

# Karen King

**Keynote Speaker, Business & Career Consultant, Facilitator, Coach, Diversity Expert, Author at Productions Without Borders**

Toronto, Canada Area, ON, CA

Award Winning Producer and Network Exec Challenges Diversity from the Top Down.

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## Biography

Karen King is a passionate speaker who has taken her experience working in the media and helps other businesses recognize the opportunity that the new marketplace provides. Specializing in Diversity Management from the ground up will help your team put their money where their mouths are and make diversity and inclusion matter in your businesses. Every company is dealing with a 21st century mainstream marketplace and understanding what that means can be tricky. Karen can help your team think about what it takes to win a lucrative underserved market over to your products and services. A 25 year veteran in the entertainment business, Karen will inspire your team with her humour and engaging style. In our simple four step process we help you or your team understand how to yield dividends through diversity. Envision, Exchange, Evolve, Engage. She can help you reshape your, products, services or processes to re-energize your team and re-engage with you market like never before. Reserve your date here and confirm with Karen to discuss fees and logistics. 416-655-9661 Specialties Public Speaking, Keynotes, Workshops, Breakouts, Diversity Consulting, Leadership.

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## Availability

Keynote, Panelist, Author Appearance

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## Industry Expertise

Media Production, Human Resources, Professional Training and Coaching

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## Areas of Expertise

Diversity, Inclusion, Leadership

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## Sample Talks

### Adapting to Today's Marketplace

Is your company adapting to today's market or are you playing ostrich. The demographics of today's population have changed. Today's business must evolve in order to engage. Karen King delivers a dynamic keynote on maintaining your competitive edge.

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## Education

**Schulich School of Business**  
Masters Certificate Adult Education

**Canadian Film Centre**  
Producer Lab, Fall Lab Advance Film Studies,

**Simon Fraser University**  
Bachelor of Arts English

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Bachelor of Arts Political Science

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## **Accomplishments**

### **1st Black Woman in Canada to Produce A Movie**

1995 Karen King became the first black woman in Canada to produce a movie. It was entitled Rude, directed by Clement Virgo and co-produced with Damon D'Oliveira.

### **1st Black Producer in Canada with a World Premiere at the Cannes Film Festival**

Karen King produced Rude and became the first black woman in Canada with a world premiere at the Cannes Film Festival. The film premiered at Un Certain Regard in 1995. Directed by Clement Virgo, and co-produced.

### **Woman of Honor**

2013 Woman of Honour award was presented by the Black Business and Professional Association for the work Karen has done throughout her career advancing the careers of others in the film and television industry. "It was a wonderful honour to be honoured in this way."

### **Excellence in Media Award**

This prize was awarded to Karen King at the Pride Newspaper's African Canadian Achievement Awards. Coming at the end of her career as a producer as she moved into broadcasting Karen King was able to acknowledge all who had played a pivotal role in career to that point.

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## **Testimonials**

### **Stephen Byfield**

Drawing on her background as a Gemini Award winning producer, a producer at the National Film Board of Canada, and an executive Director of Independent Production at a major Toronto television station, Karen spoke eloquently and with insight and passion regarding diversity in the Canadian Film and Television Industry. Karen ably fielded questions from our audience and also provided some excellent film clips of her work at the National Film Board, which illustrated her commentary and delighted our audience.

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