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#51 **Karen Pearson** Founder/Director/Executive Producer, Folded Wing

A passion for music and radio led Karen Pearson to found production company Folded Wing.

Her radio career began 16 years ago at the BBC where she produced Gilles Peterson's Worldwide show, helping it to become a respected and commercially successful brand.

In 2005, she left to set up the company which became Folded Wing – establishing herself as an authority on podcasts and alternative audio broadcasting. She went on to set up projects across the globe

including Red Bull Music Academy Radio and Roundhouse Radio, with other clients including the BBC, Fabric and international brands such as Nike. Along the way, Folded Wing picked up a Sony Gold Award for the Book Slam podcast and, one year, won five awards in one week, most notably Indie Of The Year at the Radio Production Awards.

Pearson continues to serve as senior producer on the Jamie Cullum show for BBC Radio 2 with Folded Wing and has also produced numerous BBC documentaries across Radio 1, 1Xtra and Radio 2 with at least seven more for 2012.

Pearson has also worked with Roundhouse Radio, is involved in projects such as BBC 21CC and BBC Blast, and lectures in radio and music in universities across the UK, including Westminster and Christchurch.

With Folded Wing she works closely with The British Council on radio projects to help educate local radio stations in countries such as Bosnia and Kazakhstan.