

### TRAINING & SPEAKING

# YOUR JOURNEY TO CONCIOUS INCLUSION

with Joanne Lockwood



Supermarkets have been telling us for years that we, as consumers, are demanding our fruit and vegetables to be perfect, to all be the same size, shape, and colour. Consequently, millions upon millions of tonnes of perfectly good apples, carrots, potatoes, and courgettes are being discarded each year.

Yet when we dive deeper, we find that these discarded items still have the same crunch and are still as nutritional, the potatoes make perfectly good French Fries – our fruit and veg does not have to conform to this very narrow visual standard as we've been led to believe.

As recruiters and talent acquisition professionals are we potentially discarding candidates who do not fit this idealistic mould, the belief that meritocracy is fair and works for all – our biases, perspectives, and preconceptions of the way we have always hired to meet this narrow definition of ideal is discounting perfectly good candidates from diverse, marginalised, and underrepresented background and communities. We are even led to believe that hiring for diversity is hiring for second best.

By stepping back and questioning perspectives, biases and challenging the old mantras of "we hire the best person for the role" we can start to be Consciously Inclusive, to open our thoughts to candidates who may not look the same but have perfectly valid skills, passions, and motivations to success in a role (and a bit of crunch).

In this session Joanne gives her thoughts as to why the approach currently taken by many organisations is broken. Many of our biases are conscious and it is therefore the responsibility of organisations to develop this conscious inclusion culture and vision to recognise the value of all people. Joanne challenges thinking and highlights strategies for a starting point on this journey, the destination is up to you!

#### Key Take Away:

- How to challenge yourself to think inclusively
- Why simply hiring diverse talent will not work if the organisations culture is not fit for purpose.
- How tiny changes can make a significant impact to achieving an organisations D&I vision

Following the presentation Joanne will be around for an open Q&A where you can challenge her with your thoughts or maybe event ask her for some ideas on how you can tackle your own challenges.



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ABOUT

### Joanne Lockwood

Joanne Lockwood is the Founder and CEO of SEE Change Happen and describes herself as an Inclusion and Belonging specialist that works with organisations throughout the UK, Europe and Elsewhere to bring culture change that allows people to thrive and perform at their best from pre-hire to retire.

Joanne is passionate about helping organisations to develop policy and best practise to be more inclusive for all people. By challenging biases, she helps them to develop a vision and strategy for conscious inclusion, with the aim of bringing about positive candidate, employee, and customer experiences. She delivers workshops, seminars, and training programmes both on-line and in-person.

Additionally, she promotes transgender awareness and support to businesses and assists them in developing allies' programmes and LGBTQ+ inclusion strategies.

She is a Fellow of the Professional Speaking Association, Member of the Institute of Equality and Diversity Professionals, consultant, and facilitator who focuses on "people people" be that in Talent Acquisition, Human Resources, or Learning & Develop to bring sustainable change by establishing a "why of D&I" for both the Organisation and the leadership teams to ensure it is promoted throughout to all colleagues.

As well as being a sought-after keynote conference speaker Joanne is also a prolific blogger and podcaster who hosts "Inclusion Bites" and is a regular columnist in a UK based National Newspaper where she shares her views on Inclusion and Belonging and creating environments where people can thrive.

She was a contributor and featured in a Channel 4 (UK) documentary called "The Making of Me", broadcast in February 2019 which featured on an episode of Gogglebox. This documentary was filmed over a 3-year period and detailed her own personal gender transition and its impact on those around her.

Recently, Joanne was named as one of the "Power List of the Top 200 Biggest Voices in Leadership in 2022" by leadersHum.com, also one of the "Top 15 must-follow diversity & inclusion thought leaders to watch out for in 2021" by Peoplehum.com and one of the "125 People to Follow on LinkedIn About Diversity and Inclusion" by Diverseln.com

Her mantra is "Smile | Engage | Educate" and that we should treat people as they wish to be treated.



We will join you in-person or online to deliver a keynote at your plenary session for your conference or company day. Depending on the format we are also able to deliver breakout workshops, take part in Q&A, Networking or 'Ask Me Anything' sessions.

As inclusion and belonging specialists, we are sure to help educate, inform and give practical advice on any chosen D&I topic to ensure best training and inclusive practices within your organisation.

#### What people have said about the session ... Joanne did the afternoon keynote speech at our end of mentoring programme celebration. She was absolutely captivating. She skillfully addressed our themes around the power of mentoring, self-belief, personal goals and paying it forward to make a difference to your own and others' lives. Joanne delivered a highly-engaging and thought-provoking talk as part of our Pride celebrations, and was extremely receptive and open to questions to help everyone in the Moreen Pascal, Programmes Manager audience come away feeling they had learned something at The Housing Diversity Network new and had the opportunity to think about quite challenging issues from a different perspective. We'd highly recommend Joanne! Andrew Leicester, Associate Director at Frontier Economics " Joanne was authentic, open and genuinely moving. The perfect mix of challenge and humour. Thank you. Sarah Winship, DEI Director at Molson Coors Beverage Company

SEE Change Happen is an Inclusion and Belonging consultancy, that specialises in working to ensure that organisations are culturally aware and sensitive to the needs of individuals.

We offer best-practice consultancy including developing workplace policies, inclusion and ally strategies, and support and mentoring; professional keynote speaking for conferences or events; and workshops and training for crucial learning and development.

### Let's keep the conversation going...



See other keynotes and talks available from Joanne: https://seechangehappen.co.uk/speaking-category/keynotes

- Watch the clip from "The Making of Me" on Gogglebox via Channel 4 or Facebook: https://www.channel4.com/programmes/gogglebox/on-demand/67829-001 https://www.facebook.com/Channel4/videos/583840432131386/
- Website: https://seechangehappen.co.uk Inclusion Bites Podcast: https://seechangehappen.co.uk/inclusion-bites-listen Spotlight Newsletter: https://seechangehappen.co.uk/spotlight
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