

THE IRISH JOURNALIST

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Editorial Note

Welcome to the Irish Journalist, in a new format designed for easier reading on screens - in particular your phone screen.

Until now, the *Irish Journalist* has been produced in a PDF format, distributed in print and later digitally.

This worked fine when most people printed out the PDF, or read it on a desktop or laptop screen. But with more and more people reading on their phone screens, the format is often impractical.

The half year since the last issue have been a busy time for the NUJ in Ireland, with progress made on building new recruiting strategies, discussions on branch organisation, industrial challenges from the adoption of so-called "artificial intelligence" to redundancies, and the Irish biennial delegate conference in November. The Irish Journalist aims to give an overview of those activities.

Gerard Cunningham, Editor

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NUJ officials and delegates at the biennial delegate conference held in Dublin on Saturday 8 November.

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A message from the President(s)

By Gerry Curran

An end of year roundup read of the Irish Journalist is always a great way to assess what we have been at and what we might do as a union. I'll allow this publication itself to tell us all what we did this year, but I have a thought or two about the coming year.

The NUJ has always relied upon members to recruit colleagues, to increase the numbers of new members, and to consolidate our strength in workplaces: a strength which is only ever used for the common good of our members, to act as a safety net for individuals, and as a protective voice for the cause of journalism itself.

Along with Fran McNulty as the joint President of this great union, across the UK and Ireland, which we were elected to earlier this year, I have seen so much great work, advice, and support for members by the officials of the union.

But officials alone do not make a union, it also relies on members to be a voice in the workplace, a presence on the ground, and a go-to for those who seek help and advice.

If 2026 poses us challenges the ones which come to mind are that we need to encourage more people to get involved, get trained up, become a local rep for the union. Please see the NUJ website in the coming couple of weeks for opportunities to train as a branch officer in online sessions being held across next year.

But we also need new blood and new ideas, and if ever I ask anything of the members in Ireland, I ask this: please go out of your way to recruit one or two people to the union in the near future – the online ability to sign up has been improved greatly. Also please identify those around you who might have the time to give to the union and get more involved.

With that in mind I look forward to an energised NUJ in Ireland in the coming months and see 2026 as the Year of Recruitment. Have a great festive season and as always feel free to contact any of the officials or myself and Fran with ideas you have for your union.

Gerry Curran
Joint President of the National Union of Journalists



Joint Presidents Fran McNulty (left) and Gerry Curran (right) at the 2025 Delegate Meeting in Blackpool.
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RTÉ: Time to shout stop

By Séamus Dooley

A letter in The Irish Times on November 7th by David McKenna on RTE'S plans to close the TV documentary unit sadly failed to ignite the kind of debate we desperately need on the future of public service broadcasting in Ireland.

As a former TV producer and commissioning editor David McKenna is well placed to challenge management's spin that the closure is merely an extension of RTÉ's long history of collaboration with commercial production companies.

It's time we challenged the euphemistic use of the term "independent" producers. State policy now requires RTÉ to divert commissions to the commercial sector. More productions from a diversity of sources can only be a good thing, at least in theory.

What RTÉ is proposing is to outsource work currently carried out directly in RTÉ, including the television documentary unit, The Late Late Show and Fair City. The latter two are flagship RTÉ programme.

Outsourcing existing programmes may help meet the production quota but does add value to the media landscape.

The complete closure of the unit is a significant departure announced in November, which flies in the face of RTÉ's stated commitments in assorted policy statements and commitments. In its statement, "Purpose, Mission and Values" RTÉ declares that its purpose is to serve as an independent source of

stories, news, information and entertainment for Ireland, reflecting the diversity of its people and providing experiences that enrich the lives of all.

RTÉ's stated aim is to be "courageous" in its creativity, innovation and ambition. The RTÉ Culture Charter commits the organisation to "innovation, growth, and long term success" and to cultivating "a resilient, dynamic culture that welcomes change, encourages creativity, and supports perseverance through challenges."

These commitments are consistent with RTÉ's obligations under the Broadcasting Act and the principles which underpin public service broadcasting. The nurturing of talent, courageous creativity and the opportunity to develop ideas have always been a core function of public service broadcasting.

The commercial sector makes an important contribution to the media landscape but its core reason for existence is generation of profit, with all the limitations that places on editorial and production resources. The nurturing of a creative culture will be undermined by this outsourcing programme which limits professional development and significantly reduces career opportunities in RTÉ.

The development of the commercial broadcasting sector should not be at the expense of public service broadcasting.

It is beyond time to shout stop.

