# RTS Television Journalism Awards 2021



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#RTSAwards

# About the RTS

From glamorous award ceremonies to lively debates, the RTS embraces all aspects of television, and is open to anyone with an interest in the medium.

As an educational charity, we encourage and celebrate work in television and its related fields, from finding out how the nation's favourite shows are made in our Anatomy of a Hit series, to celebrating burgeoning talent at our annual Student Awards.

The industry's most talented individuals give us an insight into the work that goes into making cutting edge contemporary TV. From Government ministers and CEOs to workshops with great runners, our events look at every part of the business.

Our annual Television Journalism, Programme, Craft and Design, and Student Awards celebrate achievements across the broadcasting industry.

Each year, we offer Television Production and Technology bursaries to help those from less affluent backgrounds get a foothold in the industry, and Masterclass sessions bring together students, academics and industry heads.

Global television leaders gather to discuss what the future holds for television at our London Conference or the RTS Cambridge Convention.

Alongside our engaged community of around 5,000 full members, the Society is supported by Britain and the world's biggest broadcasters, producers and consultants, including Principal Patrons BBC, Channel 4, ITV and Sky.

Originally founded as the Television Society in 1927, the Society was granted its Royal title in 1966 and HRH The Prince of Wales became Patron of the RTS in 1997.

Today, 15 regional and national groups curate lively events and awards around the UK and Ireland, from Glasgow to Galway.

RTS Futures, which is aimed at those in their first two years of employment, organises an exciting roster of discussion, training and social occasions. Recent events have included workshops on learning how to format shows and how to survive as a freelancer, and expert panels explaining how to be the best researcher and how to make it on-screen.

# Officers

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# Acknowledgements

### AWARDS PRESENTATION HOSTED BY

Mishal Husain

### THE SOCIETY WOULD LIKE TO THANK

**BBC News** 

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### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

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# Host

Mishal Husain presents the *Today Programme* on BBC Radio 4 and the *BBC News at Ten* on Sundays. She was previously a main presenter on *BBC World News*, has reported on location from around the world and made four documentaries. Her book *The Skills: How to Win at Work* is out in paperback.



### **Network Presenter of the Year**

Victoria Derbyshire BBC News for BBC News Channel, BBC Two & BBC One

John King CNN

Clive Myrie - BBC News at Ten; BBC News at One; BBC News Channel BBC News for BBC One and BBC News Channel

### **News Channel of the Year**

**BBC News Channel** 

**CNN** International

Sky News

### Scoop of the Year

Abuse in British Gymnastics – ITV News ITN / ITV News for ITV

Inside Italy's Red Zone Sky News

Free School Meals BBC Breakfast for BBC One

### **Nations & Regions News**

ITV News Calendar - Jack Charlton Tribute ITV Yorkshire for ITV

Coronavirus in London: Who's hit the hardest? BBC London for BBC One

ITV News West Country - The toppling of Colston ITV West Country for ITV

# **Nations & Regions Presenter of the Year**

Hannah Miller - Granada Reports ITV News Granada for ITV

Riz Lateef BBC London for BBC One

Charlene White - ITV News London ITN / ITV News for ITV

### **Current Affairs - International**

This World - Italy's Frontline: A Doctor's Diary BBC TV Current Affairs London, Mongoose Pictures & PBS Frontline for BBC Two

BBC News Arabic - The Schools that Chain Boys *BBC News Arabic for BBC iPlayer* 

Into the Red Zone Sky News

# **Nations & Regions Current Affairs**

Spotlight - The Killings of the Three Scottish Soldiers *BBC Northern Ireland*Disclosure: Scotland's Lockdown *BBC Scotland for BBC One Scotland*Unequal Force? A BBC London Special *BBC London for BBC One* 

### **Current Affairs - Home**

Hunting the People Smugglers (Exposure) *David Modell Productions for ITV*In Cold Blood (Exposure) *Darlow Smithson Productions for ITV*Panorama - The Forgotten Frontline *BBC Panorama for BBC One* 

### Judges' Award

The Judges' Award can be presented to an individual (on or off screen) or a production team to recognise an outstanding contribution to the advancement of Television Journalism in the past year.

The winner of this Award will be announced during the ceremony.

### **Outstanding Contribution**

In special circumstances a decision can be made to make a further award to an individual (on or off screen) to mark an outstanding contribution.

The winner of this Award will be announced during the ceremony.

