

Maggie Philbin OBE

Broadcaster (Tomorrows World, QED) and STEM advocate

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About

The broadcasting career of Maggie Philbin started with a four year stint co-presenting BBC's legendary Saturday morning children's show Multicoloured Swap Shop, which she joined fresh from Manchester University where she had studied English and Drama.

A major turning point in Maggie's career, for which she is always remembered, came with her subsequent move to the BBC's flagship science and technology programme Tomorrow's World, where she remained one of the key presenters for eight years — many of the everyday innovations we now take for granted were demonstrated on live television for the very first time by Maggie — the first truly mobile phone, voice recognition, the first car navigation system, the first example of virtual reality, the first fax machine, even the first supermarket barcode reader.

Since those days Maggie has worked on science, medical and technology programmes for over 30 years. Her television career encompasses Hospital Watch, Bang Goes The Theory, Bodymatters Roadshow, QED, and BBC2's women's documentary series The Doll's House. She has worked as a medical and consumer reporter for This Morning on ITV and has presented film reports for BBC's current affairs programme 4x4, as well as a series called Heartland for Channel Health. She has also presented the science programme Wideworld for Channel 5.

Maggie Philbin is President of the Institute of Engineering Designers and co-founder and CEO of TeenTech an award winning organisation helping young people, their parents and teachers understand more about the real opportunities in Science, Technology and Engineering.

In 2012, Maggie was awarded an honorary doctorate in Technology from De Montfort University recognising her "outstanding contributions to the intellectual and cultural life of the nation and region" and for "bringing about a greater understanding and interest in science and technology". In 2014, she was made a fellow of Queen Mary University, London, awarded a doctorate of Science from the University of Bath (2015), presented with an honorary doctorate by the University of Huddersfield in 2016, an honorary doctorate in Science from Solent University in 2017, and a honorary fellowship from the University of Leicester in 2018.

Then in 2016 Maggie was named as the Most Influential Woman in UKIT by Computer Weekly Magazine and was also named as 2016 Digital Leader of the Year for her work with TeenTech. She was awarded an OBE in Jan 2017 for promoting careers in STEM and the Creative Industries. Maggie is Patron of the Council of Professors and Heads of Computing and former President (2014-18) of the Institute of Engineering Designers.

Many people at the top of their professions today grew up with Maggie Philbin as part of their lives, and view her with great affection and recognise the humour, intelligence and skills she can bring to just about any event.

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