Precarity special, Brexethics, Rory Peck Trust

IN ADDITION to the regular cycle of monthly Branch meetings, there’s a special meeting organised by LFB on precarious work and freelances in the gig economy. This is on Saturday 11 March from 3pm-9pm at the Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, London WC1R 4RL, nearest Tube: Holborn. For details and how to book, see page 1.

The next regular Branch meeting of LFB is on Monday 13 March. The theme is what’s happening to media ethics in our post-Truth, post-EU referendum, “fake news” era. Is there anything we as journalists can do about such alarming trends?

The speakers will be Professor Chris Frost of the NUJ Ethics Council, Hugo Dixon — he writes columns for Reuters, founded Breakingviews and is author of The In/Out Question: Why Britain should stay in the EU and fight to make it better — and also former BBC political correspondent Nicholas Jones.

LFB meetings are normally 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) 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 etiquette on recording or live-tweeting from LFB meetings, see www.londonfreelance.org/ fl/1507film.html.

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

THE TWO CHAIRPERSONS

WE WELCOME Zaki Dogliani and Pennie Quinton as our new Branch Chairs in a job-share. They succeeded Fiona O’Cleirigh, who stepped down from the role because she is moving to Northern Ireland. They succeed Fiona O’Cleirigh, who stepped down from the role because she is moving to Northern Ireland.

Zaki Dogliani (left) and Pennie Quinton (right), LFB Chairs, in action. Photo © Matt Salusbury

Nicholas, who has written numerous books on political reporting, has made a special study of reporting on Brexit.

Chris will present findings from the NUJ’s recent members’ survey on editorial pressures on journalists to cover the EU referendum campaigns in a particular way.

On Monday 10 April we expect a speaker from the Rory Peck Trust, www.rorypecktrust.org — a charity that provides practical and financial support to freelance journalists and their families, assisting in crises and helping them to work safely and professionally.

For confirmation of the theme and speaker for the April meeting, watch this space.

This issue went to press on 7 February. Deadline for the March online-only issue: 3 March

LUCKY ROAD LONDON Freelance Branch Meeting

NEW MEMBERS

The Branch invites new members who come to their first meeting to have their photo taken and give a few words about themselves: see them at www.londonfreelance.org/lfb/intros.html. Shown here is a recent LFB New Members Meeting in January. Photo © Francesca Marchese

NEW LOOK NUJ HQ

The Freelance got an early peek at the newly-refurbished NUJ London HQ, Headland House. Shown left is a quote from NUJ member and author George Orwell, painted on the stairwell. For more photos and for news of its soon-to-open cafe space, see www.londonfreelance.org/ fl/1702hh.html.

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BLOGGING COOPERATION: Stuart Forster, the travel journalist and blogger behind Go Eat Do (www.go-eat-do.com) is looking to cooperate with fellow bloggers to build traffic and reach. Contact stuart.forster@gmail.com

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