

Martyn Lewis CBE

Martyn Lewis, one of Britain's best-known broadcasters, is Chairman and Founder of YouthNet. A television journalist for 34 years, he has, during that time, presented every mainstream national TV news programme on ITV and the BBC. He also chairs the Beacon Fellowship Trust, a charity set up to encourage individual contributions to charitable and social causes and is closely involved with the Hospice movement. He is also the President of United Response and a trustee of the Windsor Leadership Trust. Martyn is also an author and holds an honorary Doctor of Letters from the University of Ulster, is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts, and a Freeman of the City of London. He was awarded a CBE in 1997.

Rupert Grey

Rupert is a partner at Farrer and Co. Solicitors where he is a member of the media team. He specialises in libel and copyright law and has been involved in many leading cases in the field of media law. His clients include national and provincial papers, leading magazine houses, politicians, authors and academics. He also advises photographers, book publishers and syndication agencies on all aspects of copyright law. He regularly lectures, writes and gives seminars on media law. In his spare time he is also a Trustee for Born Free, the Liverpool Institute of Performing Arts, the Performing Arts Trust and the Kobel Foundation. Rupert is also a member of the Royal Geographical Society.

Gary Pugh

Gary is the Vice President and Head of Marketing for Oracle's EU Enlargement Region and CIS. He has worked in the IT industry for over 20 years and joined Oracle in 1994 as a Senior Sales Consultant (major accounts). He took up the post of Principal Sales Consultant (Alliances) in 1997, and in 1999 became Oracle's Marketing Director. He became the corporation's Business Development Director in 2003 and has occupied his current position since 2005. Gary is also a self-professed 'sporting nut', who has tried his hand at most activities including hang-gliding and American football.

Peter Cowley

Peter Cowley is the Managing Director of Digital Media for Endemol UK and Chief Executive of Victoria Real. Peter's role is to develop and implement Endemol's digital media strategy in the UK. The role is a UK board level position, reflecting the significance of interactive media within Endemol's business. A key example of his work is the interactive media around Channel 4's Big Brother. Peter has also been intrinsically involved in new formats like Restoration and 24Hr Quiz. Previous to Endemol, Peter has worked in the media, marketing and advertising industries at Freeserve, Cable & Wireless, Videotron and Bartle Bogle Hegarty.

Tricia Drakes

Tricia Drakes has played an active role in the promotion of the internet in London and the global financial services community for many years and is currently on the Board of Directors of ICANN (the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers). She is the current Chair of ISOC England and a Past Master of The Worshipful Company of Information Technologists. From 1972 until 1986 she served as Controller and Company Secretary for Italian International Bank plc; and in 1981, she founded International Banking Information Systems Limited. She served as its Chief Executive and Managing Director until 1996. She is a Director of the University of Surrey Seed Fund Limited and a past Chair of the Foreign Bankers Association's Operation Committee.

Roger Martin

Roger Martin retired from Price Waterhouse Cooper in 2000. He was a senior practice partner in London looking after major clients. He also had responsibility for worldwide business development and business links between North America and the UK. He now sits on several Boards as a non executive, and is the honorary Treasurer of the Wimbledon Club. He has been a Trustee in the charitable sector for over 15 years.

Dr Will Venters

Will Venters is a lecturer in Information Systems within the Department of Management at the London School of Economics and Political Sciences. His research interests lie in using social science techniques to study how ICT shapes, and is shaped by, emerging work practices and new types of organisation. He has written on a range of topics including the development of knowledge management within global multinationals, and the use of ICT by the construction industry. Before joining YouthNet Will was chair of Student Volunteering England and a member of the Russell Commission panel on youth volunteering.

Aesha Zafar

Aesha Zafar has been involved in leading volunteer programmes since her student days and has worked with or for young people in most of her roles. She currently works at the MediaGuardian Edinburgh International Television Festival on the charitable and educational initiatives. Aesha has also managed the youth strategy for CSV (Community Service Volunteers) Make a Difference Day and was a Youth Board Member at Changemakers. She has also been a Volunteer Co-ordinator for Manchester Metropolitan University and was involved with Manchester's Volunteering Community Network, looking at ways to support and develop the local voluntary sector and volunteers. Aesha has a BA (Hons) in Sociology and English.