

◆ Upcoming Event

We are excited to announce that Shine On! Kids has been invited by **TEDxYouth@Tokyo** to present a workshop at their annual event this February. Coincidentally, **February 15th is International Childhood Cancer Day**. To mark the occasion, we are planning a special workshop to raise awareness about childhood cancer among young people, TEDxYouth's main target audience.

◆ TEDxYouth@Tokyo

TEDx is a grassroots initiative, created in the spirit of TED's overall mission to research and discover "ideas worth spreading." TEDx brings the spirit of TED to local communities around the globe through TEDx events.



Shine On! Kids has participated in TEDx events before.

In March 2015, Yuko Morita, our hospital facility dog handler, gave a TED-style speech at TEDxShimizu with her hospital facility dog, Bailey. You can watch their presentation on YouTube:

Yuko Morita: "Why We Need More Dogs in Hospitals"
TEDxShimizu, March 2015.

https://youtu.be/vw_0TDuGW1w?si=QjeoOrj6RuCBgnUW

TEDxYouth@Tokyo, the organizer of this year's event, is the first TEDxYouth organization in the world. The annual event features TED-style talks and performances by individuals as well as workshops by various organizations, all organized and run by TEDxYouth@Tokyo staff members, who are high school students living in the Tokyo area.

The Shine On! Kids' workshop will feature guest speaker Ichino Urashiri, a childhood cancer survivor and Shine On! Kids' program participant. She will share her experiences and deliver a message to her fellow Gen Z youth, and in response, workshop participants will create "Courage Beads Message Cards" to send encouragement to children fighting serious illnesses in hospitals across Japan.

<Event Info>

Event: **TEDxYouth@Tokyo 2024 EVENT YIN AND YANG**
Organizer: TEDxYouth@Tokyo <https://www.tedxyouthtokyo.com/>
Date: Sunday, February 11, 2024, 11:00 - 16:00*
***SOK Workshop will be 14:15-15:00**
Place: WeWork Shiroyama Trust Tower 12F
4-3-1 Toranomom, Minato-ku, Tokyo
Language: English and Japanese (SOK Workshop is mainly in Japanese)
Admission: Free, but advance registration is required.

Registration site: <https://tedxyouthtokyo2024.peatix.com/view> (for all programs)



◆ **International Childhood Cancer Day**
February 15, 2024 is International Childhood Cancer Day (ICCD).

<https://internationalchildhoodcancerday.org/>

ICCD was started in 2002 by Childhood Cancer International (CCI), the world's largest childhood cancer patient support organization with a network in 90 countries around the world. Each year during this time, various organizations in Japan and around the world offer special events to provide support to children, young adults, and their families who are survivors of childhood cancer, as well as raise local awareness of the challenges and inequalities associated with childhood cancer. Shine On! Kids will continue to raise awareness and support in a variety of ways, including participating in new platforms such as the TEDxYouth@Tokyo event, in addition to our regular activities. Please check our official website, newsletters, and social media sites for the latest information.



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