Tuam Herald set to change hands

The National Union of Journalist has welcomed the assurance by the proposed new owners of the Tuam Herald, Celtic Media Plc, that all 12 jobs at the Co Galway newspaper will be retained when the transfer of ownership is completed in 2026.

The proposed sale of The Tuam Herald, founded in 1837, is contingent on approval from the Consumer Protection and Competition Commission and the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport.

The Directors of The Herald Print & Publishing Company, David and Mary Burke announced the proposed sale of the newspaper title and related assets to Celtic Media Group on Friday 28 November when staff met Frank Mulrennan, CEO of Celtic Media Group. All employment rights are protected under Transfer of Undertakings regulations.

Commenting on the announcement Séamus Dooley, Irish Secretary, NUJ said: "The Tuam Herald has a proud tradition and has been inextricably linked with the Burke family. The small team in Tuam have given many years of dedicated service to the newspaper

and I hope that loyalty will be recognised by the outgoing directors in a tangible manner if and when the sale is approved.

Existing terms and conditions of employment at the Tuam Herald are governed by an agreement with the NUJ and these are covered by the transfer of engagement.

As a union we have collective agreements with Celtic Media Group and look forward to continue working with Mr Mulrennan and the management team and to discussing plans for the development of the Tuam Herald.

With the proposed transfer of ownership of the Tuam Herald, another family owned title is to be acquired by a publishing group. There are inevitably mixed emotions about such developments but the commitment of Celtic Media Group to retaining the title and jobs is to be welcome. We wish Siobhan Holliman, Editor, and her team well in the future. Ian McGuinness, Irish Organiser, will be providing advice and support during the transfer process."

Supporting Palestinian Journalists

By Stephen Bourke

A fundraiser in aid of our colleagues in the Gazan press on Friday 12th September at the Teacher's Club in Dublin raised nearly €2,700.

Back by popular demand for the second year, the Supporting Palestinian Journalists table quiz, run by an ad-hoc group of NUJ members from various Dublin branches, is now at severe risk of becoming an annual event.

Blathnaid Ní Chofaigh once again very kindly gave her time as MC and kept the crowd orderly long enough for ace correctors Trevor Keegan and Niall Sargent to declare one particularly sharp crew from RTÉ Prime Time the victors.

There was a 50/50 split of the funds raised, with €1350 for the International Federation of Journalists Safety Fund.

The same sum again was lodged with UL and UCD as financial aid for four young Gazan journalists who have

come to Ireland to pursue further education, one of whom joined us on the night.

In addition to our fundraising, we have also been attending the national Palestine marches in support of our Gazan colleagues, as well as monthly solidarity gatherings in the workplace.

August was a particularly dark month as the killing of journalists went on in Gaza. The NUJ staged a "day of action" across Ireland and the UK, with the vigil in Dublin strongly attended.

If you want to join our local efforts, do write to us at irishmediagaza@gmail.com – we hope it may be possible to bring together branches across Ireland for a national fundraiser in aid of the students soon.

The need for solidarity has not gone away with the ceasefire; nor has the need for humanitarian aid as winter bites in Palestine – to contribute to the IFJ safety fund, details are here: <https://ifj.org/safety-fund>



NUJ members gathered at the Spire on O'Connell Street Dublin in August at a vigil to highlight the killing of an Al Jazeera team in Gaza. The vigil was prompted by the killing of five media workers. The drone attack late on Sunday 10 August hit a tent outside the main gate of Gaza City's al-Shifa Hospital, killing seven people. Among the dead were Al Jazeera correspondent Mohammed Qreiqeh and camera operators Ibrahim Zaher, Moamen Aliwa and Mohammed Noufal. An assistant and two other civilians not connected to Al Jazeera were also killed.



Journalism Safety and Surveillance discussed at Belfast public meeting

By Una Murphy

A public meeting in Belfast has discussed journalism safety and surveillance following the publication of the McCullough Review into covert measures against journalists, lawyers and others by the Police Service for Northern Ireland (PSNI).

Amanda Ferguson (NEC) and members Trevor Birney and Barry McCaffrey, along with Kerry Fleck, Vice President of Belfast Trades Council, were among those who spoke at the meeting, which was attended by trade unions and civic society organisations.

The McCullough Review found 21 unlawful uses of covert powers to attempt to identify journalists' sources and that eight journalists were subject to unlawful use of powers to seek to identify their sources. The review was commissioned by the PSNI Chief Constable, Jon Boutcher under section 59 of the Police (Northern Ireland) Act 2000.

