

HOLLYBUDGE

ADVENTURER | CONSERVATIONIST | SPEAKER

British adventurer, conservationist and motivational speaker, Holly Budge, was quite literally on top of the world when she summited Mount Everest last year. Her adventurous pursuits, including becoming the first woman to skydive Everest, provide a platform to raise valuable funds for her #HowManyElephants Campaign. To date, she has helped to raise over £300k for various charities.

www.hollybudge.com





● Holly on the summit of Mount Everest



“An inspiring adventurer, Holly is awesome in the truest sense of the word.”

[PechaKucha Brighton](#)

- Everest Summiteer 2017
- First Woman to Skydive Mount Everest
- Raced 1000kms across Mongolia on horseback in 9 days
- First Ascent of Mount Zuchi in the Altai Mountains
- Double World Record Holder
- Himalayan Expedition Leader

Holly's passion for adventure is evident with two world records under her belt so far, including being the first woman to skydive Everest and racing semi-wild horses 1000 kms across Mongolia in just 9 days. She works as a big mountain expedition leader and last year successfully led a team on the technical Ama Dablam (6812m) in Nepal. Other climbing achievements include summiting Mount Everest (8848m), Cho-Oyu (8201m), Baruntse (7129m) and snowboarding from the summit of Mera Peak (6476m). More recently, she made a successful first ascent in the Altai Mountains. Holly has helped raise over £300k for a diverse range of charities through her adventures, including for her own award-winning charity How Many Elephants.

Holly feels strongly about the capability, yet lack of women on the mountains and is passionate about championing the potential of all women. Through the lens of adventure, her vision is to empower others to become strong, independent individuals who live with purpose and confidence, who embrace fear in order to overcome obstacles and to encourage the role of leadership. A fundamental aspect of managing barriers is having role models who can actively demonstrate that barriers can be overcome. Holly is testament to this.



● First Woman to Skydive Everest



“Holly is an engaging, thought provoking, challenging and inspirational key note event speaker.

Matthew Sellens.
St. James's Place.

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- Holly is an energetic and engaging motivational speaker who talks passionately about her diverse achievements in the outdoors. Her message is simple: **Think Big. Dream Bigger.**

From basecamp to the boardroom, Holly's inspiring speeches and workshops draw on the experience she has gained as an expedition leader, a world record holding adventurer and a conservationist. Holly engenders a strong relationship with her audiences. She recently spoke at a conference to over 1000 and the following day to an intimate group of 8. Her talk is flexible and adaptable to suit her audience.

“ Through the lens of being a woman in adventure, my vision is to empower others to become strong, independent individuals who live with purpose and confidence, who embrace fear in order to overcome obstacles and to encourage the role of leadership.

Holly's tales of adventure are told with passion, humour and humility. She has first-hand experience of testing her limits and overcoming challenges with flexibility of thought, lateral thinking, skill, confidence and good judgement. Even in times of great adversity, she reinforces the importance of having a positive mindset.

Her themes include:

- Self-belief and determination
- Nurturing passion
- Positive active thinking
- Good decision making
- Dreams are real
- Pushing your limits
- Postive role-models

Holly can put emphasis on any of the above themes. Her presentations incorporate a powerful collection of physical artefacts, photographs and inspiring video from her expeditions.

#THINKBIGDREAMBIGGER





“Living on Adrenaline;
The Adventurer, The Artist
and The Activist.
Meet Holly.”

Sky News

- Holly is not limited to adventure, she is also an acclaimed artist and conservationist. She is the founder of ‘How Many Elephants’, an award winning campaign, raising awareness of the plight of elephants in Africa whilst raising funds for anti poaching projects.

Few people know that 96 African elephants are poached each day for their ivory. At this astonishing rate they will be extinct by 2025. Holly has turned this disheartening statistic into a powerful exhibition, presenting a physical commentary on the devastating impact of the elephant ivory trade.

It is hard to comprehend that 35,000+ elephants are being slaughtered annually simply to satisfy unfounded but deep-rooted traditions, myths and desires of some. A survey carried out by the International Fund for Animal Welfare revealed that 70% of the Chinese, the most prominent ivory consumers globally, did not know that ivory came from dead elephants. The Chinese word for ivory literally translates to tooth. This is a stark reminder that greater awareness and education is needed and quickly. To situate this in a broader context, exotic and rare animal parts have been fetishized by humans as luxurious, highly prized and valued possessions for hundreds of years. The script needs rewriting.

Holly has weaved complex data into her craft to close the gap between scientific information and human connection. Her multi award-winning exhibition displays 35,040 elephants in a striking 18-metre long infographic display, using a monochrome palette to reflect the indifference of these animals in their fate. Holly says “part of the originality of this exhibition is in my approach to avoid gruesome and shocking imagery to portray the facts. It is not about scaring people, it’s about sharing the enormity of the poaching crisis.”

Holly is raising funds for the Black Mambas, South Africa’s first all female front line anti poaching team. She is helping to support the work of these brave and courageous women.

www.howmanyelephants.com



● How Many Elephants, Holly's multi award-winning exhibition.

Inspiring Young Minds:
Holly has reached out to over
1000 school children so far who
have visited her exhibition and
taken part in the
#HowManyElephants
Schools Campaign.



“My vision is to inspire others to daydream, meander, run, climb and jump into their own adventure of self-discovery, and in doing so, learn that with self-belief, determination and resilience, even the biggest of challenges can be overcome.”



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