



**Celeste Headlee** is an award-winning journalist, professional speaker and author of the book *We Need To Talk - How To Have Conversations That Matter* (Harper Wave). As an NPR host and journalist, Celeste Headlee has interviewed hundreds of people from all walks of life. Through her work, she has learned the true power of conversation and its ability to both bridge gaps or deepen wounds. In a time when conversations are often minimized to a few words in a text message and lack of meaningful communication and connection abounds, Celeste sheds much-needed light on the lost and essential art of conversation.

In the spring of 2015, Ted.com featured Celeste's TEDx talk on Ten Ways to Have Better Conversations creating a viral sensation listed as one of the most watched TED talks in 2016 (CNBC) and named the #1 must-watch TED talk for every recruiter and hiring manager (Glassdoor). To date, Ten Ways to Have Better Conversations has been viewed over 15,000,000 times.

After four years as the Executive Producer of On Second Thought at Georgia Public Radio, Celeste is back as a guest host with National Public Radio in Washington DC. In her 19-year career with NPR, she has anchored shows including Tell Me More, Talk of the Nation, All Things Considered, and Weekend Edition. She also served as co-host of the national morning news show, The Takeaway, from PRI and WNYC, and anchored presidential coverage in 2012 for PBS World Channel. For many years, Celeste has also been a mentor and managing editor for NPR's Next Generation Radio Project, training young reporters and editors in broadcasting. In addition to her remarkable career as a speaker and journalist, Celeste has an impressive list of accolades as a musician and vocalist. A gra...

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