

## **Felicity Furey Speaker Bio: Business / Leadership**

**Award-winning Business Leader. Engineer. Entrepreneur. Aspiring Aviator.**

**“Do things you’ve never done. Be things you’ve never been.”**

*An inspirational leader and in-demand speaker, Felicity’s engineering mindset is primed to help leaders and teams reignite performance, reframe challenges as opportunities and redefine what’s possible in the future of business and leadership.*

From BOSS Magazine’s Young Executive of The Year to being one of Westpac AFR’s 100 Women of Influence and the Director of several businesses, Felicity has made a career out of making the ‘impossible’ possible.

In the world of engineering Felicity skyrocketed to the top to help lead some of Australia’s most innovative mega infrastructure projects for the likes of Arup, fortune 500 company AECOM and Brisbane City Council, where she delivered a \$45 million dollar transport infrastructure project portfolio at just 23 years-of-age.

One of just twelve women in her first engineering class of 120, Felicity remains committed to fueling diversity across all industries by equipping current and emerging leaders from all backgrounds with the skills and tools to make an impact. Felicity’s businesses, WeAspire and Power of Engineering along with partnerships with Qantas, Boeing, Toyota, Telstra, Origin and Energy Australia have powered her mission to help more people ignite their leadership and potential in STEM careers and spark meaningful change.

Felicity takes to the stage to share her inspiring stories and insights and has done so with over 25,000 current and future leaders across Australia, New Zealand, Asia and the United States. She’s secured over \$1.5 million in funding for her own businesses, including scarce angel investment funding, and mentored leaders in business, finance, engineering and tech.

Felicity is on a mission to transform leadership and foster intergenerational collaboration. As the co-founder and CEO of WeAspire she aims to train 1 million emerging leaders to ‘do the impossible’ and become professional, diverse and global leaders by 2030.

Felicity has been featured in major press outlets including the Australian Financial Review, ABC News, Sky News, the Australian newspaper.

### **Awards**

- Highly Commended Young Engineer of the Year Victoria 2020
- Superstar of STEM 2019 - 2020, Science and Technology Australia
- Innovative Engineer of 2018, Engineers Australia

- Young Executive of the Year 2016, Australian Financial Review BOSS Magazine
- Vice Chancellor's Award for Excellence Winner 2014, QUT
- Young Achiever Award 2013, National Association of Women in Construction
- Finalist Outstanding Alumni Awards 2013, QUT
- Young Social Pioneer 2013, Foundation for Young Australians
- 100 Women of Influence 2012, Australian Financial Review and Westpac

**As seen at:**

- Qantas Engineering Leadership Day, Sydney
- Boeing's International Women's Day breakfast, Brisbane
- Women in Aviation / Aerospace Australia National Conference Dinner - Old Parliament House Canberra
- Ford Motors International Women's Day, Melbourne
- Australia Now, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade Youth Leadership Speaker Series, Ho Chi Minh City and Hanoi Vietnam
- Australian + German Chamber of Commerce Business Symposium, Melbourne
- World Engineers Convention, Opening Plenary Panel: Is the Future of Engineering Human?

**Felicity Furey Speaker Bio - Condensed (Leadership)**

An award-winning business leader, engineer and entrepreneur, Felicity Furey has made a career out of making the 'impossible', possible.

Named one of AFR's 100 Women of Influence by age 26 and Boss Magazine's Young Executive of The Year, Felicity has led multi-million dollar engineering projects across Australia, founded several successful businesses including WeAspire and Power of Engineering and secured partnerships with the likes of Qantas, Toyota and Energy Australia to bring her vision to life.

Felicity helps find hidden leadership talent, mentors high-performing teams and equips current and first time leaders in construction and infrastructure with the skills they need to make an impact and drive meaningful change. Felicity is the CEO of WeAspire, host of podcast "Promoted" and "Emerging Excellence".