

# Jillian Haslam



## SPEAKER KIT

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# Jillian Haslam | Keynote Speaker

Jillian's combination of compelling stories, humanitarian effort, and inspirational wisdom spellbinds, and inspires her audiences. As a survivor of poverty and oppression, Jillian Haslam brings a unique perspective gained from decades of proven resilience. Jillian speaks on topics drawn from her own success story that include developing a resilient mindset, triumphing over adversity, and making an impact with your contribution. She shows others how to derive meaning from their hardships, find grace in adversity, and develop genuine purpose to achieve their destiny.

She has spoken at countless prestigious organizations, including The Bank of England, PwC, Nova Nordisk, McDonalds, Cambridge University, King's College London, and more. She gives corporate audiences the tools to deal with adversity, develop resilience and make their voice heard, understood and valued. The audiences of charity organizations are inspired to understand their purpose and how they can enable others to live a better life. With young people at school or university, Jillian helps them develop a resilient and irrepressible mindset to deal with and overcome the challenges and setbacks they will face in life.

A captivating and polished speaker she can be relied on to deliver an organization's customized message using the lessons from her incredible life story. Her riveting story has been featured on many TV networks, including Channel 5 and the BBC, and a wide range of print media, including The Independent, The Pioneer, The Times, The Telegraph, The Metro, Gulf News, and other major media outlets. Now her story is the subject of a new book, "a Voice out of Poverty", which is soon to be made into a Hollywood film.



## RECENT PHYSICAL AND VIRTUAL SPEAKING EVENTS

### 2022

Diversity and Inclusion Summit, Vienna, Austria  
 Women in Leadership Summit, NYC  
 Annual Executive Assistant Summit, NYC  
 Women in Leadership Global Summit, Portugal

### 2021

Global Excellence Awards, UAE  
 9th Women in Leadership Global Summit, Vienna, Austria  
 8th Annual Executive Assistant Virtual Summit (NYC – online)  
 9th Women in Leadership Global Summit (Australia)  
 Annual Women in Leadership Virtual Summit  
 Annual Personal and Executive Assistant Conference (NYC – Online)  
 3rd Annual Inclusion and Diversity Virtual Summit  
 7th Annual Global Administration Summit (NYC – Online)

# SPEAKER BIO

## Short (55 words)

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## Medium (98 words)

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## Long (169 words)

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Her ability to help others achieve has brought her many accolades, including the prestigious Mother Teresa Memorial International award. She was also honored as the Telegraph's True Legend and in the Asian Woman of the year awards.

Jillian has also received Individual Achievement Awards from RBS, ABN Amro and Bank of America.

Now her own charitable trust is helping many hundreds of disadvantaged people overcome their adversity and achieve their destiny.

# KEYNOTE AND MAIN PLATFORM SPEECHES

## A VOICE OUT OF POVERTY

If you want to ensure your voice is heard, understood, and valued, Jillian delivers a vivid and compelling message. You may have incredible things inside you but unless you can make people listen and understand you'll never be truly valued.

Jillian faced the same problems as a shy introverted little girl. Then she had to act to try and save her sister's life. That was when she realized just how powerful your voice can be when you make people listen.

Based on her incredible growth from abject poverty and oppression, Jillian shares the lessons she learned to ensure your voice carries an impact and you get to make the maximum difference you can.

You will leave inspired to contribute your full value to the organization.

## THE IRREPRESSIBLE MIND: SEVEN STEPS TO THE EXTRAORDINARY

With a captivating and awe-inspiring message about pushing past your fears and overcoming adversity, Jillian will help you to reach higher levels of personal empowerment and resilience.

Sometimes life doesn't work out the way you want. There are challenges that block your progress, and the disappointment can knock your enthusiasm and growth.

Jillian has been through many similar situations and had to learn how to bounce back from even the most oppressive situations.

To help you achieve the same results, Jillian shares her simple steps that can be applied in the modern world. Her methods will help you build the confidence to change your own life in the way Jillian has. Whatever challenges and obstacles life throws up, the Irrepressible Mind will give you the tools to achieve your destiny.

### Jillian's Speaker Association Memberships



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# What Business Leaders are Saying About Jillian

“Jillian’s talk was engaging, captivating, and the feedback from attendees was overwhelmingly positive. She spoke in a very relatable manner for the audience, and everyone was able to take something away from the talk.”

—*Tara Clarke, Talent and Development, Bank of England*

“Often we see speakers described in publicity material as ‘inspirational’ speakers and this often turns out to be a mere cliché. But there is a speaker whom I recently heard who is truly inspirational and she is Jillian Haslam. Without exaggeration, she is one of the most amazing people that I have ever met.”

