



## MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKING

### Introduction

Flying a multi-million pound fighter jet in hostile territory is not an everyday career, and comes with a high degree of pressure and responsibility. It's a dream job that takes years of ambition, training and commitment but, for Mandy Hickson, it was a dream that became reality.

Find out about Mandy's incredible journey to become one of the UK's first female, fast-jet pilots and how she overcame many obstacles to develop the skills to succeed in such a demanding career. For listeners of all ages, it's a story that will inspire and amaze in equal measure.

**Please get in touch to find out more.**



### For Schools

#### **Mandy recognises the challenges that face Head Teachers and their staff.**

Increasing administrative pressure and the speed of change are just two of the factors that impact on schools ability to achieve their main aims; nurturing pupil's hopes and aspirations, and inspiring them to the realisation of their dreams and ambitions.

As a School Governor and mother of two young boys Mandy understands the nature of these challenges and Hickson delivers a number of services to suit the needs of schools.



### For Business

#### **Challenging times require an exceptional corporate response.**

So how do you motivate and inspire your staff to demonstrate outstanding leadership and teamwork under pressure; to stride confidently towards purposeful goals and maintain focus despite great risks? These critical success factors are clearly demonstrated by Mandy Hickson's unique experiences of flying in a Front Line Tornado Squadron within hostile environments. Mandy is supporting an increasing number of organisations as a keynote or motivational speaker.

Tailored to be relevant to your organisation, our main themes are;

- The building and empowerment of effective teams
- Inspired goal setting and ultimate focus
- Decision-making under extreme pressure
- Maintaining momentum despite losing top talent
- Nurturing a culture of self-confidence and aspiration



### Women's Groups

#### **Without a doubt most women face some tough challenges in their working lives:**

- Maintaining that essential work/life balance in a demanding environment
- Overcoming innate risk avoidance tendencies
- A wavering of confidence and self-belief
- Amazingly, still having to breakthrough the glass ceiling

If you would like to inspire women in your organisation or membership, Mandy will work with you to create a unique and memorable event that may just help them write their own success stories.





## ABOUT MANDY HICKSON

**Dream it. Believe it. Do it.**

**Finding a love of flying early in life, Mandy had to fight hard to achieve her ambition of becoming an RAF pilot.**

**She was only the second woman to fly a Tornado GR4 on the front line, completing three tours of duty and 45 missions over Iraq.**

**Mandy's inspiring story is one of drive and determination, triumphs and setbacks.**

Mandy's route to the top was tumultuous in every sense – awarded a RAF flying scholarship at 17, long before she even passed her driving test, she went on to win aerobatic competitions whilst still a student.

However, despite her prowess in the skies, she failed the computer-based tests, taken by all potential RAF pilots. Undeterred, her self-belief and dogged determination persuaded the RAF to take her on as a test case, thereby overcoming seemingly insurmountable hurdles.

Mandy relates her experiences of working within an elite team of fast jet operators with great clarity, outlining how the same values apply within any environment. She demonstrates only too well the importance of remaining calm under pressure and leading, quite literally, from the front, in order to get the best from herself and her team.

Since leaving the RAF Mandy has served as a school governor, on the board of trustees at the Victory Services Club, London and is an ambassador for sport for Hampshire County Council.

**// Mandy was absolutely brilliant, I would highly recommend Mandy for any event. We hung on every word and still wanted more after two and half hours. I personally came out on a massive high. //**

Sarah Pasco  
Sales & Marketing Director at Taylor Wimpey

**// A first class performance //**

**// Highly relevant //**

**// Inspirational and engaging //**

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