



'EDUCATE, EMPOWER AND EMPLOY'

IT'S always a pleasant homecoming for Jillian Haslam to come to Kolkata. She was born in Calcutta to British parents in post-colonial India. A qualified NLP trainer from the Institute of Integrative Psychology in the US, a qualified coach and one of the UK's top motivational speaker and author moving, is now out on a mission. She wants to inculcate positive thinking among the people to help them overcome the struggles they face so that they can achieve higher levels of professional success and personal satisfaction. The former banker is also developing a model to offer coaching at the top echelon of various organisations. "Everyone's situations and circumstances are very different — one size fits all solutions do not work. I don't just tell people what to do, I actually show them how our inner mechanisms work and how to do it themselves," says Haslam.

Haslam, who served as the president of Bank of America's Charity Network in India, executive assistant to the CEO of the American Express Bank and also had a successful stint with RBS, has set up six study centres in and around Kolkata and a few soft skill training centres. "I want to implement UNESCO's Delors Report in India, which proposes an integrated vision for education worldwide in the light of 21st century's societal transformations," she says.

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