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Igniting innovation globally

Closing Ceremony

You survived Curtin Ignition 2026!



Order of Proceedings

- **Pitch Showcase**
- **Closing the loop on your hero's journey**
aka more obscure Star Wars references
- **Next Steps**
- **Thank you!!!!**
- **Celebration time!!!**



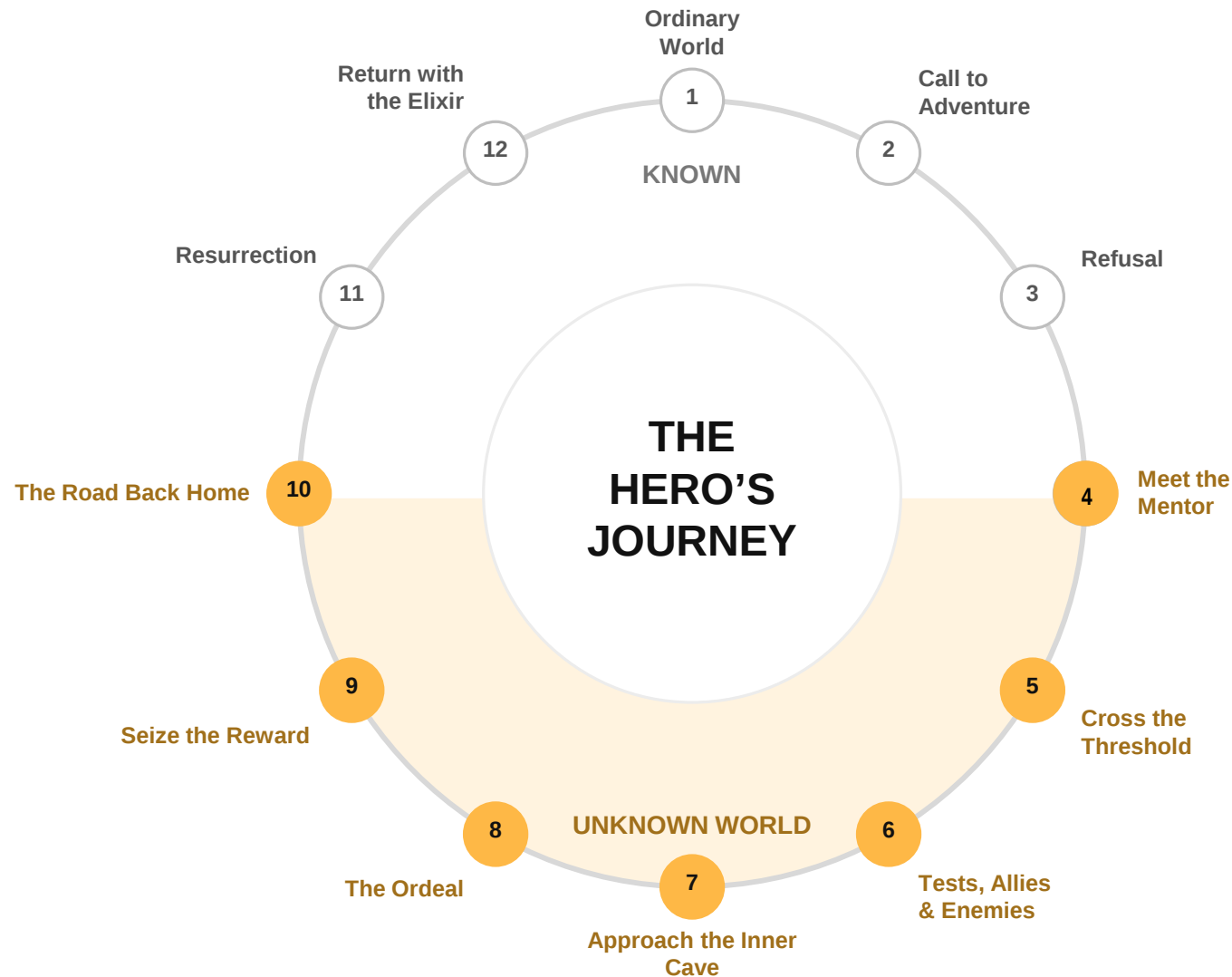
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Pitch Showcase

