



Randa Habelrih is an author, speaker, advocate and advisor. She is the author of the book "*Dealing with Autism*" and Founder of **MATES**.

As the proud mother of a child with autism who graduated high school, Randa teaches how you can make a difference in the world today. She openly shares her journey and embraces the philosophy of *Different...Not Less* by Temple Grandin.

Randa's years of experience in working daily with the challenges of raising a child with special needs, sparked her passion to help others understand the unique needs of fellow parents, families, teachers and health care professionals. She speaks at schools, universities and conferences fostering the leadership skills of her audience and facilitates a shift from AWARENESS of people living with social exclusion to their INCLUSION.

Randa has pioneered a social inclusion programme called MATES which is being introduced into Sydney schools.

Qualified in many areas, Randa holds a Bachelor of Commerce degree, has lectured at university on marketing management and consumer behaviour and is a speaker on the subject of 'Inclusion' and 'leadership'. Over the years she has also worked with big brand companies such as Estee Lauder, Lancôme, Myer and David Jones. Her business background coupled with her experience in raising her son, gives her a unique perspective to share valuable insights into the worlds of social inclusion, empowerment, leadership and motivation.

Randa is an engaging presenter who inspires and empowers her audience. Her story is one of hope and determination, it's told from the heart and it will change attitudes - it will also raise the standards of inclusion in our society.

Randa has recently achieved a personal life long goal of walking hundreds of kilometers along the ancient pilgrimage route of The Camino to reach Santiago de Compostela in Spain. She lives in Sydney, New South Wales Australia with her husband and two children, Emily and Richard.