

LONDON FREELANCE BRANCH MEETINGS

Gender gap, summer holidays, Afghanistan

THE GENDER pay gap recently revealed in many newsgathering institutions is on the agenda at the LFB meeting on **Monday 9 July**.

Our speaker is the NUJ's General Secretary Michelle Stanistreet. She'll update us on the NUJ's campaign fighting to end what she described as "pay inequity, a scourge in the media industry."

While there has been a lot of attention on the gender pay gap revealed at the BBC, an analysis by *Press Gazette* in April showed that many other organisations across the media industry have a considerable gender pay gap.

There's much more detail on the NUJ's gender pay gap campaign on the main Union site at www.nuj.org.uk/campaigns/equal-pay-and-gender-pay-gap

There is *no* meeting of London Freelance Branch in August.

Branch meetings resume with a gathering on **Monday 10 September** that will include a report

back on the situation facing journalists in Afghanistan, where 10 journalists were killed in a series of targeted attacks in April. We will look at practical ways in which journalists can support colleagues in Afghanistan.

Our speakers will be LFB's own Safiullah Tazib, just returned from that country and, from Brussels, Ernest Sagaga, Head of Human Rights and Safety for the International Federation of Journalists.

This went to press on **20 June**. Your deadline for the August online only issue: **1 August**.

LFB meetings (except for new members' meetings) are always on the second Monday of the month, from 7pm to 9pm in the basement of the NUJ's HQ at **Headland House, 72 Acton Street London WC1X 9NB**, which is accessible to people who use wheelchairs. The nearest Tube stations are King's Cross and Chancery Lane.

SOLIDARITY!

PLEASE SHOW solidarity with our colleagues who work at BuzzFeed News by supporting NUJ recognition there.

During the past 18 months the BuzzFeed NUJ chapel has seen many colleagues suffer a swingeing redundancy process and they have faced opposition from the top of the company to the idea of their having a voice at work through trade union recognition.

The NUJ is asking members, branches and chapels to back BuzzFeed members as they cast their votes for recognition.

The vote will close on **Friday 6 July**. Please send your messages of support and positive examples of what collective action and negotiating can achieve to campaigns@nuj.org.uk who will pass them on to chapel members.

TRAINING

THE FEDERATION of Entertainment Unions (FEU, of which the NUJ is a part), offers FREE training for freelancers on "the business side." Upcoming FEU Training courses include Negotiation for Freelancers on **12 July** in London: see www.feutraining.org/2018/negotiation-for-freelancers-12-july-london

For details of NUJ Training Scotland and NUJ Training Wales courses over the summer see respectively nujtrainingscotland.com and www.nujtrainingwales.org

NUJ professional training courses in London resume in the autumn with Winning and Negotiating Freelance Work. It's on **Friday 21 September** in London. It costs £70 for NUJ members, with a discount for student members, see www.nuj.org.uk/events/2018/09/21

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WANT TO TRY YOUR HAND at writing fiction? Courses at The Groucho Club in Soho will inspire you, teach you the tricks of the trade and help you develop and polish your work. Our tutors are mainstream published authors. Our next term starts in January – for details go to www.writingcourses.org.uk

If you need the Branch to pay for care for a child or dependent so you can attend a meeting, contact 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

Can members who have difficulty reading the agenda on paper please contact us to get the agenda in electronic form ahead of the meeting?

We draw members' attention to the microphone that will be passed to you if you indicate you wish to speak at a meeting. This is so that our members with hearing problems can hear you via the induction loop.

For updated guidance on etiquette on recording or live-tweeting from LFB meetings, please see www.londonfreelance.org/fl/1805film.html

NEW TO LFB?

THERE'S a meeting for members new to London Freelance Branch, or who have recently joined, on **Thursday 26 July**.

It's a chance to meet other new members, to hear about the mission of the Union and to discuss work issues. More experienced journalists who are also members of LFB will also be on hand to offer advice. It's at The Camera Museum, Museum St, London WC1A 1LY, from 6.30pm and the nearest Tube's Holborn.

These new members' meetings are held on the last Thursday of every third month. For a flavour of a previous LFB new members meeting see www.londonfreelance.org/fl/1706newm.html

New members (and others) are also encouraged to sign up to the NUJ Freelance Directory at www.freelancedirectory.org

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