

Top 10 Inspirational Keynote Speakers to Motivate Conference Audiences In 2026

Official 2026 review uses corporate event feedback to identify speakers helping organisations build resilience, leadership and audience engagement.

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[Agency](#) has released its official review of the Top 10 Inspirational Keynote Speakers In 2026, using published speaker ranking data, client feedback and event-performance insight from UK corporate audiences.



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The review is designed for conference organisers, HR leaders, event planners and senior teams looking for speakers who can connect lived experience with the workplace issues shaping 2026, including leadership under pressure, resilience, inclusion, cyber risk, high performance and organisational change.

The review draws on the agency's 2025 and 2026 speaker data. Its 2026 [keynote speaker](#) review was built from vetted event poll data from 257 corporate events in the UK from January 2025 to January 2026. Its 2025 keynote speaker ranking used data from 68 corporate event surveys.

David Simms, Director of Inspirational Leadership Speakers Agency, said:

"The strongest conference briefs we see now are not asking for motivation in isolation. They are asking for speakers who can help teams understand pressure, performance, resilience, leadership and change in a way that feels practical.

"A strong inspirational keynote should lift the room, but it also needs to leave people with something they can use when they return to work. That is why client feedback and event data are so valuable. They show which speakers are connecting with audiences, not just which names are well known."

Why Inspirational Speakers Matter For 2026 Conferences

Companies continue to use conferences and internal events to improve engagement, alignment and workforce resilience.

Gallup's State of the Global Workplace 2026 report found that only 20% of employees worldwide were engaged in 2025, while low engagement cost the global economy an estimated \$10 trillion in lost productivity. Gallup also links highly engaged teams with 23% higher profitability.

A keynote is no longer just a high-profile session in the agenda. It can set the tone of a conference, give leaders shared language and help teams engage with difficult subjects.

Inspirational Leadership Speakers Agency said the [best-performing speakers](#) in its review stood out for three reasons: credibility, audience connection and practical takeaways.

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1. Kirsty Murphy MBE

Kirsty Murphy MBE is the first and only female pilot in the Red Arrows, with a career spanning high-pressure aviation, elite teamwork and leadership. Her talks focus on resilience, precision, confidence and performance under pressure. Kirsty Murphy received a 9.9/10 rating from official client feedback scorers between 2025 and 2026.

More Details: <https://www.female-motivational-speakers.com/speaker/kirsty-murphy>

2. Sir Steve Redgrave CBE

Sir Steve Redgrave CBE is one of Britain's most successful Olympians, best known for winning five Olympic gold medals across five consecutive Games. His keynote work centres on endurance, preparation, discipline and sustaining performance over time. Sir Steve Redgrave received a 9.7/10 rating from official client feedback scorers between 2025 and 2026.

More Details: <https://champions-speakers.co.uk/speaker-agent/steve-redgrave>

3. Jez Rose

Jez Rose is a behavioural expert, broadcaster and speaker known for turning human behaviour, communication and leadership science into practical lessons for teams. In the agency's 2026 keynote speaker review, he was listed with an official client rating of 9.8/10.

More Details: <https://speakout.uk/speaker/jez-rose/>

4. Nicky Moffat CBE

Nicky Moffat CBE is a former senior British Army leader and leadership speaker whose work focuses on inclusive leadership, change, resilience and organisational performance. Her perspective is shaped by leadership experience in complex, high-pressure environments. Nicky received a 9.5/10 rating from official client feedback scorers between 2025 and 2026.

More Details: <https://motivationalspeakersagency.co.uk/military/nicky-moffat>

5. Dr Jo Salter MBE

Dr Jo Salter MBE is recognised as Britain's first female fast jet pilot. Her work as a keynote speaker draws on military aviation, leadership, transformation and breaking barriers in male-dominated environments. Jo Salter received a 9.8/10 rating from official client feedback scorers between 2025 and 2026.

More Details: <https://josalter.com/>

6. Dr Derek Redmond OLY

Dr Derek Redmond OLY is a former World and European champion athlete, widely remembered for finishing his 400m semi-final at the Barcelona 1992 Olympic Games after tearing his hamstring. His keynotes focus on resilience, recovery, courage and support under pressure. Derek Redmond received a 9.7/10 rating from official client feedback scorers between 2025 and 2026.

More Details: <https://derekredmond.com/>

7. Katy Leeson

Katy Leeson is a leadership speaker, growth coach and former senior agency leader whose work explores confidence, imposter syndrome, mental health, leadership and purposeful growth. Katy received a 9.5/10 rating from official client feedback scorers between 2025 and 2026.

More Details: <https://www.katyleeson.co.uk/>

8. Gail Emms MBE

Gail Emms MBE is a former world champion and Olympic silver medallist in badminton. Her speaking work draws on elite sport, teamwork, resilience and the discipline needed to perform at the highest level. Gail Emms received a 9.4/10 rating from official client feedback scorers between 2025 and 2026.

More Details: <https://gailemms.com/>

9. Sarah Armstrong-Smith

Sarah Armstrong-Smith is a cybersecurity and crisis-management expert whose work helps organisations understand cyber resilience, business continuity and digital risk. Her inclusion reflects growing demand for speakers who can motivate audiences while addressing practical organisational threats. Sarah received a 9.5/10 rating from official client feedback scorers between 2025 and 2026.

More Details: <https://cyber-security-speakers.com/speaker/sarah-armstrong-smith>

10. Kate Muir

Kate Muir is an author, documentary maker and women's health campaigner known for her work on menopause, hormone health and workplace awareness. Her talks help organisations address health, inclusion and support for employees at midlife. Kate Muir received a 9.3/10 rating from official client feedback scorers between 2025 and 2026.

More Details: <https://diversity-inclusion-speakers.com/speaker/kate-muir/>

What The Review Shows

Inspirational Leadership Speakers Agency said the 2026 shortlist reflects a wider change in corporate events. Organisations are still looking for speakers who can motivate, but they are also asking for stronger links to business outcomes.

Simms added:

"The most effective inspirational speakers are not just telling audiences what they have achieved. They are helping people understand how to respond when pressure, change or uncertainty reaches their own workplace.

"That is the difference conference organisers are looking for in 2026. They want speakers who can hold attention, build trust quickly and give the room a message that still matters after the event has ended."

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