### **Camera Operator of the Year**

Dan Morgan Sky News

David McIlveen - BBC News at Ten BBC News for BBC One

Natalie Thomas Reuters Video News for Thomson Reuters News

### **News Technology**

Sky News Remote: Life after Lockdown Sky News

BBC News Online: What Covid-19 means for you BBC News for

**BBC News Online** 

The Trump data leak - Channel 4 News ITN for Channel 4

### **Digital Award**

Need To Know - 2019 UK General Election Series Seth Goolnik & Warren Nettleford ntk.network

Go There - Fear and anxiety in the epicenter of the Wuhan coronavirus outbreak *CNN* 

Being Black At Cambridge BBC News for BBC News Online / BBC iPlayer

### Young Talent of the Year

Rianna Croxford BBC News for BBC One and BBC News Channel

Fadi Al Halabi - Channel 4 News ITN for Channel 4

Renata Brito - Video Journalist The Associated Press

### **News Coverage - International**

A Warning from Italy Sky News

Beirut Explosion - ITV News ITN / ITV News for ITV

The Death of George Floyd CNN

### **News Coverage - Home**

Covid UK Sky News

The Tavistock's Gender Identity Development Service – Newsnight BBC Two

Covid and the care home crisis BBC News for BBC One

### **Breaking News**

London Bridge Attack Sky News

Coronavirus - Boris Johnson rushed to hospital *BBC News for BBC News Channel* 

Beirut Blast Al Jazeera English

### **Daily News Programme of the Year**

BBC News at Ten BBC News for BBC One

BBC Breakfast BBC News for BBC One

ITV News at Ten ITN / ITV News for ITV

### Interview of the Year

Andrew Marr and the Chinese Ambassador - The Andrew Marr Show BBC News for BBC One

Channel 4 News - Ciaran Jenkins / Michael Gove ITN for Channel 4

CNN Tonight - Sara Sidner Interviews Minneapolis Police Chief with Floyd Family Live *CNN* 

### **Specialist Journalist of the Year**

Gary Gibbon - Channel 4 News ITN for Channel 4

Nick Martin Sky News

Victoria Macdonald - Channel 4 News ITN for Channel 4

### **Television Journalist of the Year**

Robert Moore - ITV News ITN / ITV News for ITV

Alex Crawford Sky News

Clive Myrie BBC News for BBC News Channel

# **Judging Process**

The Awards in National and International News categories were decided by the votes of neutral voting jurors. Representatives of the entrants were also present and could speak in support of entries but could not vote.

The Current Affairs and Regional categories were decided by a panel of neutral and broadcaster jurors.

The Judges' and Outstanding Contribution Awards were decided by a panel of Chairs' of the Juries and representatives of news organisations.

# Composition of juries for National and International News categories

The 'neutrals' – voting members of the juries will fall into one or both of the following categories:

### 1. List A

Neutrals who have a substantial working knowledge of TV News and/or Current Affairs and so know how news-gathering works and how programmes are put together. They should not have been on the staff of an entrant in the relevant category for the past two years or had a long term contract with them in that period. It is not intended to exclude freelancers who work for a range of broadcasters/news providers or individuals who do occasional broadcast work but there should be no dominant commitment to any one broadcaster/news provider.

### 2. List B

Other neutrals – senior journalists and former editors of non-broadcast media and those journalists providing coverage of the news and media industries.

In addition, there will be non-voting entrants' representatives who will be present throughout. They will be able to contribute to the debate but not vote.

### RTS Television Journalism Awards Committee

Chair: Simon Bucks Jackie Ashley Suzanne Franks Nick Pollard Roy Saatchi Richard Sambrook Jo Sampson Samir Shah Graeme Thompson Adrian Wells

# Chair of the Television Journalism Awards Simon Bucks

# **Breaking News**

Chair: Simon Bucks BFBS

### **Neutral voting jurors:**

Kevin Bakhurst Ofcom
Tara Conlan Freelance, The Guardian
Elinor Goodman Former Political Editor
Channel 4 News
Vin Ray Freelance Journalist
Andrew Wilson A 2 Media
Pat Younge Cardiff Productions

# Entrant representatives (non voting):

Rebecca Brown Abed *Al Jazeera* Schams Elwazer *CNN International* Jonathan Greenwood *BBC News* Dave Modrwoski *Associated Press* Sally Watson *GMB* Sarah Whitehead *Sky News* 

