



## **Polly LaBarre**

### ***Presentations***

#### **A Maverick Agenda for Inventing the Future: How to disrupt like an insurgent**

When the world stands still, size, strength, and stability offer an advantage. But in a world of relentless change, it's the most creative and disruptive organizations that win. The challenge: most organizations are programmed to safeguard the status quo. So, how do you unleash your organization's inner insurgent? How do you build a company with the drive to disrupt the status quo and the capacity to change *ahead* of change? Polly unpacks a set of actionable strategies drawn from her research and work inside some of the world's most successful and innovative organizations. Audiences learn a completely new mindset for changing the way they change.

#### **Liberation Leadership: The end of leadership as we know it**

The era of the heroic, all-knowing, all-powerful leader is over. Leadership is no longer a function of your title or where you sit in the organization. It's a function of your capacity to get things done with other people. In this presentation, Polly shows what this actually looks like in practice at bold and successful organizations that have transformed their leadership mindset and reaped the rewards. She offers fresh and practical approaches using vivid storytelling. You'll walk away understanding the most important things you need to do to "leader-proof" your organization.

#### **Turn Your Company Into A Lab: Creating a culture of everyday, everywhere experimentation**

Catching the future depends less on *planning* for what *will* come next and more on *continuously experimenting* with what *could* come next. In order to innovate and adapt in this creative, disruptive economy, every organization must develop the capacity (and the appetite) for experimentation and even failure. Despite the life or death stakes, this is not natural behavior for most organizations. Polly shows how the best companies today manage this. Her rich stories and practical perspectives and practices show how you can spread the mindset and methods of experimentation. Audiences leave knowing the five strategies for turning their organization into a lab for perpetual innovation.

#### **The Human Edge: Unleashing the most powerful force in business**

For every leader unsettled by rampant disruption, unbounded competition, relentless commodification, there is a powerful antidote already inside the organization: the untapped audacity, imagination, energy, resourcefulness, curiosity, intuition, and artistry of its people. Those fundamental human qualities are the engine of the creative economy – the source of all value. And yet, too few organizations are designed to unleash, mobilize, and amplify that human edge. In this presentation, Polly takes audiences on a journey to the far front edge of organizational life and offers a look deep inside the "positive deviants" gaining advantage from their human edge. The lessons Polly draws from their success will inspire organizations looking to transform their cultures and position themselves for the future.



## THE MIND OF THE INNOVATOR

### **Make creativity a habit and become an innovator-for-life**

If you want to create the future of your organization, your industry, or your profession – there's no better place to start than supercharging your own creative capacity. The good news: we are all born with some kind of creative genius. The tough news: as we advance through our achievement-oriented, data-driven institutions – we tend to grow *out* of our creativity rather than into it. In this captivating presentation, Polly will introduce the core creative mindsets and habits that set the greatest artists, inventors, and creators apart. She'll share a wealth of strategies and portable practices to help you see more, see differently, find answers in the most unexpected places, experiment fearlessly and tap into your powerful intuition. The goal: to help you turn creativity into a way of life.

## Platform+

### **Moderator, Interviewer, Emcee and Sense-Maker**

Polly LaBarre brings a world of experience to the stage when she engages panels and guests to explore the important issues facing business. For nearly two decades, she has designed and hosted events, led panels, interviewed celebrated thinkers and doers on stage and on television, and earned accolades for her ability to connect the dots and draw out deep insights during the course of an event. At Fast Company, Polly co-created and hosted Real Time, the magazine's 600+-person signature events; developed and hosted the Women's Leadership Summit; and created and moderated the televised Fast Talk series. She has moderated and hosted a number of high profile events, including: IBM's Centennial event (keynoter, interviewer, and panel leader); HSM's World Innovation Forum and World Business Forum (emcee and panel leader); SXSW panel leader; NYU Social Innovation panel leader; Wavelength events (interviewed and moderated panels with progressive CEOs and leaders from the social innovation world); PopTech (series of interviews with thought leaders and sense-making for live stream); CNN interviewer/moderator. Whether hosting, interviewing one-on-one or moderating a panel discussion, Polly LaBarre has a talent to create a lively, informative and memorable occasion.