

## Jillian Haslam

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& PHILANTHROPIST



The only limitation to what you can accomplish lies in your own mental resilience - how you respond to failures and setbacks. Everyone fails eventually. Even the brightest of people. But not everyone learns from it.

If ever there were truth in the adage that truth is stranger than fiction, it would apply in the case of Jillian Haslam. Born in Calcutta to parents with British ancestry in post-colonial India, Jillian faced a bruising childhood of extreme poverty, malnutrition & disease. And yet she triumphed. She found success in business. She launched charities that help everyone from young kids to the aged and the disabled. She speaks to schools, universities & corporates, she founded the National Speaking Academy and works tirelessly to motivate & inspire the younger generation.

Jillian's is an amazing tale of a gritty climb to success, wealth, international fame and honour. Titled A Voice Out of Poverty, a memoir, her book is an international bestseller with extensive rave reviews in the International Press.

These are the stories from Jillian's past that she brings to students at schools and universities today. Jillian knows how hard it can be for young people but she also knows how to Inspire them like no one else In the world, because no one else has been through what she has.

Students face job shortages and ever-increasing costs of living. There is uncertainty and fear all around. There is racial tension. Political tension. Religious tension. Relational tension and competition as never before. Jillian brings students hope in the form of personal empowerment and resilience no matter what comes against them through adversity and resilience.

Jillian was given two blessings amidst all the hardships she faced growing up. One - she had committed and loving parents, Two - she had access to education. And despite having little else - sometimes not even a home - that was enough. She gleaned everything she could from her education and from every opportunity that came her way.

When she had to miss long stretches of school to care for her siblings, she fought through it, worked double hard to keep up, and finished school ready to break out of childhood poverty. She sought jobs along with other applicants who had far more prestigious qualifications. But she beat 250 of them to land the job that changed her life, working at Bank of America, ABN Amro and RBS. Taking on two roles at every organization she worked for. She remained in the banking industry for 23 years before setting up multiple business and 6 charities.

Jillian is an outstanding speaker who never fails to leave her audience driven to take action to change their lives. As an author, Jillian's book has been awarded a Kirkus Star review and has been featured in major press and media in the US, UK and India, as well as appearing on TV and radio. Her story is currently being turned into a full length feature film.

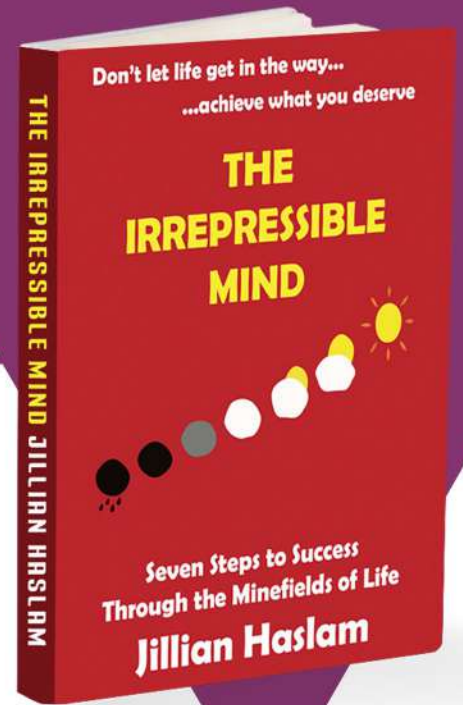
**Jillian was awarded The Mother Teresa Memorial International Award in 2017, The first runner-up award for The Asian Woman of the Year in 2012, The True Legend Award from the Telegraph & an award from The Advertiser for having spoken at the maximum number of schools, colleges & universities in the country.**





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## What Schools are saying :

"Firstly, thank you very much for the talk. It was interesting, challenging and inspiring in equal measure. I know that many pupils, and particular some of the girls, were stuck by your message on resilience, even when hurdle after hurdle seems to come one's way, and that it was up to you to make your opportunities. It was just what we were after and gave an excellent start to the year. So thank you. The other thing to thank you for is the generosity in helping to mentor the two girls. Given your busy schedule, that is incredibly generous. Once again, huge thanks and please do use me if you need a recommendation for any other schools. It would also be great to be able to welcome you back to King's at some stage."

Will Daws,  
Head of Sixth Form, Kings Bruton (England)

"Jillian's speech was captivating. The sixth form students and teachers present were fascinated to learn of her journey from the Indian slums to successful positions in the banking industry. Her advice was refreshing as in a world where emphasis is often give to achieving academic grades and MBA's as a route to success, it is heartening to hear that just being yourself, being humble and a decent human being can also be so important for those aiming to reach the top. Something that is too frequently overlooked, particularly in schools where students feel so much pressure to chase the top grades and places at the elite universities. I would like to wish Jillian every success in her charity work and with all the work that she is doing to help support children in India who truly have nothing."

Claire Edwards,  
Head of Psychology, Kingswood School, UK

"Jillian Haslam didn't get to where is today by chance or coincidence, but as the result of her intelligence, hard work and most importantly because of her determination. This characteristic was apparent from the moment she began her talk, yet it is not the defining memory of her lecture for that surely must be her sincerity and humility. Not many motivational speakers begin by thanking the audience and go on to thank the teachers present for the work they do. However, as she explained, without her teachers she could not have achieved all she has, nor would she have been inspired to now work towards changing lives. Her focus was not on telling a rags to riches story that glorified her own achievements, but on outlining how each person can apply similar strategies to their own life and decision making processes to enable them to move towards their goals; in doing so she held her audience totally captivated."

