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# SPEAKER KIT







**KEY SPEAKING TOPICS** 

- > EXPERIENCE DESIGN
- DESIGN THINKING
- > WFARABIFS
- > INTERNET OF THINGS
- > SERVICE DESIGN
- > USER EXPERIENCE
- > OMNI CHANNEL **CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE**
- > AMBIENT INTELLIGENCE
- > UX RESEARCH
- > LEADERSHIP
- > HUMANS & TECHNOLOGY

Katja holds a BA Communications (broadcast journalism), a Master of Multimedia Design and a Master of science (Human Centred Systems).

Katja has been working in digital media since the mid 1990's back when everyone had blue hair and rode razor scooters around the office.

Such a long tenure in the industry has afforded her with invaluable experience and perspective which she loves to share. Most recently she's been exploring the world of digital auras and ambient intelligence as well as less creepy topics like holistic experience design and wearable tech and cognition.

In 2016 Katja was listed as one of the 100 Women of Influence by Westpac and the Australian Financial review.

Recently Katja Forbes presented to over 230 of our customers at our Sydney #Digitalks event on 'Design Thinking and Omni-channel: The Future of Customer Experience. The feedback from her talk was excellent. Her knowledge is very deep, and she has a knack of demystifying complex information into easily digestible snippets, whilst backing up her content with great examples.

Her straight-forward communication style and great sense of humour endeared her to the audience who were very open in praising her presentation style. We couldn't wait to invite Katja to present at our Melbourne #Digitalks event too!

# Carolyn Hyams, Marketing Director AQUENT

We invited Katja to be a keynote speaker at one of our Code Like a Girl events earlier this year to cover the theme of 'Internet of Things'. She is an articulate speaker who delivers nothing short of the spectacular. Her take on the topic of discussion was refreshing and relevant to our audience. Given her knowledge and experience in the industry, Katja gave valuable insight into the topic. Without a doubt, she left all of us feeling inspired after her talk, and we'd love to have her again as a speaker in future events.

Code Like a Girl Team



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# **PREVIOUS EVENTS**





# **Keynote**

**Customer Connectivity** Momentum Conference, July 2017

#### **Speaker**

**Aquent Digitalks** September 2016

#### **Speaker**

Code Like A Girl

Melbourne Knowledge Week, 2016

#### Speaker

Women in Commerce Macquarie Bank, April 2016

# **Speaker & Mentor**

Remarkable.org.au 2016

# **Speaker**

**Future Assembly** November 2015

## Speaker & Expert Panellist

Design Led Tuesdays, UNSW September 2015

#### **Speaker**

Women in Design Design Tasmania, July 2015

## **Speaker**

Leaders in Heels June 2015

## **Expert Panellist**

Internet of Things and Digital Auras Linked Festival, 2015

## **Expert Panellist**

Accessible Mobile App Challenge ACCAN & Australian Human Rights Council "Apps for all", 2014

## **Speaker**

Ignite Digital 2014

#### **Speaker**

Ambient Intelligence UX Australia, 2014

#### **Speaker**

Universal Design for Touch UX Australia, 2013

#### **Speaker**

**Designing for Diversity** and Inclusive Mobile Experience Designing for Mobility, 2013

# **Speaker**

Accessible Mobile Experiences OZeWAI Conference, 2011

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