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The LFB meeting on Monday 9 January is our Annual General Meeting (AGM), when members elect a new Branch Committee. Posts up for election are Chair/Vice-chair; Secretary; Membership secretary & new members’ reps; Welfare officers (preferably two – ideally one male and one female); Treasurer, Editor of the Freelance (a paid post); Assistant Editor of the Freelance (also remunerated); Training officer; Equality officer; Chapel liaison officer; Negotiations officer; Social Media Officer (a paid post for details see www.londonfreelance.org/lfb/160twtit.html); and Members of the Committee without portfolio.

Some of the current occupants are stepping down, so the Branch seeks new blood! Jobs are available for the roles and responsibilities, as well as support available for candidate Committee members, see www.londonfreelance.org/lfb/jobs.html and ask a Committee member for more details – www.londonfreelance.org/lfb/contact.html Announce your candidacy in person on the night.

Crime reporting is the theme of the Branch meeting on Monday 13 February. Noted crime reporter Duncan Campbell will be talking about his experiences as Chief Crime Reporter at the Guardian. Journalistic ethics in times of Brexit are on the agenda for the LFB meeting on Monday 13 March. Professor Chris Frost will speak, not least to issues mentioned on page 4.

This issue went to press on 23 November. Deadline for the January online-only issue: 31 December.

LONDON FREELANCE BRANCH MEETINGS

More Gatherings for You

London Freelance Branch members new to freelance journalism are invited to meet other people new to the Branch, and members with more experience of freelance journalism, at the Camera Café, Museum Street, London WC1A 1LY on Thursday 26 January from 6pm.

These meetings happen at the Camera Café on the last Thursday of every third month. They offer an opportunity to meet other members new to freelancing and ask questions of more experienced members.

The Branch invites members who come to their first Branch meeting to have their photo taken and give a few words about themselves: see them at www.londonfreelance.org/lfb/intros.html.


We are also working on a repeat outing to see www.londonfreelance.org/lfb/151sal.html – so please watch www.londonfreelance.org/lfb/meetings for updates.

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Resources

London Freelance Branch has a vast amount of information and advice available for NUJ members (and others).

• The Freelance Directory is the first and best listing of actual freelance journalists – rather than wannabes – entries in it are free to NUJ members: www.freelancedirectory.org

• The Freelance Fees Guide suggests rates for numerous categories of work and provides a mass of advice on your working life as a freelance: see www.londonfreelance.org/feesguide

• The Branch’s Frequently Asked Questions page is at www.londonfreelance.org/FAQ

• Members who join as freelances, or move to freelancing, can download the Freelance Fact-Pack – www.nuj.org.uk/work/freelance/freelance-fact-pack

• And we ask you to visit www.londonfreelance.org/rates and say – in confidence – what’s being paid.

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Photographer and NUJ member Colin McPherson is offering short, residential photography courses on the unique Scottish island of Easdale from September 2016. For further details, contact: colinmcphterson@mac.com.

LFB meetings are from 7pm to 9pm at Friends’ House, Euston Road NW1 (opposite Euston Station), which is accessible to people who use wheelchairs.

• If you need the Branch to pay for care for a child or dependent so you can attend a meeting, call a Branch officer.

• For updates on meetings (including new members’ meetings) and guidelines on Tweeting meetings see the Branch calendar web page www.londonfreelance.org/lfb/meetings.html and LFB’s Twitter feed http://twitter.com/NUJ_LFB.

Can members who have difficulty reading the agenda on paper please contact us to get the agenda in electronic form ahead of the meeting.

For details of NUJ London Photographers’ Branch meetings, see londonphotographers.org

Photographers’ Summit 2017

There will be a one-day event for lens-focused members, picture desk staff and anyone who deals with images on Saturday 11 February 2017 at UCL School of Pharmacy, 29-39 Brunswick Square, London WC1X 1AX. It includes a competition for NUJ photographers. Keep checking www.nuj.org.uk/events to see when booking information appears there.

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