

Andy Pag

Innovative Eco-Adventurer & Inspirational Speaker

As Kermit said, 'It is not easy being green.' Especially if you are, at heart, a bit of a petrol head.

Andy Pag has spent two years driving around the world powered by used cooking oil in an old school bus he salvaged from a scrap yard. This journey was part of a series of experimental expeditions searching for a way to travel sustainably. Andy has driven a chocolate-powered lorry to Timbuktu in Mali (a world-first carbon negative expedition) and organised the 'Grease to Greece' rally for cars fuelled on restaurant scraps.

An engaging and entertaining speaker, Andy tailors each talk and speaks on topics such as:

- Sustainability
- The Environment
- Staying Motivated in Tough Times
- Teamwork & Engaging with Communities across Cultures
- Embracing Change
- Travel & Transport
- Science

Andy is an engineering graduate and former TV producer and award-winning investigative journalist. His spirit of adventure led to twelve years of leading vehicle-based expeditions to remote part of Africa and the Sahara Desert until Andy was inspired to change the elements of his life that were unsustainable. He then explored alternative ways of powering his overland journeys. Andy's entertaining talks explore how each experimental eco-adventure has taken him closer to understanding exactly what sustainability really means and ever more clues on how to achieve it.

Andy's talks are tailored for each event but often include:

Sustainability

Is it possible to find a practical way to travel sustainably? Andy Pag shares the successes and failures of his entertaining eco-adventures with a thought-provoking and uplifting undercurrent. From turning four tonnes of waste chocolate into fuel to travel across the Sahara Desert to starting a fire under his vehicle to melt frozen cooking oil in the centre of Tehran, the lessons haven't always been easy.

Facing a Challenge & Tough Times

Locked up in an Indian prison over a bureaucratic mix-up, facing ten years in jail, sleeping on a cold stone floor sandwiched between a murderer and a squat toilet... Andy Pag's two year journey around the world wasn't going to plan. Mechanical breakdowns of his Biotruck fuelled on chip fat dogged the expedition. It almost came to an end when he ran out of fuel in a country where they don't eat fries. Andy shares the upsides of the downs in a funny and lively talk that reveals his insights into staying motivated and finding the silver lining.

Teamwork & Community (Engaging with the World)

After years of searching for sustainable ways to travel, eco-experimenter Andy Pag embarked on a journey so ambitious, it was bound to end in disaster. Strangely it didn't. Andy puts the unexpected success of his drive around the world fuelled by used cooking oil down to the enthusiasm of people for helping out a stranger. He shares tales of generosity and friendship and draws surprising conclusions about the power of Community and the secret to being invited in.

Worldwide Media Coverage

Andy's journeys to Timbuktu, Greece and most recently around the world have been covered extensively by the global media including: *BBC, ITV, Sky News, CBS, Reuters, The Telegraph, Paris Metro, Spiegel, Le Figaro, Le*

Point, PIA Hobocmu, Times of India, India Today, O Globo, The Globe and Mail, the New Zealand Herald, The Jakarta Globe and Deutsche Welle

Andy speaks fluent Italian, French and some Spanish. During his time as a investigative journalist, Andy won a Royal Television Society Award for best documentary (2005).

Andy's talks are supported by wonderful images from his travels and film footage where appropriate. He has a wide range of adventures and experiences to draw upon when tailoring his talks - from being shot at by Senegalese bandits to being presented by Ferrero Roche by the British Ambassador in Athens.

Andy is available for Inspirational Keynotes, After Dinner or Lunch events, Awards Evenings and Educational Talks.