

DAVID FALK

As a Professional Speaker, David Falk has been inspiring audiences to prevent, manage and resolve conflict for over 30 years, drawing on his experience as an Organizational Consultant, Workplace Mediator and Conflict Management Specialist.

David is an engaging presenter who combines practical wisdom and humour to enhance his audiences' understanding and ability to deal with the many challenges that they face, both at work and at home.

David holds a Masters degree in Conflict Resolution, is both a member of the CAPS (Canadian Association of Professional Speakers) and a Chartered Mediator with the ADR Institute of Canada. He has been a Partner at Facilitated Solutions, Manitoba's premiere workplace conflict management firm, since 2003.

David is a builder of relationships and teams at work and concrete stuff at home; ice sculptures, additions and very involved landscaping. During summer, he is happiest kiteboarding on a windy day. David is married to and inspired by Kalyn; together they navigate the beauty and complexities of their extraordinary family that includes both autistic and transgender adult children and a drop out service dog named Charlie.



Feedback from David's Talks:

I recently attended a Conference in Edmonton and was a part of the session you provided on polarities. Your session provided a framework to assist participants in having conversations and resolving conflict when polarities exist, which really resonated with the work we do for the Alberta Public Service.

David took the practical swimmer's advice of swimming sideways to escape a riptide, and applied it to challenging personal and professional challenges. If you find yourself being swept away by change, find a way to swim sideways and find some stability in the moment — find your feet, catch your breath. You might even find a way to enjoy being in the surf.

Recent audiences include:

- The Wawanesa Mutual Insurance Company
- Canadian Association of Professional Speakers
- Leadercast Conference, Winnipeg
- Myers Labour Conference
- Long Term Care Association of Manitoba
- Association of Assessing Officers of Manitoba
- University of Manitoba – Department of Internal Medicine
- TEDx Winnipeg
- Disrupt HR Winnipeg
- Winnipeg Regional Health Care Association
- Concordia Hospital
- QNET
- Manitoba Teachers Association
- Thompson Rivers University
- City of Winnipeg
- CUPE Manitoba
- Human Resource Management Association of Manitoba
- Manitoba Government and General Employees' Union (MGEU)
- People for People Conference (Edmonton)
- Association of Manitoba Municipalities
- Canadian Conference on Developmental Disabilities and Autism
- Safety Services Manitoba's Occupational Health and Safety Conference
- Alberta Public Service
- ACR Association of Conflict Resolution

David speaks on a range of topics on relating to leadership, conflict, communication, personal resilience, effective teams and navigating change. Some of David's most commonly requested keynote and conference presentations include:

- Building Resilient Teams in Times of Change
- Unlocking the Positive Potential of Unresolvable Team Tensions
- Managing Your Primary Asset: Yourself
- Swim Sideways: Breaking the Grip of the Rip
- Parrots, Pinches and the Perspective Check: Essential Skills for Surviving Conflict
- A Leaders Survival Guide to Navigating Conflict and Change
- Finding Stability in Disruptive Times
- Compassion Fatigue
- Beyond the Buddy or the Boss: Leading with Authority
- Why So Defensive? Giving and Receiving Effective Feedback
- What to Do When Problem Solving Is the Problem?
- Sorry, Not Sorry: The Art and Science of Apologies
- Putting the Gag on Workplace Gossip
- Beyond Treading Water: Skills for Developing Personal Resilience