

LORNA WARD – BIOGRAPHY

Consultant/advisor in communications and media, writer and broadcast journalist. Graduate in Law and French Law, Lorna decided after university to pursue a career in the regular Army (UK), commissioning into the Army Air Corps and later serving with the Royal Army Medical Corps, with deployments to Bosnia and Kosovo. After five years, Lorna left the Army to pursue other interests and worked as a documentary producer for the BBC, Channel 4 and the History Channel before retraining as a journalist and successfully breaking into international news while studying for the post-graduate degree, securing a job as a producer at Sky News. She went on to work as a field producer and reporter, then as a Foreign Editor for the channel. The post included reporting, presenting, field producing and running operations abroad, in particular in conflict or crisis environments such as Iraq, Afghanistan and Libya.

During this time, Lorna joined the Army Reserves and started working in her spare time as a communications expert for the Ministry of Defence. This has so far included mobilised service in Iraq in charge of a Combat Camera Team, and most recently a tour as the communications advisor to the Deputy Commander of ISAF, General Sir Nick Carter.

In 2012, Lorna decided to diversify and left her staff job at Sky News to focus on her work as a communications advisor. She then spent the next year in Somalia, based in Mogadishu as the Director of Communications for the African Union mission (AMISOM).

Since then, she has undertaken shorter consultancy projects for the United Nations in Somalia and in the Palestinian Territories. She also regularly delivers work for the Joint Warfare Centre NATO in Norway, contributing to the scripting and execution of NATO Headquarters' mission rehearsal exercises around the world.

In her spare time, Lorna is writing a book, does voluntary work as a school governor when back in the UK and, despite spending most of her time away from home, loves to travel.