

Kim Normand Dobrin
Co-Founder/CEO – Free the Mind Co



Kim Normand Dobrin is an internationally recognized social entrepreneur, speaker, and changemaker with a distinguished career spanning more than 35 years. Originally from South Africa and now based in the United States, she actively contributes to global platforms focused on social impact, education, and human development.

Renowned for her work in transformational leadership, Kim's approach is rooted in self-discovery and personal growth. She is guided by the belief that *"to live fully without, we need to go within,"* empowering individuals and communities to unlock their potential and create meaningful change.

A sought-after keynote speaker and facilitator, Kim brings authenticity, integrity, and a deep sense of purpose to every engagement. Her work consistently reflects a commitment to inclusivity, human connection, and lasting impact.

Career Highlights

- Led the **Survivors of the Shoah Visual History Foundation** in South Africa for 18 years
- Founding Director of the **Apartheid Museum**, Johannesburg
- Board Member, **Human Rights Commission for Education**
- Founder & CEO, **Tolerance Foundation** (reached 70,000 students through history-based life skills education)
- Founder & CEO, **Tomorrow Trust** (2005–2019), supporting orphaned and vulnerable children through holistic education to break the cycle of poverty
- **Ashoka Fellow**
- Alumni, **Harvard Kennedy School**
- Co-Founder/CEO **Free the Mind Co** – current

Awards & Recognition

- Runner-up, South African Social Entrepreneur of the Year (2009)
- Lifetime Honorary Member, Golden Key International Honour Society
- Most Influential Woman in Business & Government: Welfare Sector (2009/2010)
- Top 4 Finalist, Ernst & Young World Social Entrepreneur of the Year (2011)
- **TED Speaker**
- Honored by the State of California Legislature for exceptional work uplifting youth (2012)
- Exemplary Women Leadership Award (2013)
- Global CSR Excellence & Leadership Award (2014)
- Selected participant, Skoll World Forum, Oxford (2014 & 2015)
- Inspiring Fifty Award (2017), hosted by the Consul of the Netherlands