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About Shirley Osborne

Shirley Osborne is a global public speaker, thought leader, and advocate for women in leadership and politics. With more than three decades of experience working in various parts of our world, Shirley has developed a strong voice in empowering women to take on leadership roles, engage in politics, and have meaningful impact in their communities and beyond. Known for delivering engaging, thought-provoking addresses and seminars, Shirley draws from personal experience, research, and a passion for advocacy to inspire women to embrace their personal power and put their leadership capacities to work for their own success and the good of their communities.

Why you should book Shirley

Expertise: Shirley brings more than three decades of experience working in parts of the world as diverse as the United States, China, the Caribbean and the United Kingdom.

Having grown up in a political and very socially committed family, she has become an ardent and lifelong advocate for women and girls.

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Shirley was a founding member of the Arizona Girls Roundtable and has been a facilitator with the World Academy for the Future of Women at SIAS University in Zhengzhou, China.

Shirley has been a winning political party chair, the Speaker of the Montserrat Legislative Assembly and Chairperson of the Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians of the Caribbean, Atlantic and the Americas Region. She has also served as Vice-chairperson of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, an organization more than a century old, with 180 branches in 53 countries.

Inspiring and Engaging Speaker: Shirley is known for delivering dynamic speeches and other presentations that enthrall and motivate audiences, from college students to seasoned professionals and global politicians. Her seminars and trainings are inspiration for women and girls of all ages.

Passionate Advocacy: A dedicated advocate for creating a political ecosystem where women are represented, heard, and empowered to lead, Shirley's work is focused on advancing women's social, political and economic advancement and the normalization of women's leadership in public sector decision-making and policy development.

Tailored Content: Her extensive experience within different national and professional cultures allows Shirley to easily customize speeches and workshops to meet the needs of your organization, event or initiative.

Speaking Topics

Woman in a Time of Crisis

This talk examines the essential skills and leadership qualities that empower women to navigate uncertainty, make decisive and compassionate decisions, and effectively manage crises for their teams and communities.

Women in Politics: Breaking Barriers and Creating Change

Exploring the challenges and opportunities women face in the political sphere, investigating commonalities and exploring the ways in which women can overcome these barriers in their communities, to create real and lasting change.

Empowering Women in Leadership Roles

Strategies and insights for women to step into leadership roles in their careers, communities, and political spaces.

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The Power of Representation in Politics

Understanding the importance of diverse female representation and its impact on policy, community, and future generations.

Leadership Strategies for Aspiring Women Politicians

Practical tips, mentorship, and resources to help women navigate the often challenging, complex – and sometimes dangerous – world of political leadership.

The Intersectionality of Women's Leadership

A deep dive into how race, class, and gender intersect in leadership, and how women can navigate these challenges to build inclusive movements.

The Role of Women in Shaping Political Policy

How women in politics can influence key policy changes and advocate for policies that address women's rights, gender equity, and social justice.

A Few of Shirley's Featured Speaking Engagements

ParlAmericas Post-election seminar Trinidad and Tobago Parliament, June 2025

The Montserrat Conference, January 2025

University of the West Indies Montserrat Campus Graduation, July 2019

Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians, London,

World Trade Organisation meeting, Trinidad and Tobago, Nov 2016

Women Political Leaders at the Parliament of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, May 2016

Testimonials

“There are very few people who can speak like you. Not many people at all can engage a crowd the way you do.” – M. Vasquez, MP

“You are so good. I love to hear you so much. I could listen to you talk all day.” – Jacqui

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"The energy and commitment of Ms. Osborne was evident the minute she entered the room. Her address at our event lit up the room and energized our members in a most wonderful way and was the topic of conversation for many days after the close of our conference."

— *Pat H.*, Boys and Girls Clubs of America

"Not many words necessary, Shirley. You were brilliant. Your session today was oxygen to my lungs, my heart and my brain. Music for my soul and light for my spirit. I know I can do this because you helped me understand and know. Thank you."

— *Nafisa K.*, Member, CWP

Some Media Features

Guest on Kiki's Chat, Ghana and London, discussing Women in Leadership

Guest on Motion to Adjourn – Power 95 FM, Bermuda, discussing the United Kingdom and its Overseas Territories

Interviewed in Bangladeshi media about my run for Chair of the CPA

Interviewed on Radio Anguilla about my work in politics and women's leadership

Availability & Booking

Shirley is available for keynotes, workshops, panels, corporate events, conferences, virtually and in person. To inquire about availability and rates, please contact:

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