

## LONDON FREELANCE BRANCH MEETINGS

## Migration, diversity, holiday, hacks and hackers

THE THEME of the LFB meeting on **Monday 11 July** will be “framing Britain: reporting on migration and diversity”. Our speaker is Kiri Kankhwende of Media Diversified, a non-profit with a mission to “to cultivate and promote skilled writers of colour.” Kiri is a journalist and blogger specialising in politics and immigration. She is also Special Projects Manager and columnist at Media Diversified. Kiri has been a contributor on *Newsnight*, BBC TV and Radio and Al-Jazeera, and a TEDx EastEnd speaker. Her writing has appeared in the *Guardian*, the *Independent* and the Open Democracy website.

We also expect at this meeting to nominate candidates for NUJ Councils, see [www.londonfreelance.org/fl/1606elec.html](http://www.londonfreelance.org/fl/1606elec.html)

There is no London Freelance Branch meeting in August. Older readers may recall “holidays”. Remember that if you receive holiday pay for regular shifts, it's on the un-

derstanding that you actually take some sort of time off.

LFB meetings return for an autumn season starting on **Monday 12 September**. Our speaker at the September meeting will be – provisionally – Cassie Werber, co-organiser of Hacks Hackers London, part of an “international grassroots journalism organization [whose] mission is to create a network of journalists ('hacks') and technologists ('hackers') who rethink the future of news and info”.

• 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 (includ-

ing new members' meetings) see the Branch calendar web page [www.londonfreelance.org/lfb/meetings.html](http://www.londonfreelance.org/lfb/meetings.html) and LFB's Twitter feed [http://twitter.com/NUJ\\_LFB](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](http://www.londonfreelance.org/fl/1507film.html).

For details of NUJ London Photographers' Branch meetings, see [londonphotographers.org](http://londonphotographers.org)

## LETTER

I was happy to be cited in the “War zone at work” piece in the London *Freelance* May/June issue. But it would have been easy to check the spelling of my name on the Channel 4 News website and establish that it's not Lindsay Hilsum.

Lindsey Hilsum

The editors write: Our apologies; and for the typos in this rushed issue.

This went to press on **7 June**  
Deadline for August: **8 July**.

## HONOURING DAVE ROTCHELLE



LONG-SERVING London Freelance Branch Chair and Vice-Chair Dave Rotchelle was one of four long-serving activists to be made an NUJ

Member of Honour at the Delegate Meeting in Southport (see page 4). Presenting Dave with the highest award the union can confer, Freelance Organiser John Toner said “Dave's devotion to the NUJ is unsurpassable and his dedication to any role or task that he undertakes has always been 100 per cent”. Rotchelle, who was the Pleasers' drummer prior to becoming a photographer, said he was honoured to be on stage in a conference hall in which the Beatles once played, accepting the award “with love from me to you”. The award was celebrated at the London Freelance Branch meeting in May – at which half a dozen other Members of Honour were present. Dave is shown here back at the Branch top table at that meeting.

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## RESOURCES

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

• The Freelance Directory is the first and best listing of actual freelance journalists – rather than wannabes – entries are free to NUJ members: [www.freelancedirectory.org](http://www.freelancedirectory.org)

• The *Freelance Fees Guide* suggests rates for hundreds of categories of work, and provides a mass of advice on your working life as a freelance: see [www.londonfreelance.org/feesguide](http://www.londonfreelance.org/feesguide)

• The Branch has a Frequently Asked Questions page – let us know what needs updating at [www.londonfreelance.org/FAQ](http://www.londonfreelance.org/FAQ)

• Members who join as freelancers, or shift to freelancing, can download the *Freelance Fact Pack* – [www.nuj.org.uk/work/freelance/freelance-fact-pack](http://www.nuj.org.uk/work/freelance/freelance-fact-pack)

## NUJ Councils

THERE ARE vacancies on the Councils of the NUJ that make policy in its various sectors. The Freelance Industrial Council has an East Anglia vacancy. The NEC has two seats for South East England-based members. The Scottish Executive Council seeks a West of Scotland freelance. Other Council seats are based on your address, your work sector or demographic.

Branches need to send nominations in by **22 July**. To seek LFB's nomination, tell the Branch Secretary in plenty of time for its **11 July** meeting. There's more detail at <http://www.londonfreelance.org/fl/1606elec.html>.

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