

LONDON FREELANCE BRANCH MEETINGS

Annual General Meeting, data protection

IT IS JUST possible that this newsletter may reach you by post in time to alert you to the LFB gathering on **Monday 11 December**, which is LFB's Christmas party. Free food and some free drink will be laid on. (The mailing of the *Freelance* print edition is beyond our control, sorry!)

The first London Freelance Branch meeting of 2018 is on **Monday 8 January**. It's the Branch's Annual General Meeting, at which we elect our Committee for the rest of the year. If you're considering standing for Branch Committee there's more on the posts – some are paid – and what work they involve at www.londonfreelance.org/lfb/jobs

LFB's nine delegates for the NUJ's Delegate Meeting (DM, its conference, in Southport on 19-22 April 2018) also need to be elected. See www.londonfreelance.org/fl/1711dm.html for more detail.

This meeting also elects two auditors to scrutinise the Branch's annu-

al accounts. And LFB's own Richenda Power and Safi Tazb will present statistical research on LFB members, and how diverse they are.

There's additionally a meeting for members new to LFB or recently joined, on **Thursday 25 January** at the Camera Museum, Museum St, London WC1A 1LY from 6pm.

A data protection law update is on the agenda at the meeting on **Monday 12 February**. The new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) comes into force in April. A qualified speaker – probably from Thompsons Solicitors – will tell us how it's likely to affect journalists.

LFB meetings (including the December party) are always on the second Monday of the month, from 7pm to 9pm and please note they are at a **new venue**: the basement of the

This went to press on **28 November**. Deadline for the January online issue: **30 December**

NUJ's HQ at **Headland House, 72 Acton Street London WC1X 9NB**, accessible to people who use wheelchairs. The nearest Tube stations are King's Cross and Chancery Lane.

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 and for confirmation of themes and speakers for forthcoming meetings, see the Branch calendar web page www.londonfreelance.org/lfb/meetings.html and LFB's Twitter feed [www.twitter.com/NUJ_LFB](https://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.

TRAINING

Training alert – copywriting

LONDON FREELANCE Branch in association with NUJ Professional Training is proud to present its latest training course – “Copywriting for journalists: looking at new ways of making money”. As a copywriter who came to talk at a recent LFB

meeting told us (see www.londonfreelance.org/fl/1710cw.html), copywriters seem to be paid better and earlier and treated better than most journos, so it's an avenue of work well worth looking into.

The LFB/NUJ copywriting course

is on **Friday 2 February 2018** at the NUJ, 72 Acton Street, London WC1X 9NB, from 10am to 5.30pm. It costs NUJ members just £49, which includes lunch.

Topics covered include: what is copywriting; who hires copywriters; how to find clients; finding your unique selling point; pricing; getting paid; and “common mistakes to avoid”. The tutor, Eleanor Goold, is chief copywriter of Kreativ Copywriting. To book, see www.nuj.org.uk/events/copywriting-for-journalists-looking-at-new-ways-of-making-money

For courses on “the business side,” free to NUJ members, see www.feutrainig.org/news/free-workshops and also see www.nujtrainingscotland.com and www.nujtrainingwales.org



LFB's recent training course in digital journalism.

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Online Freelance contents: www.londonfreelance.org/fl

NEW VENUE

Branch meetings move

Be warned and note now in your diaries that the venue for the regular London Freelance Branch monthly meetings changes, starting from the December gathering, to the basement meeting room of the NUJ's HQ at Headland House: its entrance is at **72 Acton Street London WC1X 9NB**. The nearest Tube stations are King's Cross and Chancery Lane.

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