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Graham Neil

The Power of Yes, Master of Ceremonies and Emcee Experts

“The Power of Yes will enhance your staff’s ability to work as a team in an effective manner and confidently communicate with clients and each other” - Graham Neil



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Speaker Biography:

Graham Neil (Bachelor of Journalism, Bachelor of Sports Management) is a popular, charismatic international award winning Senior Television Reporter at CTV Edmonton. He has over 25 years experience in the broadcast industry, covering everything from city politics to arts & entertainment. Graham Neil is the recipient of a prestigious Edward R. Murrow Journalism Award, and his reports have been featured on CTV National News, E! Talk, Canada AM, and CNN. Some of his most memorable interviews include those with Tom Cruise, U2's Bono and Robin Williams.

Graham Neil's colourful career has taken him from interviewing celebrities on the Hollywood Red Carpet, to performing stand-up at major comedy clubs across western Canada. He has performed with Brad Garrett (Everybody Loves Raymond), Dave Couiler (Full House) and Gilbert Gottfried (Alladin). Graham Neil's love for comedy and community inspired him to launch the ATB Edmonton Comedy Festival and local hit Foodie festival, BaconFest YEG.

Combining business savvy with quick wit, Graham Neil has also lead numerous corporate and educational workshops, and MC'd an impressive list of events: Major HR and financial conferences and conventions; charity fundraisers and award shows; galas and roasts with CEO's, professional athletes and industry leaders; and government and VIP events, including an evening with the Prime Minister of Canada.

Topic Presentations

Master of Ceremonies

As an experienced and in demand MC, Graham delivers a fantastic mix of humour, insight and professionalism. A partial list of the hundreds of events he has hosted include: The Roast of Edmonton Oiler's Patrick Laforge, The Countdown to Grey Cup Official Party, The Edmonton Your Welcome Awards, The Junos Rush the Vote with Barenaked Ladies & Nelly Furtado, Mayor Steven Mandel's Retirement celebration, The AMPIA Awards, The Alberta Construction Safety Awards, The Chartered Financial Analyst Forecast Dinner, The HRIA Conference, The Paws & Claws Gala for the Edmonton Humane Society and the Suncor President's Awards.

Graham has extensive writing & producing experience and access to key industry contacts. He can even help you to develop a theme and produce custom informational or comedy videos. His videos are always a big hit, and adds creative flair and excitement to events!

 **The Power of Yes****WHAT IT IS**

Power of Yes is a corporate workshop that teaches you the creative techniques of improv and how to apply them to improve your business, work and life. Improv training is a proven skill-building resource with many positive applications. In fact, a recent Forbes article reports that more Fortune 500 companies are using improv to inspire creativity, communication and productivity in their workforce. Each Power of Yes workshop focuses on researched business principles, and can be customized to meet your organization's needs. Power of Yes will enhance your staff's ability to work as a team in an effective manner and confidently communicate with clients and each other.

HOW WE DO IT

The workshop is broken down into activities and games that focus on the key elements of improv. Participants start with simple exercises, working in teams, and progress to games that unleash their creativity and communication skills! After each activity, Graham and Donovan debrief the participants and relate them to workplace needs and experiences. Power of Yes can also be delivered as an interactive and entertaining keynote address for large groups.

Some of the many ways the POWER OF YES helps people and businesses:

- * Team Building
- * Communication Skills
- * Customer Service
- * Conflict Resolution
- * Creativity
- * Sales Effectiveness
- * Problem Solving
- * Build Confidence
- * Adapting to Change

Videos



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Testimonials

Our experience working with Donovan and Graham was exceptionally positive. The 'Power of Yes' concept is very fitting for a corporate audience and the messages are universal to almost any work environment. Plus, the team's quality/professionalism was just what we needed to not only win over our Executive Team but also the members of the audience.

Epcor

In these past 2 months since the workshop, we are already seeing changes in the way our team communicates internally and externally. I would recommend this workshop for all teams, big or small!

ConocoPhillips

I laughed until my stomach hurt! Along with the laughter came excellent tips on how to be positive, work as a team and how to say "Yes"!

MacEwan College

The whole group had a lot of fun with Donovan and Graham and we still are using the principles they taught us. It was really informative and a lot of fun. What more can you ask for in a workshop?!

ATB Financial

Getting administrators and teacher leaders to say yes and look at their roles from a positive direction has been most helpful in moving our teachers forward in this time of change in education. Graham Neil and Donovan Workun have never disappointed in their preparation and professionalism.

Wildrose School District

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