

NICK LEESON



Former Barings Bank 'Rogue Trader' One of the most Spectacular Debacles in Modern Financial History

Nick Leeson is one of the world's most sought-after speakers. Curiosity, intrigue and sympathy have been the various reactions to this man's incredible life story. The collapse of Barings and Nick Leeson's role in it is one of the most spectacular debacles in modern financial history.

Nick Leeson's story has a number of human interest aspects that will astound any audience so his talks are not restricted to the world of suits and power lunches that he used to frequent.

The collapse of Barings – personal bank to HM The Queen – in 1995 and Nick Leeson's role in it, is one of the most spectacular debacles in modern financial history. How could one trader bring down the banking empire that had funded the Napoleonic Wars?

Nick talks frankly about what happened with Barings, the lack of accounting safeguards, his capture and confinement for 9 months in a Frankfurt prison and being sentenced to 6 years by the Singapore court for forgery and cheating. More recent cases such as Allied Irish Bank, the National Australia Bank scandal and Societe Generale simply highlight that loopholes haven't been closed. Nick Leeson is expertly placed to provide consultancy on risk management, compliance and corporate responsibility.

Nick Leeson says: "Rogue trading is probably a daily occurrence amongst the financial markets. Not enough focus goes on those risk management areas, those compliance areas, those settlement areas, that can ultimately save them money.". He speaks to financial institutions, banks and businesses around the world. He also addresses universities and has spoken at the Oxford Union, Trinity College Dublin and the University College Cork. Conference speeches can be tailored to your specific requirements. Topics include risk management, compliance and corporate responsibility.

Against all odds, Nick Leeson survived and now fully recovered from cancer, lives happily in Ireland with second wife Leona and three children. In 2006 Nick was appointed CEO of Galway United FC. Having stepped down as CEO in January 2011, Nick Leeson continues to be in-demand around the world for conference and after-dinner speaking.

Topics (Selection):

- Conduct
- Compliance, Control and Transparency
- Risk Management
- Ethics
- Corporate Responsibility and Governance
- Organisation and Company Culture

Publications (Selection):

- Rogue Trader, 1996