

LONDON FREELANCE BRANCH MEETINGS

Afghan journalists in peril; press sustainability

SHOULD THIS arrive on your doormat by the second Monday of August, note that there is *no* August meeting of London Freelance Branch.

Branch meetings resume on **Monday 10 September**, with a look at how we can support journalists facing violence worldwide.

It'll include a report from Afghanistan, where 10 journalists were killed in a series of targeted attacks in April. LFB's own Safiullah Tazib, who has just returned from that country, will tell us about his meeting with Afghan journalists' associations: see page 3. From Brussels comes our other speaker, Ernest Sagaga, Head of Human Rights and Safety for the International Federation of Journalists.

If you're interested in standing for the Branch Committee, come to this meeting. We have three vacancies.

The sustainability of high quality journalism back in the UK is on the agenda at the **Monday 8 Octo-**

ber LFB gathering. This is the remit of the Government's Caircross Review focussing on the survival of the press: see www.londonfreelance.org/fl/1807cair.html

We'll examine issues around this inquiry – in particular our constant struggle to make a living in a challenging media landscape. Are there opportunities for us to input into the Caircross Review follow-up? Speakers are to be confirmed: watch this space.

This went to press on **31 July**. Your deadline for the September online only issue: **20 August**.

LFB meetings (except 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**, accessible to people who use wheelchairs. The nearest Tube is

King's Cross or Chancery Lane.

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

If during the meeting you indicate you wish to speak, a microphone will be passed to you. This is so that our members with hearing problems can hear you via the induction loop.

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

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TRAINING

NUJ PROFESSIONAL training courses resume this autumn with Winning and Negotiating Freelance Work on **Friday 21 September** at the NUJ's HQ (Headland House, see below). It's from 10am-6pm and costs £70 for NUJ members, with a discount for student members. Details are at www.nuj.org.uk/events/2018/09/21

There's a tax seminar on being self-employed and your tax affairs, for freelancers, on **Monday 24 September**. It's free: to book: see www.nuj.org.uk/events/2018/09/24

There's a free NUJ professional training course on Understanding Pension Schemes at Headland House on **Thursday 27 September** from 10-4. It's members only. For details: www.nuj.org.uk/events/2018/09/27

First Steps in Freelancing, a course

for those starting out as freelance journalists, is on **Friday 5 October** from 10:30 to 6, also at Headland House. It's £60 for NUJ members. Find out more at www.nuj.org.uk/events/first-steps-in-freelancing-october-2018

The Federation of Entertainment Unions runs FEU Training, with courses free for NUJ members. For a webinar on Strategies for Success at 11am on **Thursday 23 August** see www.feustraining.org/2018/webinar-strategies-for-success-11am-23-aug

And on **Friday 17 August** the FEU has a face-to-face course on Effective Communication to improve your terms and conditions: see www.feustraining.org/2018/effective-communication-17-aug-london

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NEW MEMBERS MEET

THERE'S A meeting for members new to LFB or recently joined, on **Thursday 25 October**. It's from 6.30pm at the Camera Museum, Museum St, London WC1A 1LY. The nearest Tube is Holborn.

It's a chance to get acquainted with other new members, also to meet members of the LFB Committee including some more experienced freelance journalists who can offer advice. Shown here is a recent and successful new members' meeting at the end of July. Six new members came, as well as two non-members looking to join. Four old hands from the Committee were on hand to share knowledge and experience: the conversation was seen as inspiring and useful. New members asked for information about the NUJ Fees Guide, the Rate for the Job and freelance contracts.

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