



## Michelle Dickinson.

**Height** 160 cm

Master Of Ceremony Biography  
**JOHNSON&LAIRD**

Michelle has a PhD in biomedical materials engineering, runs New Zealand's only nanomechanical testing laboratory and is a self-confessed adrenaline junkie.

Her passion for both sports and science has enabled her to travel the world on the search for her next adventure or research project. With specialist knowledge in nanotechnology, Michelle has contributed to the development of cutting edge technologies.

Secretly, however, Michelle has been working on advancing these developments to help her to achieve her childhood dream of becoming a real life superhero. In her spare time you will usually find her outside kitesurfing, cycling, running, paddle boarding, or inside practicing martial arts.

Her recent move to academia from industry was a step towards her goal of inspiring females to push the boundaries in both science and sports, and to encourage environmentally sustainable living through engineering design.

Member of New Zealand Order of Merit Michelle was winner of the Women of Influence award for science and innovation in 2016, was awarded the Sir Peter Blake Leadership in 2015 and was winner of the Prime Ministers Science Media Communication Prize and the New Zealand Association of Scientists Science Communicators Award in 2014. Dr Michelle Dickinson uses the popular twitter handle 'Nanogirl' (@medickinson) On a mission to use science for good, not evil

### Testimonials.

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We hired Dr Michelle Dickinson via her agent Johnson & Laird Management for an event we were organising in partnership with the New Zealand Space Agency, Manaki Whenua Landcare Research, Centre for Space Science Technology, Land Information New Zealand and the Ministry for the Environment focussing on Satellite Earth Observation technology and their application that can deliver huge benefits to New Zealand. We were very impressed with Dr Michelle Dickinson's ability to engage the audience, weave different presentation topics together, how well prepared she was and her overall professional attitude. We highly recommend Dr Michelle Dickinson for any other science-related event and would also like to thank her agent Johnson & Laird Management for their wonderful

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"Dr Michelle Dickinson was the headline motivational speaker for ALGIM 's Customer Service Symposium and we found her to be a fantastic presenter. Humorous, engaging and full of personality, Michelle was an interesting and exciting speaker to listen to as she discussed her life, new changes happening in technology and the impressive charity programmes she is involved in. The live experiments she lead us in had the entire room active and enjoying themselves, and was just one of many interactive opportunities she offered during the presentation. While our delegates are not involved in sciences, the benefits and lessons of Michelle's approach to life were nonetheless very inspiring and of huge benefit to us all. From an organisational perspective, we also found Michelle to be highly professional and a pleasure to work with.

We have already received a number of comments from attendees discussing how inspiring they found Michelle and that they hope to see her speak again at our events. We would happily book her again. "

Shivarn Stewart |Communications&Marketing Manager

Association of Local Government Information Management

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**MICROSOFT TECH ED - KEY NOTE SPEAKER - 2014**

"Michelle is an inspiration, she is an introvert that has learned the art of stage presence. Being an introvert resonates very well with technical audiences that look for detail and understanding in the concepts that they are being presented. Michelle's inspiring and personable approach to her presentation material sparks the curiosity in all of us. Michelle has a way of taking complex concepts and communicating them in memorable and approachable ways. Michelle is an impossible person who will reframe your understand of the world and change the way that you think about what 's possible. "Nigel Parker, Director, Microsoft NZ