

## Speak Biography: Andrew Isaac Thornton



Andrew Isaac Thornton is an entrepreneur, the owner of Thornton's Budgens (a supermarket in North London) and the founder of Heart in Business Limited

His life purpose is to put the Heart back into Business and encourage the shift from an obsession with profit, towards a business world where people and our planet are put first. He has applied these principles to Thornton's Budgens - see what the [Huffington Post](#) had to say about his approach.

He is currently writing the book "Putting the Heart back into Business" and his aim is to build a network of heartfelt businesses.

Andrew was a founder director of social enterprises "The People's Supermarket" and "Food from the Sky", founded and ran the retail consultancy SRCG, is an Ambassador for Embercombe, the sustainability centre in Devon and is a fellow of the [Royal Society for Arts, Commerce and Industry](#). He lives in London with his partner and stepdaughter, and has two (growing up!) sons. Andrew is a graduate of University College Dublin, doing both a B.Comm and an MBS.

### SPEAKING

Andrew Thornton speaks passionately about how he runs Thornton's Budgens and his journey from profit focused entrepreneur to heartfelt business leader. He talks about his changed approach to running businesses and how being more heartfelt is actually better business. His story is insightful and entertaining, a real life practical example of how a leader and a business can change.

Andrew has over 20 years experience speaking in Europe and the US on Food Retailing, and has now turned his attention to the broader topic of the role of business in society. He has formed Heart in Business Limited to share his personal experience with others.

Andrew's recent talk with Conscious Capitalism is [here](#).

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### TESTIMONIALS

"Andrew's personal journey from international consultancy advising the retail sector to putting his own money behind his beliefs through owning and running two Budgens supermarket franchises is inspiring. With a relaxed style he speaks authentically about how he has learned to manage and succeed with heart in business."

Oonagh Harpur [www.LoveIntegrityBusiness.com](http://www.LoveIntegrityBusiness.com)

"Thank you so much for a great workshop this evening. I didn't really have a sense of how powerful it would be. The work in pairs at the start which got everyone focused on the depths of our beingness, followed by the exploration of the two diagrams and the excellent questions were truly mind-expanding and very valuable for everyone. I think we all went away having discovered new ideas about aspects of our work and of course the three intentions arriving in the post will be hugely valuable in a few weeks time."

Judy Piatkus, Conscious Café <http://www.judypiatkus.com>

"All too often speakers live in their heads and so their talks lack grounding in pragmatic realities. This is definitely not the case with Andrew Thornton. Andrew brings a wealth of hard earned, real world, commercially viable human experience to his speaking. But like Oscar Wilde laying in the gutter, he encourages us to look up at the stars with his uplifting stories of positive transformation in the workplace overflowing into his employees personal lives. Inspirational stuff!"

Chris Paradox <http://www.yourunstoppableyou.com>

'Andrew is one of those rare speakers who combines warmth and wit with practical and pioneering insight. He is at the vanguard of a paradigmic transformation in business and beyond, and his profound work helps catalyse a shift afoot from fearful separateness towards courageous love.'

Giles Hutchins, author of The Illusion of Separation [www.gileshutchins.com](http://www.gileshutchins.com)

If you would like Andrew to speak at an event or conference, please [email Malissa](#) who will get back to you as soon as possible.