

# Michael the Facilitator Founder, Leadership Strategies

Clients chose Michael for presentations that are dynamic, impactful, and highly interactive!

Michael Wilkinson, know around the world as *Michael the Facilitator*, is the founder and Board Chair of <u>Leadership Strategies</u>, the largest provider of professional facilitators and facilitator-related training in the U.S. He is recognized as a global leader in the facilitation industry and is one of less than 60 Certified Master Facilitators worldwide.

Active in both the private and public sectors, Michael the Facilitator has facilitated over 200 leadership and strategy sessions for major corporations, large government agencies, and a variety of non-profit organizations. He is a much sought-after facilitator, trainer, and speaker, both in the U.S. and around the globe. He has completed international assignments in over 25 international cities. Past participants have commented that his dynamic presentation style, combined with his unique insights, make for highly engaging and results-producing sessions.

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#### **Accomplishments**

- Author of six books, including The 8 Core Practices of Facilitative Leaders, The Executive Guide to Facilitating Strategy, and industry best-seller, The Secrets of Facilitation
- Board member of the International Institute for Facilitation
- Member of the International Facilitation Hall of Fame
- Founder of the FindaFacilitator database, with over 600 facilitators under contract













### **Sample of Experience**

- Keynote, The United Way Worldwide Community Leaders Conference
- Keynote, The White Spot Restaurant Group Annual Gala
- Keynote, The International Association of Facilitators U.S. Conference
- Mega-Session Speaker, Society for Human Resource Development International Conference
- Speaker, The Association for Talent Development International Conference
- Facilitator, The strategic planning process for the government of Jamaica which included over 120 industry ministers, private sector representatives, NGO officials, and community leaders
- Facilitator, The culture integration and values development for the merger of two of the largest construction companies in Australian and the UK
- Facilitator, Partnering session for over 100 players, including architects, designers, landscapers, and electricians involved in the \$2.5 billion development of a new hospital complex

## **Sample of Industries**

- Association
- Automotive
- Banking
- College and University
- Consulting

- Food and beverage
- Government
- Healthcare
- Insurance
- Legal

- Non-profit
- Real estate
- Religious
- Retail
- Technology

#### **What Others Have Said**

- Michael Wilkinson is hands down the most talented and effective facilitator with whom I have ever worked or seen. He combines his proven facilitation techniques and approaches with a keen strategic and business sense to consistently produce performance-based results.
  Brian Gallagher, former CEO, United Way Worldwide
- Michael is not only one of the smartest people I know--he is one of the very best facilitators I have ever seen in action. Michael's life's work, the art and science of facilitation, has set a whole new standard for a domain that has traditionally suffered from a lack of definition and disconcerting range of quality. The curriculum, services, and training programs he has built with his firm are the best in the industry. Finally, his energy, know-how and generous spirit contribute to the ultimate professionalism he brings to all he does.

Ann Herrmann-Nehdi, Chief Thought Leader and Chair of the Board Herrmann, International, *The HBDI Company* 

• "In my career, I've seen many, many facilitators. Michael Wilkinson is the best." **Len Roberts former CEO. RadioShack** 

#### In His Own Words

I certainly am thankful for being blessed with a passion to make a difference in people's lives. I also believe I've been equipped with dynamic communication skills and top-notch analytic skills that allow me to process information quickly and help people build on one another's ideas to create fresh solutions to difficult issues. My clients often praise the dynamic energy I bring to a room, or the combination of warmth, humor and focus that helps keep a group engaged and productive long into the afternoon. But they tell me they would hire me back because they feel confident that, with my involvement, they will achieve amazing results.



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