



### **Gary Waterworth Owen**

Gary is an artist, entrepreneur, adventurer and much in demand speaker. His entrepreneurial experience includes growing a small design agency into a successful furniture and interior design consultancy, construction company, direct marketing and advertising company with all the divisions housed under the umbrella of the South African based - Colourplast Group.

In the late seventies, before the 'Green / Eco business' revolution began, Gary was recycling alluvial diamond and marble mining waste in South West Africa (now Namibia), into architectural finishes.

Inspired in 1992 while conducting Industry and the Environment seminars at the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro, he founded the ResponseAbility Alliance - whose core programmes are personal and corporate leadership journeys conducted in Egypt. His leadership programme - Lengthen Your Stride helps to develop and embed corporate responsibility and sustainability strategies into the DNA of organisations.

His aim is to assist individuals and companies effectively communicate their organisation's vision and values to its staff, investors, customers and shareholders and to assist in creating shared value in corporate host country communities.

His focus is on helping business align with creativity, design and innovation. His unique ResponseABLE Management and Leadership programmes are innovative programmes that foster social change and promote Design for Social Impact. The programmes accelerate change, educate, inspire, increase performance and help embed Corporate Sustainability and Resilience (CSR).

Gary is a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society, Open Africa and Artists for Peace Justice and Civil Liberties. He serves on the advisory board of the Centre for Sustainable Design / University for the Creative Arts-UK and was recently appointed to the International Honorary Advisory Council of the Statue of Responsibility Foundation-USA and is a contributing author to their best selling book - Responsibility 911.

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