

Story Power

with David Roche

Offering participants the opportunity to:

- Find their voices and speak their truth with ease and presence
- Express their natural creativity in a supportive environment
- Experience the healing power of really being heard
- Enjoy the warmth of shared community
- Charm an audience with compelling stories
- Develop core skills of truly authentic public speaking

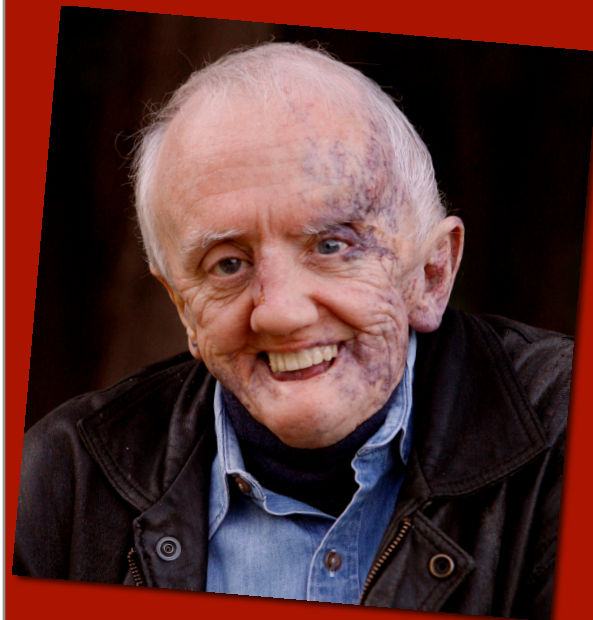
In 20 years of performing and teaching personal storytelling, David has discovered that everyone has a story worth telling. His playful Story Power workshops, classes and breakout sessions are suitable for people with all levels of experience - from beginners with stage fright to professional speakers and performers. David tailors each session to the client's desired outcomes, and participants learn by doing and through modeling, coaching, exercises and discussion. Sessions are suitable for any group, including families, youth, self-advocates, seniors and organizational teams.

ABOUT DAVID ROCHE

David's face distinguishes him from all other presenters, motivational speakers and workshop leaders. What really makes David unique, however, is his remarkable spirit, warmth, wit and authenticity.

David has transformed the challenges and gifts of living with a facial disfigurement into a compelling message that uplifts and delights audiences around the world. The story of his heroic journey from shame to strength has inspired standing ovations from the White House to Olympics Arts Festivals, from across Canada and the US to England, New Zealand and Moscow.

David presents keynote speeches, entertainment and workshops for corporate, association, disability and educational events of all kinds. He is the author of *The Church of 80% Sincerity* and, with his wife Marlena Blavin, presents *Love at Second Sight*, a program for adolescents about appearance, acceptance and diversity.



WHAT CLIENTS ARE SAYING

"David is a powerful force who shows us how narrative builds our worlds, binds us together, and makes hope possible. He is gifted at eliciting and polishing the beauty in our collective stories"

Gord Tulloch
Executive Director posAbilities

"We wouldn't dare host our annual retreats without David and Marlena. There is no setting, no situation, no scenario that isn't enhanced by their story power. They remind us there is nothing more ancient, reviving or harmonious than telling our stories to each other. There is magic and method in their presence. Suddenly you are spellbinding, funny, poignant and hand in the soil real. You leave satisfied yet wondering how they imagined that out of you."

Al Etmanski author, blogger, co-founder
Planned Lifetime Advocacy Network
(PLAN), social entrepreneur

"David has an amazing way of inspiring even the most shy participants to share their stories. I would highly recommend his workshops, both as an incredible team-building activity, and as a way to get to the heart of your organization's work: the lives of the people you serve."

Erin Holland, Director of Social Networks
Planned Lifetime Advocacy Network
(PLAN)

"David has a magical way of coaxing stories to come forward. His expertise lies not only in his talent for helping people move far beyond their self-imposed limitations, but helping people become talented artists in their own right. I had the pleasure of being in one of his workshops and it was a springboard for a completely new direction for my career. His encouragement has helped me become successful in the career I have now: a full-time playwright, performer and speaker."

Victoria Maxwell, playwright, actor and
mental health educator (victoriamaxwell.com)

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