

Lord Williams of Baglan

Trustee

Lord Williams' early career was as an editor at the BBC World Service and he later served on the board of the World Service Trust. He has held numerous senior positions in a long career at the United Nations, most recently as Under Secretary-General and Special Coordinator for Lebanon. Between 2000 and 2005 he was Special Adviser to two Foreign Secretaries: Robin Cook and then Jack Straw. Working abroad for much of his professional life, he has experienced at first hand the importance of the BBC's role overseas, and how highly it is valued and respected.



He brings to the Trust experience of government, the United Nations, journalism and academia, together with a passion for international issues and the BBC. He is the first BBC Trustee to assume an international role as part of his duties.

BBC Trust responsibilities

- Member, Services Committee
- Member, Trust Management Group

Current external positions

- Distinguished Visiting Fellow at Chatham House
- Member of the International Advisory Board, Toledo CITPAX, Toledo International Centre for Peace
- Member of the Governing Board, School for Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London
- Member of Swansea University Council
- Chairman of the Mines Advisory Group (MAG)
- Honorary Life Member of the British Society for Middle Eastern Studies (BRISMES)

Previous external positions

- Various senior posts at the United Nations (1992-2011)
- Special Adviser to two Foreign Secretaries (2000-2005)

Other relevant experience

- Appointed to the House of Lords in October 2010
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