



Aidan White

Aidan White is the Director of the Ethical Journalism Network, the global organisation of the world's major media professional groups which promotes ethics, good governance and self-regulation of journalism across all media platforms.

White is a journalist who has worked on numerous publications including *The Guardian* and the *Financial Times* and for 24 years was General Secretary of the International Federation of Journalists, during which time he helped create the world's largest organisation of journalists with members in 126 countries.

He founded the EJN in 2012 and today the Network has more than 60 members and supports programmes to strengthen journalism in the Middle East, South Eastern Europe, Africa and Asia.

He is also founder of global networks and coalitions of media organisations and press freedom groups. In particular, the [International Freedom of Expression Exchange](#), (1993) and news safety [International News Safety Institute](#), (2003).

For 20 years he has been an adviser to the intergovernmental organisations, including the United Nations and its major agencies, on ethical journalism and regulation of media. He has written extensively on media policy, journalism and human rights.

He currently works closely with media development groups in South East Europe and Turkey. He has recently produced reports on the press freedom situation in Turkey (*Censorship in the Park*, 2014) and has edited two extensive reports for the EJN (*The Trust Factor: Self-Regulation in Journalism*, 2015, and *Untold Stories: How Corruption in Journalism, Politics and Business Stalks the Newsroom*, 2015). He has been a member of the communications panel of OLAF, the EU anti-fraud agency.

Earlier in his career he worked for 19 years as a journalist on local and regional newspapers in the UK including the *Birmingham Post and Mail*. He was with *The Guardian* from 1980 to 1987. He was a member of the British Press Council from 1978-1980.