

CHRIS BONNELLO

AUTISM ADVOCATE NEURODIVERSITY CONSULTANT PROFESSIONAL SPEAKER

Chris Bonnello is an autistic advocate who speaks about neurodiversity from both a professional and personal perspective; not merely encouraging acceptance, but teaching about the importance of brains that think differently.

His personal catchphrase is “Human progress relies on diversity of thought”, a mantra which encapsulates his attitudes towards the importance of developing inclusive workplaces – and of seeing neurodivergence as an essential strength contributing to a company’s success.

Bonnello is a professional member of the Professional Speaking Association, a prolific novelist, a former teacher, and an avid Rubik’s cube speedsolver. As such, he is passionate about defining neurodivergent people by their strengths rather than their struggles.



Top three keynotes:

- **Neurodiversity, and making the workplace work** – Are you wondering why neurodivergent employees struggle so much in the workplace? I can assure you, it’s not due to lack of potential. In this talk, I discuss how to meaningfully and effectively address neurodivergent struggles – in recruitment, retention and performance. *(Suitable for all companies who genuinely wish to get the best from their neurodivergent employees.)*
- **The art of accommodation: improving autistic employees’ experiences** – Life is made harder for autistic workers whose employers baulk at the mention of ‘accommodations’. After all, how do you accommodate neurodivergent people and what will the impact be on your workplace (or even your finances)? In this talk, I make incisive points about what defines accommodations, why they’re less trouble than you’ve been led to believe, and the consequences of getting it right. *(Again, suitable for all companies who want the best for neurodivergent employees.)*
- **Meeting the needs of your autistic clients and service users** – After a century of malpractice, society is now demanding the highest quality provision for autistic service users under their care, including those with complex disabilities. But what does that actually look like? In this talk I use my experiences as an autistic special education teacher to talk about meaningfully personalising care provision, and offer guidance on how to prioritise a client’s rights and dignity alongside their safety and wellbeing. *(Suitable for those who work professionally with autistic people, and feel conscientious about getting it right for those they care for.)*

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The value I bring:

- Helping to solve problems with recruitment and retention
 - Insights about how to meaningfully foster an inclusive environment
 - Enabling you to see the workplace from an autistic perspective
 - Further development opportunities (mentoring, consultancy, retainers, workplace audits)
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“Chris’s story is amazing, and he is an incredible speaker on neurodiversity. He delivers keynotes with humour, humility and with an incredible insight that goes way beyond inspiration. If you want a neurodiverse speaker who can hold an audience in the palm of his hand and take them on a journey that leaves them more connected than before, book him.”

-Jaz Ampaw-Farr, Speaker of the Year 2022 & 2023

“Chris quickly built credibility in the room, and clearly knows how to get the audience in the palm of his hand and made the room a safe space. He was the highest ranked speaker of the day (9.5 out of 10), and his talk has had a real ripple effect among our managers.”

-Conference organiser, Liaise

“When I came to the conference this morning, I was thinking ‘what am I doing here?’ – then I heard Chris speak, and thought ‘THAT’s what I’m doing here.’”

-Corporate conference delegate


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