chair of the Manning Innovation Awards and sits on the Board of JUMP Math, University of Ontario Institute of Technology (UOIT), and the Canadian Innovation Exchange. In addition, Don serves as the Chair of the Sudbury Queen's™ Alumni Association and is a member of the Young Presidents Organization - Toronto Chapter. He is a two-time TEDx speaker and a Top 40 under 40 recipient. Academically, Don has a BScH in Chemistry from Queen's University and a MASc in Civil Engineering from the University of Toronto.

Availability

Keynote, Moderator, Panelist, Workshop, Host/MC

Industry Expertise

VC and Private Equity, Education/Learning, Cleantech, Health Care - Services, Construction - Commercial, Management Consulting, Mining and Metals, Information Technology and Services, Training and Development

Topics

Regional Competitiveness and Economic Development, Mentorship, Entrepreneurship, Academic, Research, Commercialization, Innovation, Innovation Strategy and Policy, Education, Mining, Economic Development, Leadership, Strategy

Affiliations

Young Presidents Organization, University of Ontario Institute of Technology, Queen's University Alumni Association, Manning Innovation Foundation

Sample Talks

Leveraging the Community to Expedite Job and Wealth Creation

This presentation and workshop focused on the importance of place in supporting and driving the growth of entrepreneurial communities and commercial outcomes from research and academic institutions. In this interactive session, we explored how place, company culture and values, and community engagement are integral components to get aligned and integrated to be maximize success.

Why is Innovation So Profitable? Because it's Hard to Do!

This keynote presentation at the OIPMAC Conference focused on creative strategies that companies can deploy to create a culture of innovation and intra-preneurship. A handful of examples were provided to demonstrate new models in collaboration and how technology can be leveraged as a platform to share ideas more quickly, engage a broader audience, and ultimately expedite the process to translate interesting ideas into practice while gathering continuous feedback to make incremental improvements.

Community Innovation - Leveraging your Regional Assets to Drive Economic Growth

As the keynote speaker, this presentation highlighted the importance of understanding and engaging your regional assets, from both the public and private sectors, to drive regional competitiveness and economic growth.

Driving Commercial Outcomes from Research and Academic Institutions

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Past Talks

Becoming the World's Leading Urban Innovation Centre - The MaRS Discovery District Experiment
MIT Conference - Innovation Centre Mentorship Strategy

Innovation and Entrepreneurship in the Greater Toronto Area
Civic Action and Emerging Leaders Network - Toronto Homecoming

Driving Commercial Outcomes from Research and Academic Institutions
BIOConnect Mexico - International Conference in Life Sciences and IT

Leveraging the Community to Expedite Job and Wealth Creation
AURP International Conference (Association of University Research Parks)

Accelerator Models for Digital Media, Online, and Mobile Ventures
BIOConnect Mexico - International Conference in Life Sciences and IT

MaRS - Building One of the World's Pre-eminent Urban Innovation Centres
Enable U - Communitel Conference

Why is Innovation so Profitable? Because it's Hard to do!
OIPMAC 11th Annual Conference - Supply Chain: The Core of Innovation

Driving Innovation and Prosperity through Community Engagement
Rotary International

Almost There -The Last Hurdle in Innovation
Queen's University Innovation Summit

Human Resources and Policy Levers to Encourage and Incentivize Employees to Contribute in the Innovation Process
Gearing Up For Growth

Innovation, Immigration, and Engineering - Entrepreneurial Opportunities in Canada
Conference for International Engineers - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s5ANX70njAY>

Business Mentorship in the Creative Industries
Careers in the Cultural Sector - Work in Culture Canada

NORCAT - The Path Forward
Sudbury Chamber of Commerce - President's Luncheon Speech

The Value of Mentorship in Entrepreneurship
TEDx Sudbury

The Future of Advanced Manufacturing
TEDx

Education

Queen's University
BScH Chemistry

University of Toronto
MAsc Civil Engineering

Accomplishments

Governor General of Canada's Young Innovator Award

The Young Innovator Awards Program was established by the National Centres of Excellence in 2004 to celebrate outstanding work by scientists who, while still in the early days of their careers, are already making waves. Award recipients are selected by a panel of judges on the basis of the overall excellence, leadership and vision of the nominee.

Testimonials

Don Li

Don Duval spoke at our Cultivating and Sustaining Your Creative Economy Summit that took place on Feb 28-29 in Toronto. His presentation was insightful, lively, and clearly delivered. Don's depth of industry knowledge provided extensive value to the conference and directly contributed to the success of the event.

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