

# Gihan Perera

## *Futurist, Speaker, Author and AI Researcher*

A business futurist, conference speaker, AI researcher, and author, Gihan Perera shows you how to be fit for the future in a fast-changing world.

Has disruption - from employee burnout, hybrid work, AI, global uncertainty, and more - shaken up your world? Are your people looking for clear leadership in this time of massive change? Do you want to be more confident in chaos and uncertainty?

For more than 25 years, he has worked with organisations and leaders throughout Australia and the world, helping them to lead in uncertainty, act with clarity and confidence, and thrive in a fast-changing world.

He is the author of *Disrupted*, *Disruption By Design*, *The Future of Leadership*, and ten other books.

Through his keynote presentations, interactive masterclasses, and in-depth leadership programs, he shares future trends and thought-provoking insights - delivered with interaction, engagement, and humour - that leave people feeling positive, empowered, and optimistic about their future.

*Forbes* magazine rated him the #5 social media influencer in the world (and #1 in Australia) in his area of expertise.

He has always taken the lead in embracing emerging technologies and trends, from his university thesis in AI more than 30 years ago, to leading a software development team building the infrastructure for the early Internet, founding one of Australia's first Web development companies in 1996, teaching thought leaders how to create e-learning platforms, and helping business leaders with scenario planning to lead their teams into the future.

Gihan is one of Australia's leading online presenters, and has been delivering online presentations since 2009. Citrix (the company behind GoToWebinar) engaged him to teach their clients around the world how to run better online presentations. Garr Reynolds, author of the world-renowned bestseller *Presentation Zen*, asked him to write the online presentations section for the book.

He is a Certified Speaking Professional (CSP), the only internationally recognised designation for



professional speakers. His formal background is in science and AI, with a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Western Australia. But he's always been interested in people and the way they communicate - and how to become fit for the future, so they embrace change, act on opportunities, and live happier lives.

### ***Gihan Perera talks about:***

#### **Fit For The Future**

*Thriving, Not Just Surviving, in a Fast-Changing World*

In an era of rapid change marked by digital growth, climate action, evolving workplace norms, AI, and more, it's easy to think the future is outside our control. But that's not true. We all have the opportunity to shape the future - and that starts now.

#### **Leveraging AI**

*Humans and Machines - Better Together*

The AI revolution is here, and ChatGPT has made it real for millions around the world. If you're not already engaging with AI, you're falling behind. But it's not as simple as just switching it on and hoping for the best!

#### **Seeing Into The Future**

*Practical Foresight For A Fast-Changing World*

Welcome to a world where uncertainty, change, and disruption rule! The best leaders don't promise certainty, but they offer more clarity and confidence so we can all make better, more well-informed decisions now.

#### **Customers On Your Side**

*Engaging The Customer Of The Future*

The world's in flux, and so are your customers. Are you keeping up? Your future success depends on leaders who can navigate uncertainty, teams with a customer-first mindset, and a culture that embraces change.

#### **Bright Sparks**

*Building a Culture of Change Agents*

Disruption and innovation are both about change, but it's disruption when change happens to you and innovation when you create the change yourself. Make innovation part of your team's DNA and build a culture that drives sustained success.

#### **Future-Ready Leaders**

*From Chaos and Confusion to Clarity and Confidence*

We have already faced years of change and uncertainty, and there's more to come. More than ever, we need leaders to step up and lead the way - providing clarity and confidence in the face of chaos and confusion.

## **Client testimonials**

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“ Engaging, funny and witty, with an insightful global view of business.

**- Procurement Australia**

“ Gihan delivered an engaging and thought-provoking presentation, and moderated the panel discussion with intelligent, well-researched questions. It has been a pleasure to work with him, due to his outstanding responsiveness, effective and always reliable communications, and easy-going nature.

**- Siemens**

“ We were so pleased to have Gihan open our conference this year. He was inspiring, thought provoking and engaging - challenging us to see disruption as our chance to innovate our way into our future. He was funny and entertaining while at the same time gave us the inspiration to think ahead. In the true spirit of Pearson, he was helping us to be "always learning".

**- Pearson Education**

“ Delivered with thought, humour and energy, Gihan shared challenging insights about the pace of change in a disrupted world

**- TAL**

“ Engaging, funny, insightful and inspiring, delivered with intelligence and charm.

**- Builders Coach**

“ Gihan set a new standard for our members. Great value, his content was fresh and new, plus inspirational and aspirational all at the same time. From an organiser's perspective he was extremely efficient and effective, delivered exceptional value and made my job of delivering excellence so much easier.

**- Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals (SOCAP)**

“ What a fantastic opening address for our conference. Gihan is such a personable presenter, his address was engaging, interactive, thought-provoking and immensely enjoyable, with the

content being relevant and regularly cited by speakers throughout the two days of the conference.

**- University of Western Australia**

“ Gihan provided a thought provoking, amusing and energetic opening to our Strategy 2017 Conference. Tailoring his insights to encourage us to embrace our ability to become ‘Change Agents’ enabled our team to take a different view on where our business is headed and explore avenues to collaborate with our customers. Truly a motivational and attention-grabbing session!

**- Stockland**

“ Gihan gave our audience an engaging and entertaining presentation. Importantly he adapted his key messages for relevance to our pharmaceutical industry.

**- Pharmacy Guild of Australia**

“ Gihan was the opening speaker for our first national conference. He was interesting, entertaining and insightful, which helped set the tone for the rest of our 3-day conference. I wasn't surprised to see most attendees giving him the highest rating.

**- AMP Financial Planners Association**

“ We engaged Gihan to deliver the closing plenary for our flagship event and from the moment he spoke we wanted to hear more. He had engaging and insightful observations on society, backed up with facts and sprinkled with self-deprecating humour. A rare speaker who can entertain and educate, Gihan gave clarity and confidence to our audience, and truly aligned his message with our event's theme. We would warmly welcome Gihan back to any future event.

**- Queensland Law Society**

“ Fantastic! Feedback was all positive and I heard that people were leaving to go and get their colleagues to come. This was the best attended non-mandatory company-wide briefing we have had in the 7 years I've been here.

**- MetLife**

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