# **Camera Operator of the Year**

Judy Aslett Streamline Video

Chair: Adrian Wells ENEX

# **Neutral voting jurors:**

Productions
Andrew Barron Barron TV
Phil Bloom Freelance Director / DOP
Phil Bye MBE Former ITN Cameraman
Peter Cooper MBE Former BBC News
Cameraman
David Dunkly-Gymiah Cardiff University
Jon Jones Tortoise Media
Claire Price Sequentially
Diani Vyas Freelance Producer/Director

# Entrant representatives (non voting):

Todd Baxter CNN International
Ed Bayliss Sky News
Matthew Cassel VICE News
Rachel Cook Five News
James Jordan Associated Press
Hilary Platt ITV News
Tom Platt Reuters
Ray Queally Channel 4 News
Morwen Williams BBC News

# **Current Affairs - Home**

Chair: Suzanne Franks

Simon Berthon Executive Producer
Louisa Compton Channel 4
Sarah Dean CNN International
Tom Giles ITV
Rachel Jupp BBC Panorama
Anne Lapping The Independent Press
Complaints Commission
Paul Mason Freelance Journalist
Claudia Milne Twenty Twenty Television

Gilberte Phanor *Sky News*Karim Shah *Freelance Producer/Director* 

Colin Stone

Janey Walker Ofcom

### **Current Affairs - International**

Chair: Samir Shah Juniper

Philip Armstrong-Dampier
P7 Productions

Jane Bradley New York Times

Deborah Davies Al Jazeera Investigative

Unit

Jane Drinkwater Buzztrack TV
Janice Finch Freelance / Producer

Director

Mark Galloway IBT

Tom Giles *ITV*Richard Greene *CNN International* 

Paul Lashmar City, University of London

Andy Marsh Sky News

Narinder Minhas Cardiff Productions

Professor Anand Menon
Kings College London
Sioban Sinnerton Channel 4

Sarah Waldron BBC Current Affairs

# **Daily News Programme of the Year**

Chair: Simon Bucks BFBS

# **Neutral voting jurors:**

Steve Anderson Shearwater Media
Louise Bamfield Associated Press
Matt Barbet Freuds
Stephen Bush Newstatesmen
Vikki Cook Ofcom
Janette Hodds Freelance Producer
Quentin Letts The Times
Liam Warden RTS Bursary Scholar,
University of Sheffield
Lloyd Watson Media Consultant

# Entrant representatives (non voting):

Corinne Bishop *GMB*Rachel Corp *ITV News*Neil Dunwoodie *Sky News*Alan Grady *Five News*Emma Jones *BBC Breakfast*Nevine Mabro *Channel 4 News*Paul Royall *BBC 6 & 10 O'clock News*Sean Stephens *VICE News*Esme Wren *Newsnight* 

# **Digital Award**

Chair: Samir Shah Juniper

# **Neutral voting jurors:**

Debora Gorbutt Associated Press
Carolyn Hitt
Coral James-O'Connor City, University
of London
Vicky Taylor Freelance
Lianne Tuner VICE World News
Paula Ugochukwu Digital Content
Creator (RTS Bursary Scholar)
Adam Waters
James Weeks Accenture

# Entrant representatives (non voting):

Corinne Bishop *GMB*Mike Deri Smith *Channel 4 News*Blathnaid Healy *CNN Digital*Stephen Hull *ITV News*Stuart Millar *BBC News*Warren Nettleford *ntk.network*Alan Strange *Sky News* 

# Interview of the Year

Chair: Suzanne Franks

# **Neutral voting jurors:**

Ade Adepitan MBE TV Presenter
Saleyha Ahsan Broadcast Journalist &
Filmmaker
Maggie Brown Media journalist &
Channel 4 Historian
Jawad Iqbal Times Columnist
Sarah Murch
Fraser Nelson Spectator
Kim Sengupta The Independent
John Stapleton Journalist & Broadcaster
Mark Stephens CBE Howard Kennedy LLP
Iim Waterson Guardian

# Entrant representatives (non voting):

Annabel Archer CNN International
Steve Bennedik Sky News
Kelly Crawford BBC Breakfast
Ed Fraser Channel 4 News
Salah Khadr Al Jazeera
John Neal BBC (Andrew Marr Show)
Ed Saunt ITV News
Neil Thompson GMB

