

Speaker Profile – Grant Hayward

Businesses across the UK are becoming increasingly aware of the value and necessity of operating in a more socially responsible manner. Grant Hayward has worked with businesses of all sizes to help them leverage and maximize their skills and resources to fulfill their social responsibilities and develop their organisation and people.



Biography

The Journey

Grant built his career in the corporate world over 30 years in various roles up to board level and as a part owner of a national trading company. In 2009, he decided to utilize the skills and experience he had gained in a way that was more personally fulfilling. He has since developed expertise and passion for creating opportunities and facilitating powerful and mutually beneficial cross-sector collaborations. Grant has also worked in the voluntary sector where he gained a deep understanding of the needs and challenges of local communities and charities in carrying out their important and often essential work. Importantly, he also became aware of the significant opportunities that he now works to open up.

Voluntary work

Grant has played a key role in developing two business networks that bring together organisations and people across sectors. He continues to volunteer to help run ROBIN – Responsible Oxfordshire Business Involvement Network, which is still growing strongly. He is also a trustee at Monument Community Trust, which provides support to small local charities in Oxfordshire.

Business

Grant is founder and director of Collaborent Ltd. It provides a range of services including consultancy, audits to benchmark businesses on their social responsibility, training, workshops and facilitation. He also works closely with selected associates, and in particular with Insight Oxford as Director of Research, Louise Wheeler, shares Grant's values and approach to business.

Social Enterprise

Grant has a particular interest in Social Enterprise and is Network Navigator for the Oxfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership's Innovation Support for Business programme to support and encourage social enterprise throughout the county.

Speaking topics

Grant speaks passionately in a lighthearted and interactive style on a range of topics related to responsible business, collaboration, developing business, organisations and people through community engagement and social enterprise. Presentations and talks can also be developed and tailored to suit specific events and themes.

Testimonials

"First and foremost – you are a legend! Your continued support and your creative thinking are a real asset. We've been really impressed and pleased with the relationship that we've built and the way in which we've been able to enjoy your support across a number of initiatives." Vicki Fullarton – Amey

"If you're ever wondering how your business can connect the core skills it might have to do good things, Collaborent is an absolutely brilliant model for it". Stuart Miller - ByBox

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