



Helen Boaden

Director, BBC News

Helen Boaden took up her role as Director, BBC News in September 2004.

She began her journalistic career in 1979 with New York radio station WBAI.

On returning to England she graduated in Radio Journalism from the London College of Printing and then worked at Radio Tees and Radio Aire before joining the BBC in 1983 as a news producer with Radio Leeds.

She later became a reporter and then Editor of Radio 4's flagship weekly current affairs programme, File On 4.

She regularly presented Woman's Hour from Manchester and produced and presented a range of features and documentaries for Radio 4.

She reported on BBC TWO documentary programme Brass Tacks and presented a series for Channel 4.

In 1997 she became Head of Business Programmes and a year later she was also made Head of Current Affairs, the first woman to do the job.

Her distinguished BBC career has been recognised with some of the top industry awards.

As a reporter, she won the coveted Sony award for Best Current Affairs Programme for her report on Aids in Africa and was named Radio Industrial Journalist and Campaigning Industrial Journalist of the Year by the Industrial Society in 1990 for her investigation into safety standards in the oil industry.

As Editor of File On 4, she won a second Sony and a wide range of awards for specialist journalism.

Helen Boaden was appointed Controller of Radio 4 in March 2000 and Controller of BBC 7 in 2002.

Radio 4 won the Sony Gold Award for UK Station of the Year in 2003 and again in 2004.

Helen has been awarded honorary doctorates by the University of East Anglia (Suffolk College) and the University of Sussex.

She is a Fellow of the Radio Academy.



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