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Life in Product

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHY

Polly Dhaliwal has spent the last decade in the small business and startup space. She joined Enterprise Nation as employee number five and helped grow it into the UK's largest small business community, now 180,000+ members, 50+ staff and over £5M in public sector contracts. As COO and Director of Government Affairs & Partnerships she runs operations, corporate partnerships and government relationships, sits on the No.10 Small Business Growth Taskforce and convenes the Downing Street faith and business roundtables.

She is also the founder of Girls in Movement, a not for profit reaching 22,000+ girls across 25 countries through school visits, a podcast and the children's book series *The Girl and Her Globe*, and founder of the Life in Product community. She speaks internationally on entrepreneurship, small business policy, scaling communities and practical AI adoption.

TOPICS

- Scaling a business, a team or a community without burning out
- What governments get right and wrong about supporting small business
- Practical AI adoption for small businesses
- Purpose led leadership and building high trust teams
- Founding and growing a social impact organisation alongside a full time career

STAGES AND PLATFORMS

- Canva
- Google
- Mastercard
- Web Summit
- HumanX
- STEP Conference, Dubai
- Enterprise Nation StartUp Show
- King's College London
- BBC Radio 4, The Bottom Line
- OECD D4SME Roundtable

COMMUNITIES AND PROGRAMMES BUILT

- Enterprise Nation: 180,000+ small business members and a national adviser network
- Girls in Movement: 22,000+ girls across 25 countries
- Life in Product: a community for people building and scaling real products
- Downing Street faith and business roundtables, convened with No.10

FORMATS

Keynote, fireside chat, panel moderation and hosting, podcast and broadcast interviews, workshops and roundtables.



180,000+

members in the UK's largest small business community

22,000+

girls reached across 25 countries with Girls in Movement

£5M+

public sector contracts delivered

WATCH

Empowering 1 million girls and UK startups

Social Good Podcast

Dubai's young startup ecosystem

STEP 2025

Tips for businesses with 0 to 10 staff

Bae HQ

Building a powerful career in AI

Girls in Movement Podcast