—*Clive Amos, Past District Governor (Rotary International District 1130)*

“Her experiences fascinated the student members of CUID, not merely because of the instinctive appeal of her rags-to-riches tale. It is no Cinderella story, but rather emphasizes hard work and sheer courage. Poverty, gender, and race are at the forefront of our problems—and indeed, problems worldwide.”

—*Shachi Amdekar President, Cambridge University International Development Society, UK*

“How do you get from the slums of Calcutta to jobs in companies such as Bank of America? The goal of her speech was to depict her reality, not to make people cry but to show that despite everything, she came out such a truly inspiring and unique woman.”

—*Alice R. Blanc, Kings College London*

“It was an absolute pleasure to have Jillian as a speaker at the TEDx event held at The Heriot-Watt University. Motivational talks such as going from Campus to Corporate to Success are much needed these days and I will positively be in contact very soon in order to invite her back.”

—*Aman Gosrani, Heriot-Watt University*

# Partial Client List



UNIVERSITY OF  
CAMBRIDGE



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BANK OF ENGLAND

- Bank of America
- Bank of England
- Royal Bank of Scotland
- Barclays (WIBF)
- Nova Nordisk
- McDonald's
- Cambridge University
- King's College London
- Sheffield Halam University
- Herriott Watt University
- TEDx Stormont
- TEDx Durham University
- TEDx Sevenoaks

## Videos of Past Speeches

[TEDx Talk: Never Give Up and Other Complete Rubbish](#)

[TEDx Talk: An Irrepressible Mind](#)

[PwC Dubai](#)

[Novo Nordisk, Denmark](#)

# Jillian in the Media



The Telegraph



THE  TIMES

THE  INDEPENDENT



ASIAN  LITE  
INTERNATIONAL



## INTERVIEWS

[The Telegraph](#)

[BBC Radio \(Asian Network\)](#)

[BBC \(Three Counties Radio\)](#)

[E-BUZZ](#)

[Live with Gabby \(Channel 5\)](#)

[Channel 10](#)

[Times of India](#)

[Asian Voices](#)

[Indulge Magazine](#)

[The Week](#)

[Teenager Today](#)

[Business Economics](#)

## Media Endorsements

“Jillian is remarkable not only for overcoming her own history but for using it as an upbuilding example with which to help others. She does not feel sorry for herself or ask for sympathy, rather she seems to wish us to connect with the millions who, like her, had very tough childhoods of extreme poverty.”

—*Rani Singh, BBC Broadcaster and author of Sonia Gandhi: An Extraordinary Life, An Indian Destiny*

“A startling account of an English/Indian family which stayed in India after Indian independence and suffered through excruciating times ... while living in conditions on the margin of slums and homelessness. Amazing to learn from such real-life experiences, it shows how the past does not have to determine one’s future.”

—*Tom Groenfeldt, freelance journalist and writer, Forbes Magazine*

“A shocking read. Jillian suffered an excruciating childhood but her determination of a better life helped her rise above the horrific circumstances and made her a successful businesswoman. A truly inspirational story.”

—*Channel 5 News UK*

“There are two kinds of people in the world—those who break under adversity and those who take it as a challenge and rise above it. Jillian Haslam belongs to the second category.”

—*The Hindu*

“Dozens of letters flowed into the newspaper. Heartbreaking statements like: Jillian’s inspirational story should be included in textbooks as a lesson for children. I cried in pain and then cried in relief. I have never seen, heard or imagined such poverty and misery. I salute you, Jillian. Jillian is an institution. Her life is full of lessons. She is an icon, Jillian has made India proud, a worthy example.”

—*The Telegraph*

“A more heartbreaking story is hard to come by and yet her success is truly amazing.”

—*The Times*

“... Knowing starvation, she and her sister would dig in drains for schoolmates’ leftovers. She knows the value of giving food to a poor kid and wants nothing more but to help people better their lives.”

—*The Pioneer*

“UK-based motivational speaker, author, trainer, and philanthropist Jillian Haslam may now have a lovely house, cars, and companies in her name. But carving out this life for herself required unfathomable courage and persistence in the face of crippling poverty.”

—*The Week*

“It is enormously refreshing, albeit also most sad, when one is aware of the story of Jillian Haslam. Not only is she ‘self-made’ in the real sense of the term, but commands true respect, as her life achievements have been realized against huge circumstantial adversity.”

—*Tuck Magazine*

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