

LONDON FREELANCE BRANCH MEETINGS

Chasing © infringers, Small Claims courts

WE ARE assured that – barring any hitches with the *Journalist/Freelance* mail-out – the newsletter you are reading is about to have reached you in time for the LFB meeting on **Monday 12 May**.

With fingers crossed in anticipation of the print *Freelance's* timely arrival, we inform you that the May LFB meeting will hear “How I paid my mortgage by chasing internet sites who’d stolen my work – a photographer’s tale”.

Our speaker will be John Walmsley, a photographer who’s done exactly that – chasing unauthorised uses of his work online and extracting payment for it. John’s photos are in the permanent collections of the National Portrait Gallery and the Bibliothèque Nationale, Paris, and you can see some of his work on www.educationphotos.co.uk.

Is a publisher demanding you give them legal indemnity? Or infringing

your copyright? Are you being sued? The Union can help, and there will be advice at Branch meeting on **Monday 9 June**.

NUJ Freelance Organiser John Toner will lead the discussion, which we hope will include advice on how to deal with the problem of freelances facing demands to indemnify employers against defamation and legal risks. Also covered will be the recent successes in the new “intellectual property” Small Claims court track, thanks to the support of the NUI Freelance Office. (See www.londonfreelance.org/fl/1403acc.html.)

Defamation, and the changes brought in by the Defamation Act, is also likely to be covered in a forthcoming LFB meeting, possibly in June. Speakers are likely to include a lawyer and a freelance member who’s successfully defended a libel action. Visit the web page below for more.

This issue went to press on **22 April**. The deadline for the June (online-only) edition is **19 May**.

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 an LFB meeting, call a Branch officer.

For updates on meetings and for confirmation of the topic and speakers of meetings throughout 2014, see the LFB Branch calendar web page at www.londonfreelance.org/lfb/meetings.html and LFB’s Twitter feed http://twitter.com/NUJ_LFB.

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

CAMDEN TRADES COUNCIL

A TRADES Council is a meeting-place for local trades unionists sharing news of upcoming strikes and to chase the local council on commitments they have made.

Lewisham Trades Council, for example, was active in the campaign to save Lewisham Hospital’s A & E Department. Trades Councils have seats at the Trades Union Congress (TUC) conference and are useful for submitting motions to the TUC.

Journalists are, it seems, not that popular; Trades Councils remind others in the trade union movement that we are trade unionists too.

LFB is affiliated to Waltham Forest Trades Council, and sends delegates. Now LFB has been asked if any of its members resident in Camden would commit to regularly attending the Camden Trades Council as an LFB delegate. If so, contact the Branch via francis@sedgemore.com

APPEAL FOR PHOTOS

ANY PROPER photographers who find themselves (with or without a camera such as the 1839 model Dageurreotype on the right) near the Patents County Court Small Claims Track in Rolls Building, off Fetter Lane, London EC4A 1NL – we’d love a photo to illustrate inevitable *Freelance* stories about it. The same goes for Google’s soon-to-be-completed King’s Cross HQ (“Zone A”, north of the King’s Cross station concourse, east of King’s Boulevard.)

And if you should find yourself in Wilmslow, Cheshire, a photo of the

Information Commissioner’s Office, Water Lane SK9 5AF, is bound to find a use. In Tunbridge Wells you’ll find the NLA Media Access, formerly the Newspaper Licensing Agency (Church Road TN1 1NL); their London office is on the first floor of 16 New Bridge Street EC4V 6AG.

While we regret having no budget for images, an *Indy* editor did ring us in a panic a few years back looking to buy a photo that had been in the *Freelance*. And if we’re desperate for images of these particular places, somebody with a budget is too, and



likely to find them among our web pages via the “image search” page of a certain engine for things sought.

The NUI is appealing for “photographs of journalists at work” from the 1940s to 1970s, for union recruitment campaign materials. Please email: campaigns@nuj.org.uk.

1839 Dageurreotype
photographed by
Matt Salusbury

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