

DOUG MANUEL

Collaboration In Action

Speaker Introduction



We all know what an amazing team / community we are, but we can always improve, and and when I think about our culture, I want us to bring it even more alive. We have a fantastic opportunity for that because we are all here. Together.

So I want to introduce you to someone who has dedicated his life to helping organisations foster a culture of engagement, inclusiveness and collaboration. For more than 25 years he has been living and traveling in West Africa and learning from the indigenous people of rural villages whose lives and survival depends on their innate ability to live in community and to collaborate.

He is the creator of ‘Do You Speak Djembe?’ an award nominated stage show chosen by Oprah to open her 3rd Super Soul Sessions, and he is currently producing a documentary for Netflix about the cure to the loneliness and isolation epidemic that we are all suffering from in one way or another. His not for profit ‘Lighting Up Lives’, partners with the villagers in rural Africa, inspiring and supporting local action to solve local problems such as energy, health, sanitation and education. The charity builds bridges between Africa and the West, fostering collaboration and putting words into action.

He travels the world as a speaker, facilitator and workshop leader. He has lead programs at leading business schools such as Harvard, CEIBS in China, and IMD in Europe. And he has inspired literally hundreds of fortune 500 companies to bring collaboration to life. He is going to share his wisdom in a very interactive way with us today.

Please welcome to the stage Doug Manuel.