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From Displacement to Leadership: How Adversity Shapes Extraordinary Leaders

Helping Organizations Build Resilient Leaders Who Navigate Change with Confidence, Purpose, and Impact

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ABOUT ABBAS

Abbas Alimorad is an international keynote speaker, executive leader, author, educator, and strategic advisor with more than two decades of experience leading organizational transformation across government, healthcare, higher education, and the private sector.

His journey—from being displaced from Iraq as a young child to becoming an executive leader in Canada—has shaped a leadership philosophy grounded in resilience, adaptability, service, and purpose.

Abbas currently serves in a senior leadership role with Global Affairs Canada, teaches project management and leadership at Western University, and has held executive leadership positions with the Project Management Institute (PMI). He is also the Founder and CEO of JHMJ Consulting Ltd. And Stratenix OÜ

His presentations combine compelling personal storytelling with practical leadership strategies that help leaders navigate uncertainty, lead change, build trust, and create lasting organizational impact.

FEATURED BOOK

From Displacement to Leadership: How Adversity Shapes Extraordinary Leaders

Leadership is rarely developed during life's easiest moments.

In *From Displacement to Leadership*, Abbas shares his remarkable journey from refugee to executive leader, revealing how adversity became the foundation for resilience, courage, and purposeful leadership.

Combining deeply personal experiences with practical leadership lessons, the book provides readers with actionable strategies to overcome challenges, embrace change, and lead with confidence.

Available on Amazon (Paperback & Kindle) throughout North America, South America, Europe, Asia, and Australia.

SPEAKING TOPICS

1. From Displacement to Leadership

How Adversity Shapes Extraordinary Leaders

Audience Takeaways

- Discover how adversity can become a catalyst for personal and professional growth.
- Develop the resilience needed to lead through uncertainty and change.
- Learn practical strategies for overcoming fear, self-doubt, and limiting beliefs.
- Build a leadership mindset rooted in purpose, courage, and service.
- Leave inspired and equipped to transform challenges into opportunities for lasting success.

2. Leadership Begins Before the Title

Leading Yourself First. Inspiring Others Always.

Audience Takeaways

- Understand why leadership is a mindset, not a position.
- Learn how self-leadership creates influence, trust, and credibility.
- Build resilience by embracing challenges as opportunities for growth.

- Discover practical habits that exceptional leaders practice every day.
 - Inspire others through authenticity, purpose, and service.
 - Develop the confidence to lead from wherever you are.
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3. Leading Through Adversity

Turning Challenges into Strategic Advantage

Audience Takeaways

- Lead with confidence during uncertainty and disruption.
 - Build resilient, high-performing teams that thrive under pressure.
 - Turn adversity into a catalyst for innovation and growth.
 - Make strategic decisions with clarity in complex environments.
 - Foster a culture of trust, accountability, and adaptability.
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4. The Power of Resilience

Overcoming Challenges. Inspiring Hope. Building Stronger Futures.

Audience Takeaways

- Build resilience in the face of adversity.
 - Develop a growth mindset and confidence.
 - Turn setbacks into opportunities for success.
 - Discover the power of hope, perseverance, and purpose.
 - Learn that every challenge can become a stepping stone to a better future.
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5. Leadership During Change

Leading People Through Uncertainty with Confidence and Purpose

Audience Takeaways

- Lead confidently through organizational change.
 - Build trust and resilience during uncertainty.
 - Communicate change with clarity and empathy.
 - Reduce resistance and increase team engagement.
 - Foster a culture of adaptability, collaboration, and continuous improvement.
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IDEAL AUDIENCES

- Executive Leadership Teams

- Government Organizations
- Healthcare Organizations
- Professional Associations
- Universities & Colleges
- Corporate Leadership Programs
- Project Management Professionals
- Emerging Leaders

WHY EVENT ORGANIZERS BOOK ABBAS

- Authentic storytelling grounded in lived experience
- Practical leadership strategies audiences can apply immediately
- Executive experience across government, healthcare, education, and private industry
- Highly engaging and interactive presentations
- Leadership lessons supported by real-world experience—not theory alone

SAMPLE INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

1. What inspired you to write *From Displacement to Leadership*?
2. What leadership lessons did adversity teach you?
3. How has your journey shaped your leadership philosophy?
4. Why is resilience essential for today's leaders?
5. What separates effective leaders during times of change?
6. How should organizations prepare leaders for uncertainty?
7. What role should Artificial Intelligence play in leadership?
8. What advice would you give emerging leaders?
9. How can project managers become strategic leaders?
10. What message do you hope readers take away from your book?

TESTIMONIALS

"Abbas delivers leadership lessons that are authentic, practical, and deeply inspiring."

"One of the most engaging speakers we've hosted. His ability to connect personal experience with organizational leadership is exceptional."

"His presentation challenged our thinking while providing practical tools we could immediately apply."

MEDIA RESOURCES

Available for download

- Professional Headshots (High Resolution)
 - Author Biography (Short, Medium & Long)
 - Book Cover Images
 - Book Description
 - Speaking Topics
 - One-Page Speaker Sheet
 - Press Release
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BOOKING INFORMATION

Abbas is available for

- Keynote Presentations
- Leadership Conferences
- Corporate Events
- Government Conferences
- Healthcare Leadership Summits
- University Events
- Executive Retreats
- Podcasts
- Media Interviews
- Leadership Workshops

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