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Author/Visionary Tony Wagner to Keynote EDspaces 2019



(Silver Spring, MD) — [EDspaces'](#) opening plenary, "Creating Innovators for the Future of Learning," demonstrates how learning one key set of skills ensures the next generation's economic future. Tony Wagner, education thought leader, will share how nurturing capacities for innovation is the critical path to developing a successful future workforce on October 23 in Milwaukee at the Wisconsin Center.

"EDspaces is about creating the next generation of learning environments, but to what end?" says Jim McGarry, President & CEO, Education Market Association. "We have asked Tony to challenge the industry, when designing or building new schools and colleges, to really think about the competencies necessary for success in the future economy and how these new environments will support that goal."

Tony Wagner will share what successful schools and colleges are doing to instill this vital skill set. His talk is a provocative look at why innovation is today's most essential real-world skill and what young people need from parents, teachers, and employers to become the leaders of America's future. He will discuss creating learning environments that serve as vehicles for experimentation, collaboration and skill set development. The plenary is sponsored by Gratnells, a leading supplier of school storage systems and specialized educational kits, particularly in the area of STEM and Makerspace. They will join nearly 200 companies exhibiting the cutting-edge products for future-focused classrooms that exemplify themes from Tony's presentation.

"Tony Wagner shares our passion for creating opportunities for every child, and encouraging the entrepreneurs and leaders of tomorrow," says Murray Hudson, Managing Director & Chairman of Gratnells, "We are delighted to continue to support an event of great importance to our U.S. sales strategy."

A globally recognized voice in education, Tony Wagner currently serves as a Senior Research Fellow at the Learning Policy Institute, founded by Linda Darling-Hammond in 2015. Prior to this appointment, he held a variety of positions at Harvard University for more than twenty years, including four years as an Expert in Residence at the Harvard Innovation Lab. He is also the founder and co-director of the Change Leadership Group at the Harvard Graduate School of Education. His previous work experience includes twelve years as a high school teacher, K-8 principal, university professor in teacher education, and founding executive director of Educators for Social Responsibility.

Tony Wagner is a frequent speaker at national and international conferences and is a widely published author of numerous articles and six books. Tony's latest, *Most Likely to Succeed: Preparing Our Kids for The Innovation Era*, co-authored by Ted Dintersmith, was published by Scribner in 2015. *Creating Innovators: The Making of Young People Who Will Change the World*, was published in 2012 to rave reviews and has been translated into 17 languages. His 2008 book, *The Global Achievement Gap*, continues to be an international best seller, with more than 140,000 copies in print.

About EDspaces

Each year, education leadership gathers to explore challenges, strengthen skills, and build networks at EDspaces. A lineup of respected speakers present topics that motivate change. It is the premier event for the educational facilities marketplace and the gathering place for architects, dealers, Pre-K – 12, colleges, universities, independent manufacturer representatives, exhibitors, and corporations to learn about trends and experience the latest products and services to enhance student learning. Learn more at www.ed-spaces.com

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