

Peter Bury - Biography

In a 25 year career in communications innovation, Peter Bury has led some of the seminal developments of the field. He was part of the team which launched Prestel – the UK's first ever mass-market electronic information service. As MD of Telecom Gold he introduced the UK's first e-mail service; and then led the product development and marketing teams for Lotus and Mercury. In 1994 he set up and led the technology watch and corporate venturing arm of Cable and Wireless in Silicon Valley.

Peter became Head of R&D at the BBC's Kingswood Warren lab in 1998, leading the technology team which launched BBC services on the digital TV platforms; developed new capabilities for production and transmission; and planned the BBC's use of radio spectrum. In 2004 he joined Ofcom as Director of Spectrum Policy, leading a transformation in the use of the radio spectrum by increasing the role of market mechanisms in awarding and managing spectrum. He is responsible for the strategic management of the spectrum used for mobile communications, wireless broadband and broadcasting, and for Ofcom's relationships with stakeholders in these areas.

Peter holds MA and PhD degrees from Cambridge and an MBA from Warwick University.