

STUART HUGHES



Stuart Hughes is one of the BBC's most experienced and respected news producers. He has covered pivotal events from North America to South East Asia, including the 9/11 attacks, the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Arab Uprisings and the death and funeral of Nelson Mandela.

While reporting from Iraq in 2003, Stuart was critically injured when he stepped on an anti-personnel landmine. As a result, his right leg was amputated below the knee. After learning to walk again, Stuart resumed his career using a state-of-the-art carbon fibre prosthesis.

Stuart is a patron of the Mines Advisory Group, a charity which has cleared unexploded ordnance in more than 40 countries.

His campaigning work against landmines was recognized when he was selected to carry the Olympic Torch in London just days before the start of the Games in July 2012.

Stuart also works to raise awareness of the physical safety issues faced by journalists operating in war zones and the psychological toll of reporting conflict.

He is a member of the advisory committee of the Rory Peck Trust, the only charity in the world dedicated to improving the safety and welfare of freelance newsgatherers and their families. He is a consultant to the International News Safety Institute and a member of the European Society for Traumatic Stress Studies.

Stuart is invited regularly to share his personal experience of journalism and conflict with government departments, major corporations and NGOs. He is a sought-after moderator and panelist at international conferences. He is also a visiting lecturer in journalism at a number of leading universities and writes about emerging trends within the news industry for the BBC College of Journalism.

Stuart Hughes is an Ochberg Fellow at Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism in New York, a Kiplinger Fellow at Ohio State University in Columbus and a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts in London.

A selection of his recent work can be found at www.stuarthughesnews.co.uk