

Mark Beaumont

SPEAKER BIOS: SHORT / MEDIUM / LONG

SHORT BIO (~70 words, for programmes & quick intros)

Mark Beaumont is a record-breaking endurance athlete, BBC broadcaster and impact investor. He holds the Guinness World Record for the fastest circumnavigation of the globe by bicycle, cycling 18,000 miles in 78 days, 14 hours and 40 minutes with a 40-person support crew behind him, and has cycled through more than 100 countries across a 15-year career making documentaries for the BBC, GCN and CNN. Off the bike, he is a Corporate Ambassador at LDC and Operating Partner at Envoy Group, backing entrepreneurs scaling ambitious businesses.

MEDIUM BIO (~175 words, standard conference-speaker bio)

Mark Beaumont is a record-breaking endurance athlete, BBC broadcaster and business investor. In 2017, after two and a half years of planning, he set the Guinness World Record for the fastest circumnavigation of the globe by bicycle, cycling 18,000 miles in 78 days, 14 hours and 40 minutes with a 40-person support crew, beating the previous record by 82 days. He also holds the record for cycling the length of Africa, Cairo to Cape Town, in 41 days. Across a 15-year career, Mark has cycled through more than 100 countries, made documentaries for the BBC, GCN and CNN, and published five books.

Alongside the bike, Mark has built a career in business and finance: 14 years as Corporate Ambassador at LDC, six years as a Partner at Eos Advisory investing in early-stage science and technology, and now Operating Partner at Envoy Group, backing entrepreneurs scaling ambitious businesses. He was awarded the British Empire Medal for services to sport and charity, and has raised over £2m for causes including the My Name's Doddie Foundation and Action Medical Research.

A recurring theme in his talks is that none of these records were solo achievements. Every expedition has relied on planning and a team working behind the scenes, and Mark translates that experience into leadership, resilience and team-performance lessons for business audiences.

LONG BIO (~420 words, full narrative)

Mark Beaumont has built two careers in parallel: one as a record-breaking endurance athlete and broadcaster, the other as an investor backing early-stage science and technology businesses.

A committed adventurer since childhood, Mark completed his first fundraising cycle across Scotland at just 12 years old. His first major record arrived in 2007-08, when he became the fastest person to cycle around the world, covering 18,296 miles in 194 days, racing through 20 countries across Europe, the Middle East, Asia, Australia and North America. The BBC followed the journey in an online documentary.

He followed it with a 13,080-mile solo and supported ride from Anchorage, Alaska to Ushuaia, Argentina (2009-10), climbing the length of the Americas' mountain ranges over nine months for the BBC documentary *The Man Who Cycled the Americas*. In 2011 he took to the water, rowing 800 miles inside the Arctic Circle to the historic location of the North Magnetic Pole — further north than anyone had rowed before — and in 2012 survived the capsizing of the Atlantic Odyssey during an attempted Atlantic-crossing rowing record, spending 14 hours in the water before rescue.

In 2014 Mark presented the BBC's coverage of the Queen's Baton Relay ahead of the Glasgow Commonwealth Games, and in 2015 he set the record for cycling the length of Africa, Cairo to Cape Town, in just 41 days, breaking the previous record by 18 days.

His defining record came in 2017, after two and a half years of planning: cycling 18,000 miles around the world in 78 days, 14 hours and 40 minutes with a 40-person support crew, beating the previous Guinness World Record by an extraordinary 82 days. In 2019,

the same year he was awarded the British Empire Medal for services to sport and charity, Mark climbed a 6,893-metre volcano in Chile with a bicycle on his back, then rode 300km back down to the Pacific, documented in *The Longest Descent*.

Across more than 15 years, Mark has cycled through 100+ countries, made documentaries for the BBC, GCN and CNN, and published five books.

Off the bike, Mark's career in business runs in parallel: 14 years as Corporate Ambassador at LDC, the UK's leading mid-market private equity firm; six years as a Partner at Eos Advisory, backing early-stage science and technology; and today, Operating Partner at Envoy Group, backing entrepreneurs scaling ambitious businesses. He has delivered over 200 keynotes and raised more than £2m for charity, including as a long-standing supporter of the My Name's Doddie Foundation, Action Medical Research and the Archie Foundation.

As a keynote and conference speaker, Mark is valued for a message he returns to often: none of his records were achieved alone. Every expedition, however solo it looks from the outside, has relied on planning and a team working behind the scenes, and Mark translates that into practical leadership, strategy and team-performance takeaways for business audiences.

SPEAKING TOPICS

Leadership

Resilience

Motivation & Inspiration

Teamwork

Communication

Goal Setting

Innovation

Entrepreneurship

Risk

Venture Capital & Impact Investment

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