DAWN BATES

WRITER / BROADCASTER

INTERNATIONAL SPEAKER

Conversations worth having.
Questions worth asking.

Dawn Bates is an award-winning writer, broadcaster, publisher and international speaker whose career has taken her across 47 countries and a remarkable variety of cultural, political and religious landscapes.

For almost three decades, she has brought lived experience, research, storytelling and a willingness to question accepted narratives to conversations about human rights, social justice, literature, cultural cohesion and leadership.

Founder of Dawn Bates International, author and publisher of 28 books, and host of The Literary Lounge on Radio Cardiff, Dawn is known for her warmth, sharp wit and ability to make challenging ideas accessible.

> *“But she might also be exactly the woman we didn’t know we needed”*
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> **HARVESTING HOPE · WALES ASSEMBLY OF WOMEN, OCTOBER 2026**

Conversations worth having

FIVE AREAS OF SPEAKING EXPERTISE

Literature, Storytelling & Social Change

01 The power of books to challenge prejudice, preserve cultural memory, influence public understanding and inspire change. Including author activism, publishing responsibility and whose stories society chooses to hear.

Human Rights, Justice & Social Responsibility

02 Institutional accountability, violence against women, systemic injustice, consent, the consequences of silence and complicity, and the relationship between legislation and lived experience.

Culture, Identity & Belonging

03 Cultural cohesion, religion, migration, global citizenship, prejudice and the importance of understanding people whose experiences and beliefs differ from our own.

Women, Society & Changing Expectations

04 Women's autonomy, feminism, motherhood, menopause, gender expectations, personal responsibility and the social attitudes that continue to influence women's lives.

Leadership, Personal Sovereignty & the Courage to Question

05 Ethical leadership, independent thinking, boundaries, resilience, personal responsibility and the courage to challenge established systems and expectations.

Every audience brings its own experiences, questions and challenges. Speaking themes are starting points, and engagements can be tailored to the event and the people in the room.

On stage & behind the mic

A GLIMPSE OF THE CONVERSATIONS

LIVE EVENTS / BROADCASTING / LITERATURE / SOCIAL CHANGE

HARVESTING HOPE

Wales Assembly of Women, October 2026

From conference platforms to intimate conversations, Dawn brings a mix of thoughtful challenge, warmth and a trademark giggle to every room.

On stage. On air.

A CONVERSATION FOR EVERY KIND OF ROOM

INTERNATIONAL SPEAKING & EVENTS

Keynote speaker · Panellist · Master of ceremonies (MC) · Event host and facilitator · Fundraiser · Literary and educational speaker

Dawn has contributed to global stages and gatherings ranging from grassroots organisations and universities to business audiences, international conferences and charitable initiatives.

BROADCASTING & MEDIA

Media appearances include BBC, CNN, Sky, FOX and Channel 4. As host of The Literary Lounge on Radio Cardiff, Dawn interviews authors, academics, entrepreneurs and changemakers about literature and the ideas shaping society.

WHAT AUDIENCES SAY

"I loved your speech. I was furiously trying to scribble parts down and remember what I could. Truly inspiring stuff."

ANGHARAD NEAGLE

"Your speech was inspiring, powerful and has given me lots to reflect on this autumn, including letting go of the leaves that no longer serve me."

DR REBECCA ZERK · WAW COMMITTEE MEMBER

"Dawn took us on an eclectic journey through her life experiences spanning 47 countries, multiple languages and lessons we all could find something to take away from."

BERNIE DAVIES · INTERNATIONAL SPEAKER & AUTHOR

Bring Dawn into *the conversation*

FOR HOSTS, PRODUCERS AND ORGANISERS

Dawn welcomes invitations for keynote speeches, panel discussions, MC and hosting engagements, fundraising events, literary festivals, educational programmes and media appearances.

SHORT INTRODUCTION

Dawn Bates is an award-winning writer, broadcaster, publisher and international speaker whose work explores human rights, cultural cohesion, social justice and the power of storytelling. As founder of Dawn Bates International and host of The Literary Lounge, she brings warmth, wit and an independent global perspective to conversations that encourage audiences to question established narratives.

STAGE INTRODUCTION

Our next speaker has spent almost three decades working internationally, experiencing the cultures, communities and political landscapes that shape so much of her writing and speaking. An award-winning writer, publisher, broadcaster and social justice advocate, Dawn Bates is known for asking the questions others often avoid, combining research and lived experience with humour, curiosity and powerful storytelling. Please join me in welcoming Dawn Bates.

The trademark giggle, the humour and the willingness to challenge people's thinking.

A LITTLE OF WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN DAWN TAKES THE STAGE

SPEAKING ENQUIRIES

dawnbates.com/key-note-speaker/

RADIO & PODCAST · THE LITERARY LOUNGE, RADIO CARDIFF