

# Debra Searle MBE

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- Available For:
- After Dinner Speaking
  - Keynote Speaking
  - Motivational Speaking
  - Hosting & Presenting



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## About

Debra Searle achieved fame by rowing solo across the Atlantic in a 23ft plywood boat.

Heralded 'Britain's latest sporting heroine' (The Times) when the media worldwide went crazy for the story of the 5ft 5" young lady who carried on rowing alone when her husband, a 6 ft 5" experienced oarsman, left the boat after developing an uncontrollable fear of the ocean. Debra, who was loving life at sea in a 23 foot plywood boat, saw no reason to stop and rowed on to become the youngest and only the third woman in the world to have rowed an ocean solo.

The 3000 mile journey that was initially supposed to take 6 weeks took Debra a staggering 3 1/2 months and saw her battling with 30 foot waves, force 8 squalls and sharks, while having to dodge tankers that came too close for comfort on more than a few occasions.

Not just a woman with an interesting story, Debra Searle is a successful business woman in her own right. Debra became Managing Director of her first company at the age of 23 with the launch of The Well Hung Art Company. Today she successfully runs two companies alongside a developing TV presenting career with the BBC.

Debra's overwhelming positivity and 'go for it' attitude are contagious, while her modesty is endearing. She regularly delivers both motivational presentations and after dinner speeches using her story to powerfully but subtly draw out key business and interpersonal lessons.

Debra powerfully illustrates with slides and stunning video footage and leaves her audience in no doubt of their own ability to achieve the extraordinary.

## Video



## Testimonials

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Debra was excellent. The time taken by Debra to understand our business really paid off. The best thing about her was her humility and also her willingness to stay and chat to the audience.

Karen Allen, Head of Communications,  
Boots

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We are back from Tenerife and the conference was a great success and the feedback on your presentation was "immense". For example, "Absolutely fantastic-INSPIRING-and the best motivational speaker I've heard at Conference ahead of Neil Armstrong, Carl Lewis, Ellen McArthur, Steve Redgrave... to name a few." Thanks again for what you did, you were incredible.

Dai Davies, Sales and Marketing  
Director, Solvay

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Thank you so much for your contribution to our Sales Management Conference - you were a huge success and unanimously voted as the highlight of the day. One of the issues with athletes or others who have achieved something extraordinary is that it is not always possible to relate back clear lessons for us mere mortals to learn. We didn't have that problem with your presentation. So, not only was it fascinating, gripping and emotionally draining - it was relevant to every single person in that hall.

Matthew Wyles, Group Development  
Director, Portman Building Society

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I work with a very multi cultural group (26 nationalities), this story resonates whatever your background. Debra was very motivational, great on goal setting and having the right attitude of mind. An inspirational story and a great role model particularly for women in our team.

Managing Director, Johnson & Johnson,  
Middle East

## Books and DVD's



TAGS FOR DEBRA SEARLE MBE

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