# **Nations & Regions Current Affairs**

Chair: Roy Saatchi

Emma Barker Rare TV
Mike Lewis Nine Lives Media
Dinkesh Miesuria Series Editor
David Modell
Nicola Phipps Plus3 Productions
Aisling O'Connor BBC England
Ali Rashid Screen Yorkshire
Mike Talbot ITV Analia

# **Nations & Regions News**

Chair: Roy Saatchi

Ashok Ahir UK Government of Wales
Katherine Blair Leeds Trinity University
Alexis Bowater Bowater
Communications
Laura Collins Yorkshire Evening Post
Liz Hannam ITV Central
Zahera Harb City, University of London
Richard Jones University of
Huddersfield
Donald Matheson Freelance Camera
Assistant & Researcher (RTS Bursary
Scholar)
Hugo Smith Leeds Beckett University
Declan Wilson BBC English Regions

# **Nations & Regions Presenter**

Chair: Roy Saatchi

Rachel Bowering BBC England
Sue Beardsmore
Anita Bhalla
Evadney Campbell MBE Shiloh PR
Barnie Choudhury Sensei Creative
Productions
Drew Christie BCOMS
Paddy Haycocks Former Television
Executive, Producer & Presenter

### **Network Presenter**

Chair: Samir Shah Juniper

### **Neutral voting jurors:**

Andrea Catherwood freelance for R4
and Bloomberg
Beth Colson Freelance
Ivor Gaber University of Sussex
Rick Goodwin True North
David Harrison Betty TV
Jenny Kleeman Journalist, Author &
Presenter of Times Radio Breakfast
Jane Martinson City University of London
John Stapleton Journalist and Broadcaster

# Entrant representatives (non voting):

David Ford CNN International
Liz Gibbons Victoria Derbyshire
Programme
Louise Hastings Sky News
Laura Holgate ITV News
Oliver King Channel 4 News
Neil Thompson GMB
Lizzi Watson BBC 6 & 10 O'clock News

### **News Channel of the Year**

Chair: Simon Bucks BFBS

# **Neutral voting jurors:**

Soheil Afdjei Reuters
Matt Champion VICE World News
EMEA
Torcuil Crichton Daily Record
Martyn Mcaughlin
Roger Mosey Master of Selwyn
College, Cambridge
Craig Oliver Teneo Strategy
Bénédicte Paviot FRANCE24
Meera Selva Reuters Institute for the
Study of Journalism

# Entrant representatives (non voting):

Matthew Grant BBC News Jonathan Hawkins CNN International Cristina Nicolotti Squires Sky News

**News Coverage - Home** 

Chair: Jackie Ashley

### **Neutral voting jurors:**

Roger Alton Freelance Journalist & Former Editor of The Observer & Independent
Chris Birkett King's College London
David Clegg The Courier
Lovejit Dhaliwal Documentary Maker & Investigative Journalist
Jonathan Grun Emeritus Editor PA Media
Sarah Jones De Montfort University
Christina Lamb
Dr Max Pemberton Daily Mail

# Entrant representatives (non voting):

Megan Bramall BBC Breakfast Richard Frediani BBC News Caro Kriel CNN International Peter Lowe Sky News Sally Watson GMB Matt Williams ITV News Emily Wilson Channel 4 News Esme Wren Newsnight

# **News Coverage - International**

Chair: Adrian Wells ENEX

### **Neutral voting jurors:**

Erin Boudreau CBC
Nik Gowing
John Holliday Influence International
Kiko Itasaka NBC
Tim Miller TRT World
James Rodgers City, University of
London

# Entrant representatives (non voting):

Michael Herrod ITV News
Liliane Landor Channel 4 News
Niko Price Associated Press
Ben Rayner Al Jazeera
Daniel Robinson GMB
Andrew Roy BBC News
Tim Singleton Sky News
Inga Thordar CNN Digital

# **News Technology**

Graeme Thompson *University of*Sunderland

### **Neutral voting jurors:**

Rob Beynon *DMA Media*Madhav Chinnappa *Google*Helen Costello *Action for Children*Lesley Everett
Tim Gatt *Department of Education*Herb Kim *Thinking Digital Conference & TEDxNewcastle*Cristiana Mesquita *Associated Press* 

# Entrant representatives (non voting):

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# Scoop of the Year

Chair: Nick Pollard

# **Neutral voting jurors:**

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University London
Nigel Dacre Inclusive Digital
Samana Haq Ministry of Justice
Joseph Harker
Stuart Higgins Stuart Higgins Media
Ian Sherwood Director, NBC News &
On Assignment with Richard Engel,
MSNBC
Ion Williams RTF News

