

Russell Lehmann

SPEAKER ▪ AUTHOR ▪ POET ▪ ADVOCATE

Russell Lehmann is an award-winning and internationally recognized motivational speaker, poet, author and advocate who happens to have autism. His words have been featured in the USA Today, LA Times, NPR, Yahoo! News, Autism Speaks, Success Magazine and archived in the Library of Congress.

A graduate of MIT's "Leadership in the Digital Age" course, Russell is a council member for the Autism Society of America, the Youth Ambassador for the mayor of Reno, Nevada, and has also sat on the Nevada Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities as well as the Nevada Commission on Autism Spectrum Disorders

Russell showed signs of autism as a newborn, however he was not formally diagnosed until the age of 12 after suffering through 5 weeks in a lock down psychiatric facility. In 2011 Russell wrote a book titled "Inside Out: Stories and Poems from an Autistic Mind" which was featured in the LA Times, earned an Honorable Mention at the 2012 NY Book Festival, read by Temple Grandin and won the award for Literary Excellency at the 2013 International Autistic People's Awards in Vancouver, Canada.

Russell's second book "On the Outside Looking In" recently hit bookstores nationwide.

In 2018, Russell was named as Reno-Tahoe's "Most Outstanding Young Professional Under 40".

In 2019 & 2020, Russell lectured for the prestigious King's College of London and the Mohammed bin Rashid Center for Special Education in Abu Dhabi, respectively.

Russell currently travels the world spreading hope, awareness and compassion in a raw and dynamic fashion, while also setting his sights on erasing the stigma and stereotypes that come with having a disability. Russell's passion is to be a voice for the unheard, for he knows how difficult and frustrating it is to go unnoticed.

CONTACTS

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"Russell's story, sense of self and the connection he fosters with people is simply stunning."

"Watch him fly with all his superpowers. He will touch your heart."

"Poignant, raw and real...Not to be missed!"

"Superb keynote!"



SPEAKING TOPICS

- Overcoming Adversity
- Societal Justice and Equity
- Mental Health and Invisible Disabilities
- Parents: The Catalyst Behind their Child's Success
- Self-Determination/Self-Motivation
- Leading with Compassion
- Find Success Through Struggles
- Empowerment/Advocacy
- Keys to Personal Growth
- Baby Steps to Big Dreams
- Youth Transitions
- First Responder Training
- And Much, Much More!

RECENT PRESENTATIONS & MAJOR KEYNOTES

- MRC-NECC, Abu Dhabi
- King's College, London
- Keynote, National Disability Policy Seminar
- Keynote, Equal Partners Interstate Congress
- Keynote, WY Autism Summit
- Keynote, Texas Transitions Conference
- Keynote, Mississippi Disability MegaConference
- Keynote, Autism Society of Wisconsin 30th Annual Conference
- Lectures: Xavier, UCONN, USD, UW, UMSL