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Graham Allcott – Full Biography

Graham Allcott is an entrepreneur, author, speaker and podcaster.

He is the author of multiple books, including the global best-seller "How to Be a Productivity Ninja", "How to Have the Energy" and "How to Be a Study Ninja".

Graham is the founder of Think Productive, one of the world's leading providers of personal productivity training and consultancy, with offices in the UK, USA, Canada, Australia and the Netherlands.

With a mission to revolutionise stuffy time management courses, Think Productive launched in April 2009 and has earned rave reviews from the likes of British Airways, The Cabinet Office, eBay, The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and Barclays Commercial Bank for its practical, 'at-desk coaching' approach.

Graham hosts the popular business podcast "Beyond Busy", which explores the issues of productivity, work/life balance and how people define happiness in their lives, profiling interesting people from Olympic gold medallists to tech entrepreneurs to clowns.

Away from productivity, Graham's background and other big passion is for the charity sector. He was the co-founder of Intervol, an international student volunteering charity. Previous roles include 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.

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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Previous roles include Chief Executive of Student Volunteering England, Head of Volunteering at the University of Birmingham and an advisor to the UK Government, red and blue, on youth volunteering policy.

Graham lives in Brighton. Despite an intolerance of failure elsewhere in his life, he is an Aston Villa season ticket holder and avid Toronto Blue Jays baseball fan.

Graham Allcott – VERY Short Biography

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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 detail of any description 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 has still 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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- Please feel free to delete as many words as you need to. You don't need to ask.
- If you would like to add in words or would like clarification, please email me directly (graham@thinkproductive.co.uk).
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Other Press Info

Expertise

Personal Productivity: email management, time management, work/life balance, dealing with information overload, stress management, study skills, managing attention, running better meetings. Work/life balance.

Quote - Why I wrote the book

"I've learned and developed my own productivity skills the hard way. So many of these kind of books are written by people who find productivity and managing their time really easy. If anything, my natural style is the complete opposite. Over the last few years, Think Productive has been teaching productivity skills to employees of some of the UK and Europe's largest businesses, government organisations and charities. The reason our clients love our workshops is that we don't lecture or tell them everything can be perfect. If you aim to be a Productivity Ninja and practice your skills you can succeed, whereas if you aim to be a superhero you definitely won't!"

Available for

Interviews, commentary, writing, Q&A's, book signings.