

## LONDON FREELANCE BRANCH MEETINGS

## 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 5pm-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.

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](http://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**

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](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).

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## THE TWO CHAIRPERSONS

WE WELCOME Zaki Dogliani and Pennie Quinton as our new Branch Chairs in a job-share. They co-chaired their first Branch meeting immediately after their election at the Branch AGM in January. They succeed Fiona O'Cleirigh, who stepped down from the role because she is moving to Northern Ireland. We thank Fi again for all her work

as Chair. Members newly elected to Committee posts include Federica Tedeschi, who takes over as Training Officer, and Francesca Marchese who is our new Membership Secretary. Among the new faces on LFB Committee is Gregory Baldeosingh, joining as member without portfolio. Other Committee members were re-elected to their posts, there's a

full list of Committee contacts at [www.londonfreelance.org/lfb/contact.html](http://www.londonfreelance.org/lfb/contact.html). There is a vacancy for another member without portfolio, taking on Branch projects as they arise, and for a vice-chair. If you're interested in standing for these, contact a Committee member via the link above.



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

## 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](http://www.londonfreelance.org/lfb/intros.html). Shown here is a recent LFB New Members Meeting in January.

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## 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 café space, see [www.londonfreelance.org/fl/1702hh.html](http://www.londonfreelance.org/fl/1702hh.html).

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