Recapping your Hero's Journey



ACT I Leave the known

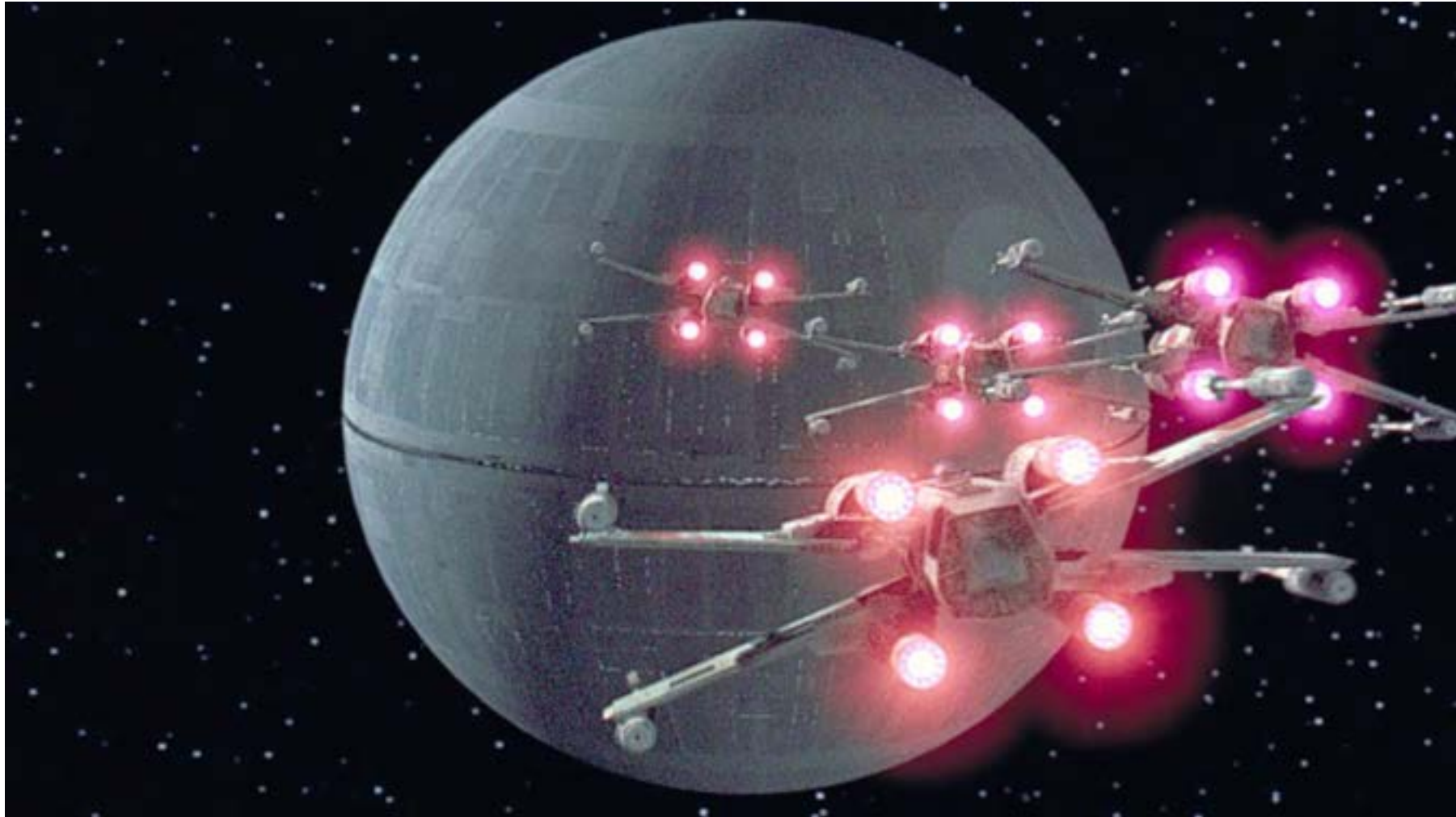
ACT II Enter uncertainty

ACT III Return changed

You've seen this journey



You've faced your challenge



Emerged Victorious!!!



