

Speaker bio

Makheni Zonneveld



Makheni, originally from South Africa, is the founder of both Real Solutions Training SA (1999) and later Real Solutions Training Netherlands.

She is a Virtual and Face2Face people developer. She employs various communication tools, namely keynote addresses, facilitating workshops and masterclasses, coaching, storytelling as well as writing.

She is rated as one of the top 6 speakers in SA. She got this accolade because apart from her unique engaging presentation style, she is a content speaker.

Her content is based on knowledge of behavioural sciences and even more importantly, her real-life experience in both the public and private sectors, in different industries and at different levels including leadership at both operational and executive level.

She first got fascinated by the dynamics of human behaviour when she started studying Psychology and other behavioural sciences in 1974. In 1981 a fellow lecturer, Mrs Rina Thorne, gave her perspective changing book and that fascination became a passion. She shared that passion since then and in 1999 sharing that passion became her day job.

Among other achievements in the past two decades, she was nominated for the Woman of the year award and she received two awards recognising her commitment to the advancement of creativity and innovation globally.

She is also a Master practitioner of Neethling Brain Instruments - an international method that helps individuals and teams to understand non-demographic differences – brain preferences. She co-owns Breinvoorkeuren NBI®, the Dutch agency of the method with her husband, Koen Zonneveld.

Makheni calls herself a 'Common-sense practitioner' and she says there are no substitutes for the big 5, namely: Authenticity, Integrity, Excellence, Experience and good old fashioned Hard work!

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