Paul Adams,  
Giggleswick School, UK

"Jillian was a terrific speaker, who really engaged the pupils with her extraordinary story and energy-filled delivery. The lessons Jillian has drawn from her life, her extraordinary achievements and her dedication to philanthropy are things every pupil should hear. Several pupils sought me out afterwards to tell me that they had been inspired and changed by the experience of listening to Jillian's talk. With every best wish"

Nick Page,  
Deputy Head (Co-Curriculum), Westminster School, UK

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## PARTIAL LIST OF SCHOOLS VISITED

- Westminster
- Canford
- Ashford
- Kings Bruton
- Woldingham
- Walthamstow Hall
- Sevenoaks
- Queenswood
- Ballard
- Felstead
- John Lyons
- Leicester
- Giggleswick
- Wellington
- Kingswood
- Hemsley Fraser

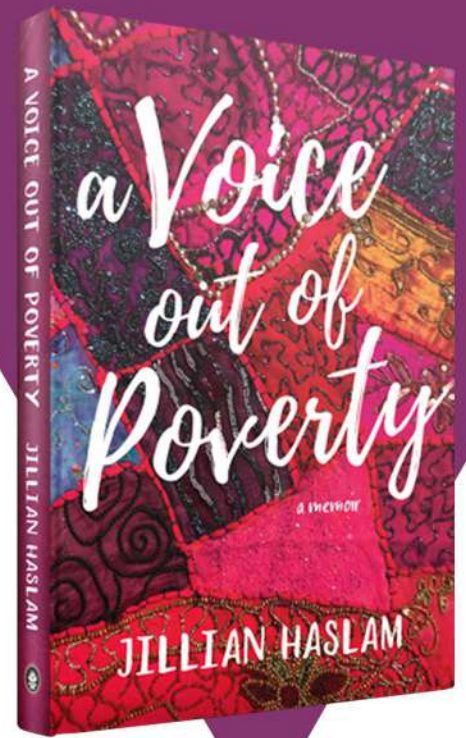
## AS SEEN ON :





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### What Universities & Collages are saying :

"The Cambridge University International Development Society (CUID) was delighted to host Jillian Haslam as a speaker on Indian poverty (her speech title: Why poverty holds us down)? Jillian gave us an incredibly moving and personal account of her experiences of poverty and how she herself broke out of the cycle. She detailed her fascinating story of how she was able to rise within the ranks of the Bank of America and RBS, to how today she is devoted to helping young people in schools, universities and as a charity worker in raising awareness, as a motivational speaker, and - above all - as someone who understands that poverty is not black and white. 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 emphasises hard work and sheer courage. The depth of her story was not lost upon us, with the inclusion of social factors that contribute to poverty. Poverty, gender and race are at the forefront of our problems - and indeed, worldwide - Jillian's work today, and her love - despite everything - for her country, is evident and crucial to bringing these problems to light while working 'within the system'. We at CUID wish her all the very best, and hope that she continues her excellent work."

Shachi Amdekar

President, Cambridge University International Development Society. UK

"When Jillian stepped into the room we first saw a successful businesswoman dressed nicely with a friendly smile. However, after having given her talk, our impression of her changed completely. This was the starting point of an inspiring speech given by a fascinating personality. How do you get from the slums of Calcutta to jobs in companies such as the Bank of America? How did she get to where she currently was? 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 strong woman. All the tragedies Jillian and her family had to go through were more than we can even think about, but these are what made her who she is today - a truly inspiring and unique woman."

Alice R. Blanc.

Kings College London, UK

"It was an absolute pleasure to have you as a speaker at the TEDx event held at The HeriotWatt University. The attendees were inspired at the end of your talk and we are excited to share it with the rest of the world. If you visit Edinburgh again in the future, the team would definitely like to go for a meal with you ! Motivational talks such as going from Campus to Corporate to Succeed are much needed these days and I will positively be in contact very soon in order to arrange this. Thank you again."

Aman Gosrani

HeriotWatt University, UK

"It was such a privilege to hear Jillian's remarkable story. She is a woman gifted with many qualities, but what shines through above all is her authenticity. She does not sentimentalise or sensationalise the events of her life; she does need to do so. Instead she speaks the truth with a simple clarity and honesty that captivates and touches. She has witnessed and experienced many extreme things, but she distils all of her various life experiences into some simple urgent truths; as such, she is a living embodiment of the power and resilience of the human spirit.

For young people today, who may well have anxieties about their future and who are besieged by consumerist messages from the media, it is hard to imagine a better voice to offer welcome reassurance and an enlightened perspective. Students were inspired to 'do something' following her talk and quickly organised a magnificent concert that raised over £1000."

Nick Russell

- Head Teacher, Epsom College, UK

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- Cambridge (Queens College)
- Kings College
- Heriot-Watt
- Epsom
- Lord Wandsworth
- St Xaviers
- IIM
- Shibput (India)

### SCHOOLS/UNI'S/COLLEGES VISITED :

