



## Employment

# ED ASHLEY

Translator



I work as a translator, editor and report writer, for the United Nations. I produce documents in English based on written / oral material in French, German and Spanish. I attend meetings between governments and experts in areas such as human rights and climate change, I work primarily in Switzerland but also in other countries around the world.

### What do you love most about your job?

I help to convey information on issues that really matter. I am a small cog in a very big machine, but one which I think makes a positive difference to people's lives.

### What is the hardest part of your job?

Producing quality work under immense time pressure. It is also hard to hear or read about the human rights abuses suffered by people around the world.



### I attended Audenshaw School from 1996 to 2001

I did A levels in French, history and psychology. I always loved P.E. because I was interested in how the human body worked. I also enjoyed french because it came quite naturally to me.

## Education

**University** - I studied French and German at Cardiff University and then completed a master's degree in translation at Bath University

### What are your top three tips for current students?

1. Be a force for good in whatever way you can, however small.
2. Earn honestly. At the end of the day you have to be comfortable with where your money comes from.
3. Life is a constant learning curve. You don't need to have all the answers right now. You can try something and then change your mind.

### What is your favourite memory of Audenshaw?

Spending almost every minute of my summer lunch breaks playing football and then having about 30 seconds to wolf down a burger on the way to class!