

JONATHAN EDWARDS



Former Olympic, World, Commonwealth & European Champion

Jonathan Edwards' extraordinary achievements on the track have earned him a place in history as one of the world's greatest and most admired athletes. After a career that spanned some 15 years, he made his last competitive triple jump at the World Athletics Championships in Paris in 2003.

Edwards made the record books in 1995 when he broke the World Record at the World Championships in Gothenburg with his first jump and went on to break his own newly acquired record in the same competition with an amazing jump of 18.29m in the second round; to date no one has even come close to this distance. In a glittering career there were few titles that he did not win. However it wasn't until Sydney 2000 that he achieved his ultimate goal of winning Gold at the Olympics and returned home to a hero's welcome.

He remains passionate about his sport and is now equally as committed to broadcasting. It was the BBC who first recognised his potential off the track and he naturally became one of their key pundits and commentators covering all the major athletics events including the Olympics in Athens 2004 and Beijing 2008. Edwards has since progressed effortlessly into presenting and is as comfortable broadcasting live as he is pre-recording.

He presented all of BBC Sport's coverage of the 2012 indoor athletics season and frequently presents the outdoor meetings. He joined the team at Channel 4 to present the morning show for the London 2012 Paralympic Games, as well as being in the studio for the Opening Ceremony. 2014 saw him head to Sochi with the BBC to present live from an array of events at the Winter Olympic Games. Edwards then went onto present coverage of the Paralympics for Channel 4.

Edwards held a dream position having been selected to sit on the board of LOCOG as their athlete representative – the highest profile ex athlete in a senior position outside of the Chairman. He was Chair of the Sports Advisory Group, having played an important part in the success of the London 2012 bid as an Official Ambassador, and a member of the Athletes Advisory Group. He was also appointed as the Deputy Chair of the London 2012 Nations and Regions Group, helping to ensure the benefits of the Games were maximised across the UK.

Topics (Selection):

- Performance
- Inspiration
- Goal Setting
- Facilitation