



Cyriel Kortleven

Cyriel Kortleven is a global expert in creative thinking and change mindset. With two decades of experience, he helps professionals navigate transformation by inspiring innovative thinking, empowering action, and making change accessible, practical and energising for organisations worldwide.

KEY TOPICS

- The Change Mindset: Survival Kit for Professionals in Change
- Less is Beautiful: Discover How 'Less' Can Succeed in Business
- Break Fixed Thinking Patterns: Tools to Unlock Innovation
- What Organisations Can Learn from Other Industries
- Yes And Act: A Mindset for Creativity and Courage
- NaNo Actions: Small Steps for Big Impact

BIOGRAPHY

Introduction

Cyriel Kortleven is an internationally recognised keynote speaker on creativity, innovation, and change mindset. With nearly 20 years of experience, he empowers organisations to navigate uncertainty with practical tools, bold thinking, and a playful yet results-oriented approach that encourages action and progress.

Professional Background & Credentials

Originally trained as a Commercial Engineer, Cyriel began his career as a management consultant across various industries before discovering his passion for creativity and innovation at the Centre of Development of Creative Thinking in Antwerp. In 2004, he launched his own practice with a clear mission: to boost the creative and entrepreneurial mindset of professionals navigating change. Since then, Cyriel has spoken in over 30 countries across five continents, helping global organisations shift perspective and develop the confidence to innovate. He is the first Belgian to earn the Certified Speaking Professional (CSP) designation and one of only 35 Global Speaking Fellows worldwide, recognising his excellence in presenting across cultures and international markets.

Speaking Style & Audience Value

Cyriel's speaking style is energetic, engaging and highly interactive. He combines playful creativity with sharp business insight, using humour and storytelling to help audiences move beyond fixed thinking and into action. Whether in a keynote, workshop or masterclass, his sessions are known for their fun yet focused tone, practical

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takeaway tools like the “NaNo action” method, and real-world relevance. Audiences leave inspired, motivated and equipped to apply small steps toward meaningful innovation.

Awards & Recognition

- Certified Speaking Professional (CSP) – First in Belgium
- Global Speaking Fellow – One of only 35 worldwide
- Delivered presentations in over 30 countries across 5 continents

Books & Publications

Cyriel is the author of five books, including, *The Change Mindset*, *Yes And...Your Business* and *Less is Beautiful*. Each of his books offers practical strategies for unlocking creativity, embracing change, and taking action in complex business environments.

[Contact us now](#) for more information on how Cyriel can elevate your next team meeting!

WHAT PEOPLE SAY

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"Cyriel is able to apply enormous amounts of creativity to his sessions. Whether it's about behaviour, strategy, team-spirit or out-of-the-box-thinking, it's always worthwhile exchanging thoughts with Cyriel!"

– Nike

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Cyriel got the highest score of all speakers with a 4,6/5 followed by comments such as 'Absolutely brilliant', 'By far the best inspiration and needed session', 'Excellent thinking',...This says it all and makes my day."

– TENEQ events

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"Cyriel delivered a splendid and energising keynote presentation for our Change Leaders. As a result new language and tools are now being used regularly. A great experience. "

– Unilever