



Joanne Hession (Pronounced Hesh-Shun)

Author, Founder, Award-Winning Entrepreneur and Leadership Expert.

Joanne Hession is one of Ireland's foremost experts on the adoption of entrepreneurial attributes for corporates, and an outstanding advocate for authentic leadership in Ireland and around the world.

She began her business career after a period working in the refugee camps in Rwanda, following the genocide and civil war in that country. At 27, she founded two successful businesses, The Entrepreneur's Academy, and QED The Accreditation Experts. The Entrepreneur's Academy has trained over 30,000 entrepreneurs over the past two decades. She has been interviewed by Forbes and the New York Times as an expert on entrepreneurship and training.

A former board member of the British Irish Chamber of Commerce, and current Council Member of Dublin Chamber, she authored the best-selling book "Don't Get A Job Build A Business" for entrepreneurs. She is an Executive Director of the John Maxwell Team, which is the largest leadership training organisation in the world. In 2019 in the US she was awarded the 'International Award for Equipping Others' for her work with Lift Ireland, which she founded to raise the level of leadership across Ireland. Joanne is currently mentoring teams in Denmark, UK, Nigeria and Australia who have all been inspired by the LIFT model.

We are delighted to have Joanne join us today to share her insights on leadership and change.

Or (Short Version)

Our speaker today is Joanne Hession, one of Ireland's foremost experts on the adoption of entrepreneurial attributes for corporates, and an outstanding advocate for authentic leadership in Ireland and around the world. Her first business, 'The Entrepreneur Academy' has trained over 30,000 in the past two decades and is still going strong to this day. Joanne herself is an award-winning entrepreneur, best-selling author and leadership expert. In recent years, she has turned her attention to raising the level of leadership in Ireland through LIFT Ireland, a non-profit initiative which was officially launched in May 2018 with the ambitious goal of educating 10% of the country on leadership values within 10 years.

Would you join me in welcoming on stage Joanne Hession.