



Michael McGrath leads a remarkable life - his story is one of consistently overcoming incredible odds. British born with a cocktail of Irish, Brazilian and Germanic roots and educated by the Jesuits, Michael McGrath describes himself as the black sheep of his family; most of them are in medicine. He is a catalyst for change and a champion of difference. In 2004, Michael made history by becoming the first and currently only disabled person in the world to have successfully led expeditions to both the North and South Poles. Sir Richard Branson, Chairman of the Virgin Group said "Michael is an inspiration".

Michael himself is first and foremost a family man; a father to his daughter and husband to his wife. At the age of 12yrs, Michael wanted to be a professional golfer. At 15yrs, he dreamt of becoming the General Manager of the Savoy Hotel in London. At 16yrs, he was a keen rugby player at Stonyhurst College (a flanker by trade!), an independent Catholic boarding school founded in 1593 (guided by Jesuit principles), whose motto "Quant Je Puis" (As Much As I Can) is central to McGrath's own Reach Beyond ethos and Can-Do spirit. At 18yrs, he was diagnosed with muscular dystrophy, a deteriorative muscle wasting disease that remains the single biggest genetic killer of children in our world - in that moment, Michael's life instantly changed forever.

He is in demand as an inspiring motivational business speaker. He travels extensively, provoking, stimulating and inspiring change for both private and public sector organisations. Clients include PwC, the NHS, Shell Petroleum, Barclays, Roche Pharmaceuticals, HBOS, Pfizer Pharmaceuticals, Lloyds TSB, DHL Global, Hilton International, Credit Suisse, Shaw Trust, Capital Resourcing, BNP Paribas, D...

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Speech Topics

- ▢ Teambuilding
- ▢ Resilience
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- ▢ Peak Performance
- ▢ Overcoming Adversity
- ▢ Motivation

Testimonials

▢ Inspiring, impressive, highly charged & engaging ▢

- Area President, Hilton International.

▢ The thundering applause said it all ▢

- VP, Medtronic Inc..