

The Honorary Graduand: Jeremy Wright

Jeremy Wright is to be awarded the Honorary Degree of Master of Education.

Jezz Wright is the founder and Channel Director of Wayout TV: a range of channels that aim to help prisoners with their rehabilitation. Jezz devised these in-cell channels in 2014 after identifying a strong need to provide those prisoners who weren't engaging with traditional learning, with innovative and engaging educational content through their in-cell TV.

One of these channels, Way2Learn TV, offers a range of introductory courses that are designed to inspire and instil confidence in this particularly hard-to-reach cohort. This enables prisoners to think critically about their life choices, employability options and therefore guide their future learning journey. Wayout TV and Way2Learn are the first, and only national networked TV channels for prisoners anywhere in the world, and now serve over seventy UK establishments.

Jezz brings a wealth of media experience to the role having previously held senior positions in journalism, television production and the music industry. He is known for his innovative approach with technologies and media. In 1996 he was responsible for launching the UK's first independent online radio station: London Unlimited. He was nominated by the membership of the charitable Freeview channel Together TV, to represent them on their board of trustees.

Outside of his professional work, Jezz volunteers for leading disability charity The Ann Conroy Trust as their Communications Manager and is a committed advocate for those living with Syringomyelia and Chiari Malformation. Jezz's strong belief in 'making a difference' would often see him volunteer with inner-city projects and international organisations (Al Jazeera) to share best practice within journalism and television production.

In 2011 he was awarded a Graduateship by City & Guilds, and that same year was made a Fellow of the Institute of Leadership & Management. During his time as *Director of Content & Digital Strategy* for education provider PeoplePlus, Jezz developed many strategic partnerships for prison learners, cumulating in UWE Bristol recognising all Way2Learn courses as qualitative learning activities.

As a result of the partnership with UWE Bristol, Way2Learn is now certifying over 2500 courses annually for prisoners across the UK.

The Honorary Degree is awarded in recognition of Jezz Wright's commitment to widening participation in education amongst marginalised groups in society.