

Kate Silverton



Kate Silverton is a highly accomplished, versatile journalist and a rising star at the BBC.

Whether being tear-gassed in Bethlehem or broadcasting from the frontline in Basra figure-heading the BBC's coverage of the Oscars or the Glastonbury festival, Kate is as much at home in the war zones of the world as she is rubbing shoulders with celebrities.

In the process she has established herself as the new face of BBC news, regularly presenting the One O Clock news and BBC Breakfast. Kate was chosen to co-host BBC1's New Year Live celebrations to welcome 2009 from HMS Belfast alongside Nick Knowles.

Kate is in demand to present BBC prime time documentaries, fronting Big Cat Live last year, a pioneering live broadcast and she featured in the My Family at War series, tracing the steps of her great grandfather in the Great War.

Other prime time work this year includes "Ten Things You Didn't Know About Sleep" and "The Speaker", where Kate mentors aspiring young presenters.

Kate has become a mainstay reporter for Panorama and presented the prime time BBC One feature "Ultimate Wild Water"; winning huge acclaim for overcoming her fear of open water to tackle some of Britain's most notorious waters by kayak.

On a lighter note, Kate has tackled the Top Gear race track in extremely wet conditions and made a guest appearance on Have I Got News For You.

She has also introduced live coverage to celebrate 90 years of the Royal Air Force and provided the commentary for the Windsor Tattoo in the presence of Her Majesty the Queen.

Kate has developed a reputation for being warm, engaging and eclectic whilst also being hugely focused and highly professional. It is this integrity and broad experience in both business and journalism that has enabled her to interview major political, military and showbusiness figures, whilst also chairing conferences and debates for some of Britain's biggest organisations such as BT, Royal Bank of Scotland, KPMG, The Royal Navy and Transport for London.

Kate graduated from the University of Durham with a BSc in Psychology. Before that she studied Arabic and Middle Eastern history for a year, fuelled by an interest in Middle East politics. This interest developed following a stay on a Kibbutz in Israel and travels with Bedouin tribesmen in Egypt.

Kate has been a keen traveller since her first expedition with Operation Raleigh (now Raleigh International) to Zimbabwe in 1990. She has subsequently travelled extensively throughout Africa and the Middle East, most recently visiting Lesotho, Uganda and Oman. These experiences, immersing herself within hugely disparate cultures around the globe, have continued to prove the driving force for her reporting from some of the most troubled and beleaguered areas of the world.

"Kate is a complete star and did everything with joy, enthusiasm and the utmost professionalism and finesse. It was an absolute pleasure to work with her on the Summit and I very much hope to work with Kate again in the future. As you could see from tweets, everyone was talking about her. A good Chair of a Conference/Summit is worth their weight, and some, in GOLD! She deserves a medal – you'd think she was in our business for years. Can't praise her enough!"

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"We have had good hosts in the past, but Kate surpassed them all. She is not only highly professional, grasping the nuances of a specialised industry sector, but comes over as an incredibly nice, likeable person. Her support for our chosen charity, Help for Heroes, boosted contributions to a fantastic amount. We had a great deal of feedback, 100% of which was positive. We have already asked about her availability for next year's event."

**MD,
CWC Research**

"Kate's work on stage was excellent, highly professional and created the perfect setting for our annual awards."

Sales Director, Neff Appliances

"Yes the event did go well and the client seemed very happy...Kate was great to work with and showed an obvious interest which was wonderful from our point of view, as organisers."

Leapfrog Medical - Kate chaired a series of panel discussions - May 2008

*"Kate Silverton was excellent at the Abbey Convention...thanks for all your help with that"***Kate chaired a convention for Santander - January 2008**

"Last week went really well ... we will be more than happy to use Kate as a first option for future events..." **Kate chaired a conference for RBS - September 2007**

"It takes a lot of nerve, class and humour to host an event as prestigious as our national awards, and Kate was effortless throughout." **Construction Manager of the Year Awards**

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