

Graham Allcott Biography

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Graham Allcott - Full Biography

Graham Allcott is an author, speaker, and entrepreneur.

He is the author of multiple books, including the global bestseller *How to Be a Productivity Ninja*, *How to Have the Energy*, and *How to Fix Meetings*. His latest book, *KIND: The Quiet Power of Kindness at Work*, focuses on why organisations with kinder, more human-centred cultures are ultimately more successful.

He is the founder of Think Productive, which since 2009 has been a professional development go-to for a variety of companies, including Amazon, British Airways, Disney, eBay, the British Red Cross and many more – and with offices in the UK, USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, the UAE and the Netherlands.

Earlier in his career, Graham was the co-founder of Intervol (an international student volunteering charity), Chief Executive of Student Volunteering England, Head of Volunteering at the University of Birmingham and an advisor to the UK Government on youth volunteering policy.

In his spare time, Graham is a DJ, with a leaning towards jazz, rare groove and electronic music. And despite an intolerance of failure elsewhere in his life, he is an Aston Villa season ticket holder and an avid follower of the Toronto Blue Jays baseball team.

Graham Allcott – Shorter Biography

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Graham Allcott – VERY Short Biography

Graham Allcott is the author of multiple books, including the global bestsellers *How to be a Productivity Ninja* and *KIND: The Quiet Power of Kindness at Work*, and a popular speaker on these topics.

He is the founder of Think Productive, one of the world's leading providers of personal productivity training and consultancy.

Alternative Biography (please feel free to use this one!)

Graham is one of the laziest and most impatient people he knows. He hates anything that takes longer than it needs to, and spending 5 minutes in a queue is a recipe for self-combustion.

Despite being the author of a book called *"How to be a Productivity Ninja"*, Graham's own productivity is variable. He is allergic to any kind of detail and will regularly do the exact opposite of the things he talks about in his book. He then remembers he wrote a book about it and follows his own advice again. Repeat cycle. Regularly.

For someone whose work often means putting himself and his ideas "out there", he's naturally a shy introvert. He hates the bragging of conference bios, hates sales and marketing and even hates writing about himself in the third person. Graham is both terrified and bored by small talk and he's the guy at networking events who has one really deep conversation and forgets to, y'know, network.

Most mornings, he switches off the internet, lets his emails go unread, puts his phone on silent and retreats into a kind of cocoon, which is where he does most of his writing and gets ideas. He calls this "going dark" and cunningly turns it into a 'ninja tactic' in his books so that no one suspects a thing.

Although his career to date can be disguised as a neat narrative arc, in truth, he still has yet to decide what he wants to be when he grows up. Previous ideas include, in chronological order: fireman, footballer, aid worker in Africa, charity chief executive, folk singer, tea shop owner, author and the man who tells you off for checking your iPhone too often, jazz club owner. When he finally cracks it, he'll be sure to let you know.

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