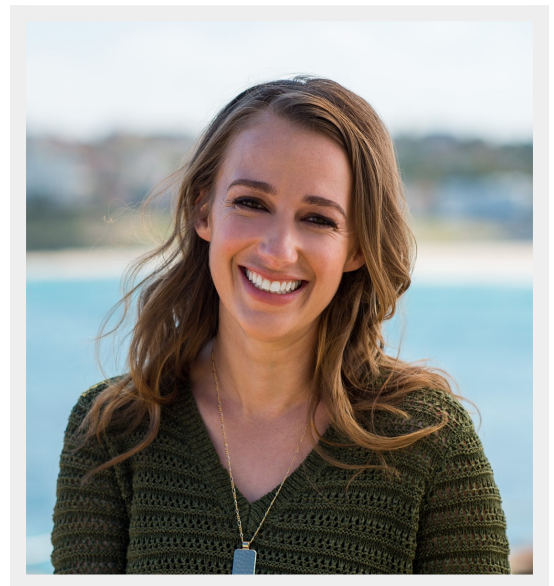


Samantha Gash

Ultra-marathon Runner, Social Impact Champion & Keynote Speaker

Samantha Gash was working for the largest international law firm in the world when she traded it all in to change the world. Since then Samantha has raised \$1.4 million dollars for charities by running marathons and driving highly collaborative social impact campaigns.

An authentic storyteller, Samantha is a keynote speaker who inspires change and guides her audiences with strategies to navigate and be comfortable amidst industry disruption. Her presentations and key messages are made memorable with the use of dramatic documentary footage sharing the journey of her life.



More about Samantha Gash:

Samantha was the first woman and the youngest person at the time, to complete the Four Deserts Grand Slam - one of the world's toughest endurance competitions that spans 1000kms across the hottest, coldest, driest and windiest deserts on earth.

After years of pushing her mental and physical boundaries she now uses running as a vehicle for social change through advocacy; peer to peer fundraising and integrated digital campaigns. In 2014, Samantha co-founded Freedom Runners - an initiative that combined a fundraising and awareness campaign around the high cost of feminine hygiene products for women in Sub-Saharan Africa and its link to female absenteeism in school. Over 32 days she ran 1,968kms across South Africa's rugged Freedom Trail, navigating her way through river crossings, mountain ranges, thick bamboo and wildlife. \$55K was raised for a Save the Children initiative.

In 2016, she became a Goodwill Ambassador for World Vision and used her growing platform and endurance experience to raise awareness of the barriers to quality education for Indian children. 3200kms, 77 days and \$150K later, she did just that.

In 2020 she launched a virtual 5km and 21.1km running event as a 100% fundraiser for the Australian Red Cross bushfire relief efforts. In 13 days the digital campaign raised over \$1,100,000 with 19,000 participants in over 60 countries on every continent on the planet.

Samantha and her husband were filmed for Bear Gryll's 2020 10 part series on Amazon Prime



called *The World's Toughest Race*. The episode follows a 700km extreme adventure race in Fiji that took place in September 2019 during which Samantha led a team of three men.

Samantha Gash has featured in two award winning documentaries - *Desert Runners* and *Run India*. She was a delegate for the Australia and India Youth Dialogue conference; has a publishing contract with Macmillan; is a Pride of Australia nominee and finalist in the Women's Agenda leadership awards in the Agenda Setter Category.

Samantha Gash talks about:

Passion, Purpose and Process - Samantha outlines her methodology in being able to push her body and mind through some of the most extreme environments. Practical tips will show you how to develop motivation and create wins by following a passion, with a purpose.

Execution - where the (shoe) rubber hits the road - Learn about the planning, risk mitigation, and continual failures that plagued Sam's planning from well before day one. Learn about the importance of cultural recognition, and framing of setbacks.

A Story About Life Beyond the Comfort Zone - Drawing on her experience of crossing India, Samantha explains what can make you - and break you - on the paths that lie outside your comfort zone.

Composure and resilience under duress - Find out Samantha's formulae for maintaining clear team goals in extreme, and sometimes dangerous settings. The ultimate lesson on leading (and following) in chaos.

Successful Teams - Building and Leading a Highly Functional Team - Identifying and empowering your 'support team' can be the key in enabling you to achieve goals outside of your comfort zone. Find out how Samantha created a world class 'misfit' team of non-runners, family, friends, and mavericks that supported her push to world record runs.

Transformation - Samantha challenges people's assumptions about their mindset limitations by drawing on her 3000km run from the West to East of India to offer practical examples about how to exceed capabilities and achieve outstanding goals.

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