

Leela Bassi | Trilingual Keynote Speaker, Facilitator, & Resilience Coach

Helping leaders build inclusive cultures where people thrive — from the Arctic to the boardroom.

Biography



Leela Bassi is a trilingual speaker, facilitator and consultant with over 25 years of international experience in global organisations. She works across cultures and industries, helping leaders and teams shift behaviour, build inclusive cultures, and lead with intention. Her expertise spans diversity, equity and inclusion, psychological safety, leadership behaviour, and cultural transformation. Her insights are rooted in lived and field-tested experience, including a 100km Arctic expedition to raise awareness of unconscious bias and challenge leadership norms. She founded Above & Beyond Resilience in 2017, partnering with multinational corporations, global brands and purpose-led organisations, including startups, social enterprises and community teams. Leela is known for her warm, honest approach and deep commitment to building lasting impact. She helps people connect across difference, build trust, and lead cultures where everyone feels seen, heard and valued. She presents in English, French and Italian, and has delivered over 1,000 workshops and keynotes worldwide. From high-level boardrooms to remote field teams from the Arctic to the everyday.

Highlights & Relevant Experience

- For over two decades Leela has worked in multi diverse global organisations gaining a deep understanding of how countries function, learnt a lot about backgrounds, ethnicities, experience, expertise, expectations expanding her management and leadership skills across the globe.
- Some of her clientele (not exhaustive) include Sky, Siemens, BT, Ocado, Takeda, Roche Pharmaceutical Unilever, JTI, Accenture, The body shop, Mazars. Specsavers, Centre Parcs, Axa.
- Facilitated 1000+ workshops with 50,000+ global participants across Europe, Asia, USA and Middle East.
- Some of her areas of facilitation (both online and F2F) include Leadership Development, People Management, Team delivery Success, Conflict Management, Consulting Excellence, Inclusive Leadership, Creativity & innovation, Design Thinking and Problem solving just to name a few.
- Known for her determination and focus, Leela is passionate about inspiring business leaders and individuals to build a resilient mind and overcome adversity through Inclusive Leadership: a key focus for every company that will benefit both their employees and businesses.

Skills

- Live and Virtual Keynote Speeches
- Live and Virtual Training Facilitation
- Leadership Development & Coaching
- Inclusive Leadership & Psychological Safety
- Developing High Performing Teams

Expertise & Certifications

- French Literature & Business Languages (France)
- Public Speaking Degree (England)
- Subject Matter Expert: Resilience & Growth Mindset
- Trilingual Keynote Speaker, Entrepreneur & Consultant (French, English, Italian)
- Inclusive Leadership & Systemic Culture Work