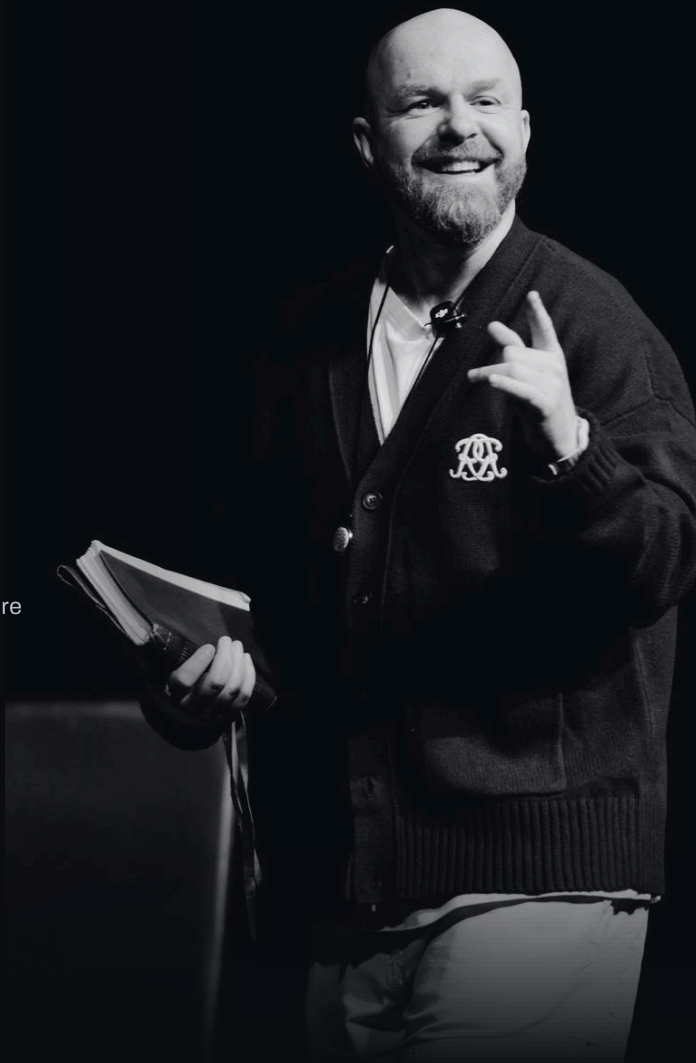


— SPEAKER · AUTHOR

# Who and what could we *truly* become?

Signed as a teenager by Premier League Blackburn Rovers, then Bolton Wanderers, and capped by England at youth level. The career ended before it began. **What he built after that is the work:** identity, rejection and self-worth, told by someone who lived them.

Touring the United States, Canada, Japan and Singapore in 2027 and 2028. Dates and sponsorship open now.



250,000<sup>+</sup>

Young people reached, alongside audiences at global organisations.

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Years of his schools programme, Inspiring The Next Generation.

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Continents: the UK, Europe, the Gulf and the United States.

TEDx

TEDxDoncaster speaker, and author of the children's book Credo.

## ACT ONE

### The academy

Blackburn Rovers and Bolton Wanderers, playing under Kenny Dalglish, Roy Hodgson and Sam Allardyce. England youth.

## ACT TWO

### The end

He never made the first team. From some of the best players in the country to laying bricks on a building site, back in his old bedroom.

## ACT THREE

### What came after

A book, a TEDx stage, a schools programme running for a decade, and a live event at Theatre Royal Wakefield.

— SELECTED ROOMS AND PARTNERS

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# Three territories. *One conversation.*

## Purpose

Who are you when the thing that defined you stops?  
Identity, rejection and self-worth, for students,  
athletes and anyone in transition.

## People

Trust and belonging, so a team, a squad or a class  
feels safer, stronger and more aligned.

## Possibility

The courage to speak, act and lead, and to become  
who you are capable of becoming.

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|-------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Keynote           | 45 TO 60 MIN · 100 TO 1,000+ | Orientation, welcome week, athletics banquets, whole cohort events. |
| Workshop          | 90 MIN · 20 TO 40            | Varsity teams, student leaders, residence advisors, coaching staff. |
| Assembly          | 30 TO 45 MIN · A WHOLE GRADE | Middle and high schools, ages 11 to 18.                             |
| Staff development | HALF DAY · A STAFF ROOM      | For the people who spend their lives encouraging everyone else.     |
| Online            | 15 MIN · ON DEMAND           | A recorded session for students choosing their next step.           |

— NORTH AMERICA · 2027 AND 2028

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- Orientation and welcome week
- Athletics departments (Bates College, Maine)
- Student affairs and wellbeing
- Leadership and careers

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MARK BYRNE · FOUNDER, XGROWTH

“ He empowered everyone in the room, a group who were all strangers before the session, to stand up and present.

MEGAN YOUNG · PROGRAMME LEAD, EY FOUNDATION

“ Listening to Luke share his journey was both inspiring and eye-opening.

GRADE 11 STUDENT · ISR INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL, GERMANY

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