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Rob Thomson

Motivational Speaker

2009

World Record Distance Skateboarder

As seen on Campbell LIVE, ABC News, Fox News, CBS





'Awe inspiring presentation'
(Marlborough GHS)

'Leaves you chomping at the bit'
(Baku MBC, Azerbaijan)



'I've never seen my students sit so attentively for so long - they were enthralled'
(Whanganui HS)

'A journey of epic proportions'
(The Press)

'Rob's journey continues the legacy of great New Zealand explorers'
(Campbell LIVE)



What?

In November 2008, Kiwi adventurer Rob Thomson completed a 25,000km human-powered unsupported solo journey around the world by bicycle and skateboard, crossing a total of 35 countries. He broke the Guinness World Record for the Longest Journey by Skateboard in the process, and became the first person to skateboard solo and unassisted across North America and China. He endured two harsh winters, multiple 4,000m-plus high road passes, and consistent battles with bureaucracies during the 2.5 years he was on the road.

Through a 45-minute motivational talk (plus 15 minutes questions) recounting the journey - with a multi-media presentation (images, video, sound) - Rob's talks are designed to stimulate thought and critical reflection on universally transferrable principles such as:

- Adapting to and embracing change *
- Creating opportunity *
- Embracing humanity *
- The importance of community *
- The value of transparent and honest communication *
- Opportunity cost *
- The power of dreaming big dreams and planning big plans in order to achieve big things *

Who?

Adventure traveler and 14degrees Project Director Rob Thomson was born and raised in Invercargill, and holds a Bachelor's degree (hons.) in Japanese from Canterbury University. He previously worked for the Japanese government and in private education institutions in Japan in the field of international relations. He has spoken to groups around the world about his journey.

How?

Rob requires 45 minutes of speaking time, and strongly recommends a further 15 minutes for questions. Please provide access to the following:

- Data projector/screen. Standard serial/screen PC connection.
- Sound equipment. Equipment suitable for amplification of laptop sounds.
- Extension cord/multi-box for laptop power.

Rob will provide his own laptop to connect to the hosts' equipment.

Where?

Rob is based in Henderson, Waitakere City (Auckland), and is currently available for speaking engagements in New Zealand and Australia.

A pre-event meeting in person is strongly encouraged, in order to better understand the clients' objectives for their seminar or event and discuss how Rob's experiences can help with achieving those objectives. Alternatively, if a face-to-face meeting will not be practical prior to the event, this can be discussed via email and/or telephone.

Why?

A key-note speaking session with Rob is an invaluable gem of insight from someone who has achieved big dreams. Rob talks honestly about his successes and failures, joys and trials, in his mission to achieve the unthinkable. His talks leave a group not only motivated, but also equipped with practical principles that are transferrable all areas of life.

"If you prefer the status-quo over a life of excellence, discovery, purpose, and success, then don't engage Rob in a conversation."
(Steve, Los Angeles, USA)