



Greg Dyke

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Former Director General of the BBC and a veteran [media](#) and broadcasting executive, Greg Dyke is the Chairman of the BFI and was appointed the Chairman of the Independent Football Association in 2013.

Greg's biography

Perhaps best known for his role as Director General of the BBC between 2000 and 2004, Greg Dyke is equally respected in the world of football. In 2013 it was announced that he was to leave his role as Chairman of Brentford Football Club to become Chairman of the Independent Football Association. Experienced and passionate about media and broadcasting, he is currently also the Chairman of the British Film Institute (BFI) and of HIT [Entertainment](#), which produces a number of popular childrens TV shows.

- Former Director General of the BBC
- Media Executive
- Chairman of the Independent Football Association
- Chairman of the British Film Institute
- Executive Chairman of Ambassador Theatres Group
- A born leader, Greg Dyke's integrity and enthusiasm are abundantly clear as he educates and motivates others.

Currently Chairman of the BFI and Executive Chairman of Ambassador Theatres Group, Greg Dyke holds a number of positions within the media and broadcasting industry. Having become a household name whilst Director General of the BBC, Dyke is also an avid football fan who was named as Chairman of the Independent Football Association in 2013. This is not the first time that Dyke has combined his love of the sport with his managerial talent he spent two years as a non-executive director of Manchester United in the late 1990s and was Chairman of Brentford Football Club between 2006 and 2013.

After spending his early career as a reporter for local newspapers, Dyke returned to [education](#) as a mature student at York University, graduating with a BA in politics in 1974. He then continued to work as a newspaper [journalist](#) for some time, before deciding to try and move into television and radio based roles.

In 1977, he began working for London Weekend Television (LWT), which proved to be the step he

needed in order to achieve his ambition; he has since held a variety of high profile positions at several major [broadcasters](#), including Channel 4, ITN and BSkyB. He was instrumental in the creation of Channel 5 and is Chairman of the international production company HIT Entertainment, which creates popular shows for young children.

The Director General of the BBC between 2000 and 2004, Dyke helped to modernise the organisation, reducing costs, promoting [diversity](#), introducing new digital TV and radio channels, Freeview and increasing the provision of interactive services. He left out of principle following the Hutton Enquiry, a move that was not welcomed by BBC staff, many of whom staged a protest to demonstrate their disappointment at his departure.

Greg Dyke's positions and honours

- Chairman – Independent Football Association (2013 present)
- Executive Chairman – Ambassador Theatres Group (2009 present)
- Chairman – British Film Institute (2008 present)
- Chairman – Brentford Football Club (2006 2013)
- Chairman HIT Entertainment (2005 present)
- Chancellor – University of York (2004 present)
- Director-General – BBC (2000 2004)
- Honorary doctorate University of York (1999)
- Fellow – Royal Television Society (1998 present)
- Non-Executive Director – Manchester United Football Club (1997 – 1999)
- Trustee – Science Museum (1995 2005)
- Chairman – GMTV (1993 – 1994)
- Chairman – Independent Television Association (1992 – 1994)
- Group Chief Executive London Weekend Television (Holdings) plc (1991 – 1994)
- London Weekend Television – Director of Programmes (1987 – 1991)
- Supervisory Board Member – ProSiebenSat.1
- Former Chief Executive – Pearson Television
- First Chairman Channel 5

Greg's talks

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