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David led the BBC's launch into digital media as its first Director of New Media and Deputy Director of TV, and in the commercial world, headed up Telewest's (now Virgin) drive into broadband content, was Chief Executive of the UK's largest independent interactive TV business, and then of the largest group on independent TV channels in the UK.

In the public sector, David was Chair of Governors of the University of Luton, where he recruited and worked with a new Vice Chancellor to create the highly successful University of Bedfordshire.

He has written extensively on media and technology convergence as a regular columnist for the Guardian, but also for the Financial Times and most other national newspapers.

David is the author of six books, including three novels, and has been profiled in the Times, the Telegraph and the Scotsman, as well as in the media trade magazines.

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