

Speakers for Schools

About the project

Over the last three years, I've given talks to secondary schools for the charity Speakers for Schools. I talk about my working life and my career path and about the opportunities presented by careers in the Creative Industries, which include publishing, music, television, film, games, fashion, advertising and others. I tend to do the talks in secondary state schools in the Midlands, where I grew up, and I often encounter little knowledge or understanding of what the creative sector is; many students I meet do not think there are jobs for them in these industries.

I do my best to engage pupils in conversations about the exciting and broad roles available in the Creative Industries and about the fast growth and job security of the sector, and at the end of a session I often find new enthusiasm and understanding of the opportunities on offer. I find this both a very inspiring experience for me, while also a reminder of the scale of the job to be done to ensure that the sector Faber is in is thought of as truly available to all, whatever their background.

Stephen Page
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About the charity

Speakers for Schools provides a network of today's most inspiring figures across business, arts, politics and more, donating their time to help inspire state students to fuel their ambition. We are passionate about providing a high quality and personal service, making it seamless for students, speakers, educators and employers to get involved. Speakers in the network range from CEOs of major companies to notable national journalists, arts people, scientists, leading entrepreneurs and academics.

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