

Shirley's Short Bio

Book Shirley Osborne to deliver the keynote address at your very next meeting, conference, luncheon or convention.



Shirley is a writer, mentor, speaker, teacher and political woman who understands how desperately the world needs the full participation and highest contributions of women.

Shirley believes passionately in the power of women to affect lives, heal communities and transform the world. Here extensive travels have served to reinforce that conviction.

With wit, candour and humour, Shirley transfers that passion to audiences wherever she speaks, inspiring and motivating audiences of all ages, interests, and genders.

Shirley has been described in media as a “small-island girl become world-class political woman” for very good reason. From her childhood growing up in a political family on a tiny island in the Caribbean, she has risen through the ranks of the political realm into the leadership of an international organisation which has witnessed more than a century of history and change.

Even while serving as Vice Chairperson of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, Shirley maintained a deep artist's sensibilities and a fierce fashion sense, instinctively and because of their interrelatedness and significance within the lives of women historically. Much of her work focuses on women's wellness and a new woman-derived definition of “femininity” – Feminine Sovereignty – as being critical to women's empowerment and women's work in our world.

Shirley has lived and worked in the UK, US and Caribbean, and taught and advocated for women and girls in places as diverse as the US and China, the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, among others.

She is available to work with you anywhere in the world – virtually or in-the-room.

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