

# **Michael Bortolotto**

# Motivating You To Be A Self-Advocate-preneur.

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# Michael's Speaking History.

Since 1989, Michael has been keynote presentations and workshops to self-advocates and delegates attending national and international conferences for people with disabilities. Drawing on his experiences of advocating for himself using the positive rebel's frame of mind, he has explained how this special mindset, helped him advocate and move beyond society's prohibiting challenges, obstacle, and barriers which threaten to prevent Michael from living successfully in society.



## Michael's Top 3 Requested Presentations.

#### <u>INCLUSION - It Isn't What You Say - It's The Actions You Take!</u> Length: 60 to 70 Minutes

Michael will teach and illustrate to the audience members, how he created his own social inclusion by turning his disability into an asset by:

- 1) Confronting his own self-imposed limitations, by being a Positive Rebel,
- 2) Assuming a self-leadership role while engaging in society's prohibiting challenges, and
- 3) Taking a pro-active approach to moving beyond economic hardship using entrepreneurialism.

#### Don't Wait, Just Act! Length: 60 to 80 Minutes

As a person who has been labelled as being disabled. Are you ready to take your self-advocacy initiatives to a more successful level, have greater say in determining the direction of your life, and build community connections that lead to experiencing genuine social inclusion? If you answer "Yes"! Then this presentation, will ignite your thoughts, change your feelings, and fuel your passion, too embrace a "Don't Talk, Just Act, Don't Say, Just Show, Don't Promise, Just Prove It" life-enhancing attitude and perspective.

# The Cathleen Lyle Murray Award.

In September 2014, Michael Bortolotto was the first Canadian to receive the prestigious Cathleen Lyle Murray Foundation award from the American Academy for Cerebral Palsy and Development Medicine.

Michael is received this award for demonstrating an effective and unique humanitarian approach through advocacy, leadership, and life experiences within society to promote a better understanding of the advancement in society of person with disabilities.

#### The Characteristics Of A Self-Adocate-preneur! Length: 60 to 80 Minutes

As a successful self-advocate-preneur and business owner, I will explain the following four steps to being a self-advocate-preneur. Both self-advocates and advocates will understand the importance of vision, making a commitment to being a positive rebel, embracing the many challenges created by change, and escaping those dream ending excuses manifested from negative thoughts. This speech is designed to energize each audience member to believe they can become a successful entrepreneur as well.

## Customizing A Presentation Just For Your Audience.

Michael wants to work with you to support all your audience members in achieving success. If the presentations outlined in this brochure doesn't meet your requirements, please feel free to ask Michael to customize his presentations to address your audience's needs or challenges. Please call 250-816-2989.