

James Allen



F1 broadcaster and presenter

James Allen is one of the most experienced and insightful broadcasters and presenters working in Formula One today. He is currently the F1 correspondent for the BBC Radio 5 Live and is the network's lead F1 commentator. He is also F1 correspondent for the Financial Times and presents the on-site coverage for the Australian TV Network 10. During Allen's eight year tenure as commentator for ITV, its race coverage won three consecutive BAFTA awards and the Royal Television Society's Sports Programme of the Year Award.

He was born into a racing family: his father Bill was a works Lotus driver in the 1960s, enjoying success in sports car events like the Le Mans 24 Hours.

Allen devotes a significant amount of time in voluntary projects around motorsport: in 2011 he was elected by his peers in the F1 Media Centre to present them as one of four international journalists on the FIA Press Council. He is a Trustee of the Grand Prix Mechanics and has been a patron of the children's engineering challenge, F1 Schools, for over a decade.