



## Mandy Hickson

Former Royal Air Force Fast Jet Pilot

*"Experience from the Front Line"*

Mandy Hickson is a former Royal Air Force pilot and trained Human Factors facilitator. She was the only female pilot on her Front-Line Tornado Squadron, flying multimillion-pound fast jets for the Royal Air Force. Pioneering female pilot turned motivational speaker and business navigation consultant, Mandy Hickson has developed an enviable skill set in the Royal Air Force that she now translates into valuable workplace tools as a speaker.

### TOPICS:

- The Building and Empowerment of Effective Teams
- Inspired Goal Setting and Ultimate Focus
- Decision Making Under Extreme Pressure
- Maintaining Momentum Despite Losing Top Talent
- Nurturing a Culture of Self-Confidence and Aspiration

### LANGUAGES:

She presents in English.

### PUBLICATIONS:

**2020** An Officer, not a Gentleman:  
The Inspirational Journey of a  
Pioneering Female Fighter  
Pilot

### IN DETAIL:

As only the second female to fly a Tornado GR4 on the front line, Mandy pioneered the movement of women into the RAF. Much of her remarkable career was spent as the only female aircrew, throughout 45 missions over Iraq and three duty tours, evidencing her mental resilience, bravery and powerful attitude. Since leaving the RAF Mandy has trained as a Human Factors facilitator with the Civil Aviation Authority, and now uses her in depth knowledge of aviation, calculated risk taking, decision making under pressure and the critical role of the human in the system to transfer these lessons to businesses and individuals alike.

### WHAT SHE OFFERS YOU:

From failure to history-defining, Mandy's flying career was hugely influential, and her frontline experiences means her understanding of risk management, leadership and human factors is second to none. Combining these qualities with fast-paced stories from the skies, Mandy delivers a truly remarkable talk as a keynote speaker.

### HOW SHE PRESENTS:

Mandy has great presence and a wonderful presentation style that is both inspiring and endearing. Her presentations are both professional and personal, making her an exceptionally inspiring speaker.