
Michel Chikwanine Biography



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Forced to leave his home as a refugee at the age of 11, Michel has since travelled to many African countries, witnessing first-hand the problems facing the developing world, but also the beauty of the communities and people who live there.

Today, Michel is an accomplished motivational speaker, addressing audiences across North America. He has spoken to over 100,000 people and has shared the stage with such speakers as Craig and Marc Kielburger, founders of Free The Children, Dr. Jane Goodall, Robert F. Kennedy Jr., Mia Farrow and former Prime Minister Paul Martin just to name a few. He was also a speaker on Oprah's O Ambassadors Roots of Action speaking tour, largely reaching students at resource-poor schools. Sharing his personal story, Michel has captured the attention of national media, including CBC, CTV and major daily newspapers as he inspires people to believe in their ability to create change. Michel leaves audiences with a new perspective on life, a sense of hope through social responsibility and a desire for change.

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Michel Chikwanine Introduction



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Please join me in welcoming to the stage, Michel Chikwanine (chick-waa-knee-nay)!

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Challenge... Motivate... Change...

INSPIRATION BEGINS HERE

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Career highlights include:

- A We Day 2009 keynote address which was featured nationally on CTV and viewed by over 5 million people.
- Michel has shared the stage with such influential people as Mia Farrow, Dr. Jane Goodall, Nobel Laureate, Elie Wiesel and musician K'naan.
- Addressing an audience of over 35,000 people at the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America national conference.

Speech Topic:

From Child Soldier to Child Activist: The Journey to Hope

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Audience Types:

- Corporate
- Client Appreciation Events
- Non-Profit/Associations
- Diversity
- Faith Based
- Educator
- College/University Conferences
- Speaker's Series
- Student Leadership Conferences
- Graduation/Convocation

Topic Areas:

- Child Soldiers
- Education
- Leadership
- Motivation & Achievement
- Diversity
- Civil Rights
- Overcoming Adversity
- Inspiration
- Character Building
- Beliefs & Values
- Human Rights

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Michel Chikwanine Testimonials

“Last night went fabulously. We more than doubled our projected attendance, the theater was completely filled. It’s been one of the best lectures we’ve had here for quite awhile. Michel’s message was great, as I knew it would be having heard part of it at NACA central in October. All of the feedback I’ve heard so far has been positive, people liked hearing what he had to say. Working with Michel was certainly enjoyable for me. Thank you so much for working with us.”

– Courtney Current, Lecture Chair/Missouri State University Student Activities Council ‘09/10

“It was fantastic! Michel was incredible—of course—and all the feedback I’ve received from staff and students alike has been highly complementary. What a fantastic day, thank you so much for your help! I think Michel made about 1,000 new friends today!”

– Laura Kirby-McIntosh, Cawthra Park Secondary School

“Your speech has reinforced in me a strong will to do what’s right, to pursue greatness and to inspire others to care for one another. Your contribution to the human race will undoubtedly reign forever.”

– Todd Hedell, English Teacher, Moreno Valley, CA

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The Honorarium

50% of Me to We's net profits go to support the work of Free The Children (www.freethechildren.com), helping to ensure that, one day soon, Free The Children's already low administrative costs go down to zero. The remaining 50% is re-invested to help the operations and growth of Me to We (www.metowe.com) to ensure the model is sustainable.

COMMISSIONABLE FEE: 30% to Speaker Bureau

ME TO WE SPEAKERS:

Kim Plewes, Louise Kent, Michel Chikwanine, Oliver Madison, Raymond Ablack, Robin Wiszowaty, Roxanne Joyal, Russ McLeod, Scott Hammell, Spencer West

CANADIAN CLIENT SPEAKING FEES QUOTED as GROSS

	Roxanne or Robin	Michel/Spencer/Raymond/Scott/ Louise/Kim/Russ/Oliver
Elementary/High School Events	\$4,000 CDN	\$2,500 CDN
Colleges/Universities & Educators	\$5,000 CDN	\$3,000 CDN
Non-Profit & Corporate	\$6,000 CDN	\$5,000 CDN

Keynote presentation is 45-60 minutes and includes A/V presentation. You may add a 15-20 minute Q&A session if it is appropriate and if time permits.

A second keynote may be added at an additional cost. Please inquire about the additional cost.

USA/MEXICO/CARIBBEAN CLIENT SPEAKING FEES QUOTED as GROSS

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Colleges/Universities & Educators	\$5,000 USD	\$3,000 USD
Non-Profit & Corporate	\$6,000 USD	\$5,000 USD

USA/MEXICO/CARIBBEAN AND CANADIAN EXPENSES

For speaker(s) and support person

Additional expenses include air and ground transportation; accommodations; and meals.

Air travel is booked by Me To We Speakers and expensed to the Client on Air Canada or a Partner Airline economy fare for both the speaker and the Support Person.

Hotel arrangements are made and paid for by the Client, non-smoking room(s) with high speed internet (pool and fitness facilities are appreciated but not a requirement).

Meals, tips and gratuities are expensed to the Client.

Local ground travel is expensed to the Client at .50 per km.

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INTERNATIONAL CLIENT SPEAKER FEES QUOTED AS GROSS IN US DOLLARS

	Roxanne or Robin	Michel/Spencer/Raymond/Scott/ Louise/Kim/Russ/Oliver
Elementary/High School Events	\$6,000 USD	\$5,000 USD
Colleges/Universities & Educators	\$7,000 USD	\$5,500 USD
Non-Profit & Corporate	\$8,000 USD	\$7,000 USD

The fee quoted above is for one keynote presentation and a time commitment of 3 days (travel to destination, keynote, travel home).

For each additional keynote add \$2,500.

INTERNATIONAL EXPENSES

For speaker(s) and support person

Additional expenses include air and ground transportation; accommodations; and meals for speaker(s) and support person.

Air travel will be booked by Me to We Speakers and expensed to the Client on Air Canada or a Partner Airline – economy class for the speaker(s) and support person.

Hotel arrangements are to be made and paid for by the Client: non-smoking rooms with high speed internet (fitness room and/or pool are appreciated but are not a requirement).

Ground transportation is arranged and paid for by the Client.

Incidentals such as tips and gratuities will be expensed to the Client.

To inquire about booking a Me to We Speaker, please contact:

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