



Julie Woods

As if going blind at the age of 31 wasn't enough, Julie Woods got to have another bite at the extraordinary change cherry when she became a single blind parent in 2001.

Julie has spoken nationwide to thousands of New Zealanders about her life as a blind woman and single parent and how as an ordinary person she

adapted to her extraordinary change through learning loads of new skills including braille. She went on to gain a prestigious role as Braille Awareness Consultant at the Royal New Zealand Foundation of the Blind and is now a life coach and professional speaker.

Julie's a dab hand at cooking without looking and in March 2007 got to try out baking "those bloody truffles again" on all the people she thanked at her 10 years' blind party. There's no doubt about it – Julie's an extraordinary change expert who has walked nine half marathons, hosted her own radio show, modeled in her very own town hall, appeared in local, national and international media including one day in 2014 when she found herself refereeing her third game of nude touch rugby as a curtain raiser to an All Blacks vs. England match. She also landed herself a spot-on Campbell Live when she raised funds to travel to Paris for Louis Braille's bi-centennial celebrations in January 2009 where she climbed to the top of the Eiffel Tower! Julie's biggest literary achievement includes a book called How to Make a Silver Lining - 8 keys for adapting to extraordinary change which contain two small words that have allowed her to follow her dream of visiting the seven wonders of the world. Julie has worked with thousands of participants ranging from Brownies to the NZ Prime Minister but they all have one thing in common - they have all been left LAUGHING AND ULTIMATELY inspired by "that blind woman!"

1 million names in braille

Meet that blind woman Julie Woods who has a dream of writing the names of 1 million people in braille! After going blind in 1997, and then becoming a single blind parent in 2001, Julie said why not to learning braille. Come along and collect your name in braille and help Julie achieve her dream. She will also show you how to meet and greet a blind person and tell you what happened when she met her ex-husband a few years later in an inner-city bar!

 Then. Now.
Tomorrow.

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Why not! what was the first thing Julie thought as she awoke in ED after being hit by a bus on her morning walk in 2016? and more...

When Julie Woods went blind she got asked to go cross country skiing. In her keynote presentation, you'll hear how saying no to that question that day lead her to saying why not to all opportunities that came her way from that moment on. You'll find out just how these two small words took that blind woman Julie Woods off the couch to smelling, hearing, tasting and touching her way around 50 countries by the time she was 50! When Julie went blind as a 31-year-old mother, she thought her life had ended. You're about to find out how it only just began.