We will celebrate for now



Your next Death Star is just around the corner





What's next?

Breathe out & reconnect

Post Ignition Survey

- A link will be emailed on Monday

Keep up the momentum!

Ignition Reunion

- TBA in November/December



Curtin Entrepreneurs

Supporting students, researchers and alumni through entrepreneurial capability, culture and innovation.



1000+

founders supported
through Curtin entrepreneurship
programs over the past 15 years.

49%

female founders



\$250M+

funding raised
by ventures emerging from
Curtin programs.

\$385M+

combined venture valuation



15,550+

**students studying
entrepreneurship**

at any one time across Curtin units.



990+

ventures formed

through Curtin
entrepreneurship programs.



Curtin delivers the annual

West Tech Fest

Australia's longest-running innovation
festival, connecting **5,000+** founders,
investors and industry leaders annually.

Our entrepreneurship programs

Practical programs and
experiences that ignite
ideas, build capabilities and
accelerate impact across the
innovation ecosystem.



A 54-hour immersive experience
that brings together students to
explore ideas, build teams and
develop early-stage concepts.



An intensive training program for
aspiring entrepreneurs, academics
and corporate innovators to trial
and validate ideas.



A 12-week program supporting
startups to build capability, refine
their offering and prepare for
growth.



A deep tech accelerator
supporting research teams and
startups to commercialise
breakthrough technologies.



Curtin Entrepreneurs

**Free membership for
Curtin staff, students
and alumni including:**



Office Hours

1:1 sessions with Venture Mentors and
Entrepreneurs in Residence



Entrepreneurs Hub

Co-working space in Building 418



Startup Resources

Practical tools, Curtin facilities and
internships to help you grow



Exclusive Invitations

Access to startup workshops and
events

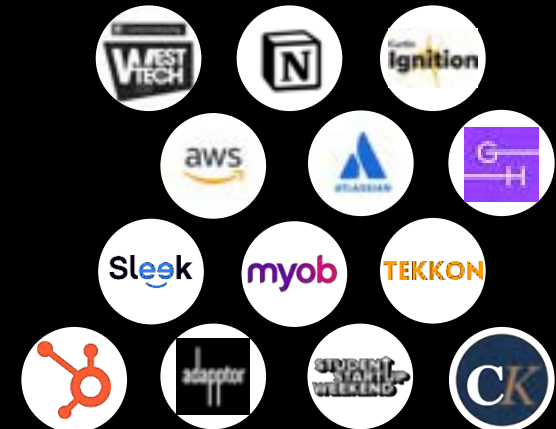


Build Your Network

Connect with founders, mentors and
industry leaders

**PLUS ACCESS TO
OVER \$20,000+**

**IN EXCLUSIVE MEMBER
BENEFITS**



**JOIN
TODAY**

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Accelerate

Grow your innovation
into something
bigger, **bolder** and
built to scale.

Learn more at
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WEST TECH FEST

7 - 11 DECEMBER 2026

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Welcome to the IGNITION and CURTIN Family



Thank you – 2026 Delegates



Thank you – 2026 Ignition Sponsors



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Thank you to Venture X HQ for collaborating to help strengthen the participation of female entrepreneurs



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Kahle**

Curtin Ignition Team





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Certificates

Find your Mentor during the celebratory event and take some photos!



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Let's celebrate!

Drinks and nibbles on level 2

Don't forget to take your belongings