# Entrant representatives (non voting):

Imogen Barrer ITV News Richard Frediani BBC Breakfast Job Rabkin Channel 4 News Nick Sutton Sky News Matt Wells CNN Digital Jonathan Whitney BBC News

# **Specialist Journalist of the Year**

Chair: Jackie Ashley

# **Neutral voting jurors:**

Stephanie Flanders *Bloomberg*Liam Halligan
Sian Jarvis
Lawrence McGinty *Medical Journalists'*Association

Fiona Mitchell Alasdair Palmer

Gio Ulleri Freelance Filmmaker

# Entrant representatives (non voting):

Liam Blyth BBC Breakfast
Tommy Evans CNN International
Carol Jordan ITV News
Stewart Maclean Newsnight
Owen Masters GMB
Stuart McTeer Channel 4 News
James Stephenson BBC News
Lauren Taylor Al Jazeera
Dan Williams Sky News

### **Television Journalist of the Year**

Chair: Nick Pollard

# **Neutral voting jurors:**

Yasmin Alibhai-Brown
Andrew Billen Journalist and Author
Terry Brennan
Lucy Hillman
Sir Clive Jones
Sandy Macintyre Associated Press
Ramita Navai Freelance Journalist &
Documentary Maker

Trevor Phillips OBE Vice President, RTS

# Entrant representatives (non voting):

Anne Alexander *GMB*Toby Castle *BBC News*Andrew Dagnall *ITV News*Ben de Pear *Channel 4 News*Jonathan Levy *Sky News*Stewart Maclean *Newsnight*Maya Rostowska *VICE News*Barbara Serra *Al Jazeera*Dan Wright *CNN International* 

# Young Talent of the Year

Richard Sambrook

# **Neutral voting jurors:**

Anouk Berendsen All3Media
Sue Brooks Reuters
Myra Evans
Josh Halliday
Ruhi Hamid
Georgia Keetch (RTS Bursary Scholar)
Andrew Potter VICE News
Susannah Schofield John Schofield Trust

# **Entrant representatives**

# (non voting):

Matt Brindley ITV News
Anna Johnson Associated Press
Ian Kearney GMB
Liliane Landor Channel 4 News
David Mapstone Sky News
Kate McAndrew BBC News
Rebecca Moore CNN International



# John Schofield Trust



supporting young journalists

The John Schofield Trust was set up in 1996 to mentor young journalists, following the death of John Schofield at 29.

25 years later, the Trust continues to promote social mobility and young talent through three key programmes:





Recognising young talent



Early career mentoring



Sixth form mentoring

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BBC News, Sky News, ITV News, ,Channel 5 News, JRSST-CT, the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the Garfield Weston Foundation, Martin Lewis, Robin Lustig

# Forthcoming Events

The Society was delighted to be able to continue to engage with its members and the wider community in 2020 by moving all of its events online and will continue to do so this year.

Here's a brief rundown of what's coming up but for more detailed information and to see what's happening across the UK, please visit the RTS website <a href="https://www.rts.org.uk">www.rts.org.uk</a>

**RTS Futures (daytime event)** Monday 1 March Interview Techniques Workshop

RTS Programme Awards 2021 in Partnership with Audio Network an eOne Company nominations announcement Tuesday 16 March

RTS Lunchtime Event Tuesday 2 March Producing Sustainable TV - Myth or Reality?

RTS Lunchtime Event Thursday 4 March In Conversation with Kate Ward

RTS Programme Awards 2021 in Partnership with Audio Network an eOne Company Tuesday 16 March

RTS Cambridge Convention 2021 15 – 17 September

RTS Craft & Design Awards 2021 Monday 22 November

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S4C

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The Journalists' Charity

The Trade Desk

UKTV Vice

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As a member of the Royal Television
Society you become part of an exciting
and creative community of more than
4,500 members, who share a common
passion for the art and science of
television. Membership opens up a
world of networking, educational, and
professional opportunities, as well as
contributing towards bursaries and
educational events for young people that
want to study TV related subjects.

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Our members can also enjoy:

- Networking events
- Lectures, masterclasses and workshops
- Annual awards ceremonies
- Free subscription to the RTS magazine Television
- Access to private members' clubs in London, Manchester and Bristol
- Impressive discounts for shopping, restaurants, hotels & business services

To join and for full details of all member benefits visit our website

www.rts.org.uk

