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TOPICS

- Opening Doors To Your Daughter's Future - Careers in STEM
- Raising STEM-Confident girls (and all children!): A Guide for Parents and Caregivers
- Teaching Changemaking: How to Cultivate Entrepreneurial Mindsets in Children
- Building for Good: Supporting the Next Generation of Social Impact Founders and Changemakers

SPOKEN AT

- Health Together - Maternal Infant Health Canada
- UDC University Center and Colleges (Brazil)
- She+ Geeks Out Summit
- The SmartBear Women in Technology (WIT) group
- Women's Influence Network

BIO

Leslie Coles is a **strategist and builder of programs that empower people** to make meaningful change. She is the Manager of Accelerators and Partnerships at **Harvard University**, where **she supports early-stage student-led ventures**. Leslie is also a **Founding Advisor** of Harvard HealthLab Accelerators. She **founded SpeakHer Collective** and co-founded and led the nonprofit Moms as Mentors®, **helping over a thousand mothers and girls** build connection and confidence in topics like STEM, entrepreneurship and body image. At the National Coalition of Girls' Schools, she advanced their mission to empower girls to be influential contributors to the world and at VentureLab, she built programs to **develop the next generation of entrepreneurial leaders**. She also managed projects at **MIT's Playful Journey Lab**.

TESTIMONIALS

*"Leslie brings an inspiring combination of **empathy, clarity, and radiant presence to every room she enters**. She creates an **inclusive and empowering environment** where young people feel seen and motivated to take action. Her presence with the UDC audience in Foz do Iguaçu was a powerful demonstration of how **thoughtful leadership can spark purpose-driven innovation** and inspire youth to design impactful solutions to pressing societal challenges."* - Bruno Gonçalves, IBM SkillsBuild Global Strategist

*"Leslie, thank you for an **informative and enlightening presentation** at the webinar. Your presence and insight was greatly appreciated by all in attendance. It was wonderful to have the opportunity to learn from you about promoting girls' confidence and helping them to develop their mindset and skills. **Thank you for sharing your knowledge and expertise with us** and we hope to have you again in the future."*
- The Health Together Team