



ELLEN MANNING

Former Chief Reporter for Press Association who has reported from Afghanistan.

Ellen Manning is a former chief reporter at the Press Association. During her tenure she covered some of the top stories in UK news, from the high-profile trials of Rolf Harris and Max Clifford, to the Leveson Inquiry, the London 2012 Olympics, and the Royal Wedding.

Much of her time was also spent covering defence - travelling to Afghanistan several times between 2011 and 2014 to cover the role of UK troops, as well as to Baghdad to interview the Iraqi Prime Minister.

She completed several embeds with the Ministry of Defence in Helmand Province, as well as travelling independently with a photographer to Kabul as part of coverage of the withdrawal of UK troops from Afghanistan.

Ellen's coverage of key milestones in the drawdown of troops, as well as personal tales of life on the frontline for British troops, featured in both the national and regional press.

She now works as chief journalist for telecoms advice site Cable.co.uk, whose consumer-focused stories on the telecoms sector and interviews with key industry figures have been picked up by both the national and regional press and broadcasters.



EMMA BEALS

Freelance journalist, based in southern Turkey and focused on Syria.

Emma is a Kiwi/British freelance journalist with an interest in conflict and social issues. She has most recently been concerned with reporting on the Syrian and Iraqi wars for a variety of television, newspaper and online publications. She is one of the founders of the Frontline Freelance Register.



SIMON MARR

BBC Director of Safety, Security & Resilience

Simon joined the BBC in January 2012. He led the BBC High Risk team, which works across the breadth of the BBC's business providing safety and security advice to staff who work in challenging and dangerous environments. He was responsible to the BBC News Group Board for the development, implementation and oversight of high risk security/safety policies and procedures that enable the world's largest public service broadcaster to achieve its public purposes and editorial ambitions in these challenging, operating environments.

In April Simon took up a new role as the BBC's Director of Safety, Security & Resilience, an expanded portfolio that now makes him accountable for the provision of Safety Advice, covering both standard production safety and high risk, occupational health advice, physical, personal and personnel security, and crisis response.

Prior to joining the BBC, Simon was a British Army infantry officer for twenty-eight years. He served in UK, Germany and Cyprus, commanding at platoon, company and battalion level, including operational command in Afghanistan, Iraq, the Balkans and Northern Ireland. He has worked in the Ministry of Defence, the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and the Cabinet Office on security and stabilisation policy issues.

Simon lives in Herefordshire with his wife, who is really in charge of everything; two daughters that cost him deep in the purse; two dogs, who refuse to do as they are told; and eight chickens who just ignore him. He is an English literature enthusiast, a frustrated poet, a music fanatic, an unimpressive fly fisherman and an even worse guitar player.



JACKIE HARRISON

Chair for the Centre for the Freedom of the Media (CFOM) and Professor of Public Communication in the Department of Journalism Studies, University of Sheffield

Jackie Harrison has published in the areas of freedom of expression; media regulation and policy; the mediation of civil society and issues of news freedom and standards. Currently she is researching issues to do with the safety of journalism, impunity and the increasing use of violence against journalists and media workers and working with colleagues from CFOM and UNESCO to develop policy prescriptions that can be used to militate against these threats to free and independent journalism. She is also completing a monograph on the civil power of the news.



WILLIAM HORSLEY

International Director, Centre for Freedom of the Media (CFOM) and an experienced journalist.

William Horsley is former BBC foreign correspondent in Asia and Europe, a writer on international affairs and international director of the University of Sheffield's Centre for Freedom of the Media (CFOM). CFOM is a partner of UNESCO in advancing the goals of the UN Action Plan on the Safety of Journalists and the Issue of Impunity. William is also Vice-President and Media Freedom Representative of the Association of European Journalists. He has written numerous reports on *The State of Media Freedom in Europe* for the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and authored the OSCE's *Safety of Journalists Guidebook*. He is an independent member of the expert committee on the protection of journalism and the safety of journalists, which is responsible for drafting Council of Europe Guidelines for the 47 member states. In 2014 CFOM initiated an Inter-Regional Dialogue and Seminar on legal protections for journalists, held in the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg, together with the Council of Europe, UNESCO and the European Lawyers Union. On 2 November 2015 CFOM cooperated with UNESCO, PEN International and Article 19 to stage a public discussion in the UK Parliament to mark the UN-declared International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists.



GILL PHILLIPS

Director of Editorial Legal Services, Guardian News & Media Limited

Gill Phillips is Director of Editorial Legal Services for Guardian News & Media Limited (publishers of the Guardian and Observer newspapers and theguardian.com). She studied history and then law at Cambridge and trained at Coward (now Clifford) Chance. She qualified as a solicitor in 1984 and joined the BBC as an in-house lawyer in 1987, dealing with a variety of pre and post publication editorial legal and litigation matters, including libel and contempt. She later worked for News Group Newspapers and Times Newspapers. She moved to Guardian News & Media in May 2009. She was a member of the Ministry of Justice's Working Group on Libel Reform and was a member of the Master of the Rolls (Super) Injunction Committee. She has advised GNM on phone-hacking, Wikileaks, the Leveson Inquiry, the NSA leaks from Edward Snowden and most recently the HSBC files. She also sits as a part-time Employment Tribunal Judge and co-authors the College of Law Employment Law handbook.



ELISABETH WITCHEL

Impunity Campaign, Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ)

Elisabeth has more than 15 years' experience in human rights and international journalism. She began working at the Committee to Protect Journalists in 2001 as the Journalist Assistance Program Coordinator, and in 2007, she launched CPJ's Global Campaign Against Impunity. Witchel has authored several reports for CPJ, including four editions of *Getting Away with Murder: Global Impunity Index*; three editions of CPJ's *Survey of Journalists in Exile*; 2004's *The Fixers*; and 2005's *Zimbabwe's Exiled Press*. Witchel, who is now based in the United Kingdom and serves as CPJ's Impunity Campaign Consultant, has presented at international forums, including UNESCO, and served on panels in London, Manila, New York, and Paris. Prior to joining CPJ, she worked at Grassroots Enterprise in San Francisco and reported from Seoul, Korea, for *The Korea Times* and *US News & World Report*. Witchel has a bachelor's in history from Stanford University and a master's in International Studies and Diplomacy from the University of London's School of Oriental and African Studies.