The meeting also heard from Trevor Birney and Barry McCaffrey about the landmark decision by the Investigatory Powers Tribunal in London last December that they had been unlawfully spied on by the PSNI and London's Metropolitan Police, when making a documentary, **'No Stone Unturned'**, along with the admission by UK Security Service MI5 that it unlawfully spied on the phone of former BBC investigative journalist, Vincent Kearney, who is now RTE's Northern Editor. Mr Kearney and the BBC are bringing proceedings against several law enforcement

bodies, including the Metropolitan Police Service, the Police Service of Northern Ireland, and MI5 over authorisations made under the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 to access journalists' communications data and to identify confidential journalistic sources.

Meanwhile, paramilitary threats against journalists doing their jobs, outlined in an Amnesty Report published earlier this year, were also discussed by the meeting. Amnesty's research for the report - **Occupational Hazard? Threats and violence against journalists in Northern Ireland** - uncovered more than 70 incidents of threats or attacks on journalists in Northern Ireland since the start of 2019. There have been no prosecutions following the threats to journalists. Interviews with reporters, published in the report, told how they had been threatened with being shot or stabbed, bombs put under their car and given 48-hour ultimatums to leave Northern Ireland.

At the public meeting, Trevor Birney and Barry McCaffrey said a judge-led public inquiry was needed into the unlawful surveillance of journalists. In the interim, they said that the NI Policing Board - an independent public body established to ensure an effective, efficient, impartial, representative and accountable police service for all the people of Northern Ireland - should consider commissioning their own inquiry under section 60 of the Police (Northern Ireland) Act 2000.



Dublin Branch Launch Irish Language Bursary

By Éanna Ó Caollaí

Dublin Branch has launched a bursary to encourage a new generation of Irish language student journalists into the profession.

The initiative is based on the principle that all communities should see themselves reflected in the public discourse. Titled Sparánacht Bhrainse Átha Cliath, Ceardchumann Náisiúnta na nIriseoirí, the €3,000 bursary is open to student members of the NUJ currently in third-level education in Ireland.

Irish language journalists face the dual challenge of developing a journalistic skillset in a historically marginalised language while at the same time trying to build careers in an English language dominated media market.

Éanna Ó Caollaí, a member of the Dublin Branch of the NUJ said: "This bursary is a recognition of the obstacles faced by aspiring Irish-language journalists.

"Journalists working in Irish do not have the same technological or editorial supports as their English-language counterparts. Many will take additional courses in writing, grammar, or translation skills. These come at a cost. We hope this initiative will be of help to a third-level student who wants to build on their skills while keeping Irish-language media at the forefront of their career path."

To apply for the bursary, applicants must be current student members of the National Union of Journalists (NUJ) prior the closing date for applications and must also demonstrate that they are in third-level education.

Applicants are being asked to submit a previously unpublished 500-word article as Gaeilge, outlining their view of Irish language journalism and how they would like to see it evolve.

The winner will be asked to write an 800-word article/produce a piece of journalism at the end of the 2025-2026 academic year to document their year while promoting NUJ student membership and the bursary scheme. The closing date for applications is 5pm, January 23, 2026.

- Bursary will cover up to a maximum of €3,000 (or sterling equivalent) in course fees. Successful applicant will be asked to provide proof of course fees.
- Applicants must be in third-level education in Ireland (full or part-time)
- Bursary applies for a maximum of one year
- Applicants must be a Student Member of the NUJ before the closing date for applications. NUJ membership number must be included with application.
- To enter, each applicant must submit 500-word testimonial/article outlining their interest in Irish language journalism.
- Applications can only be made using official third-level email address.
- One application per applicant.
- Applicants may be asked to provide an academic reference.

Please apply by email to NUJDublinbranch@gmail.com before 5pm, 23 January, 2026.

Life Membership Ceremony

A galaxy of leading figures in Irish journalism will be honoured at a reception in the Teacher's club, Dublin on Tuesday December 2 when NUJ joint presidents Gerry Curran and Fran McNulty present life membership certificates to Members with more than 40 years union membership.

Among the recipients will be Fran's former colleagues Brian Dobson and Mary Wilson while the list also includes some of the best known names in Irish print journalism at local and national level.

The union's national executive council has granted life membership to the following.

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| •Pauline Cronin | •Therese Moriarty |
| •Bryan Dobson | •Fionnuala Mulcahy |
| •Ronan Dodd | •Ciarán Ó Maoláin |
| •Michael Donnelly | •Stephen O'Brien |
| •Liam Gorman | •John O'Callaghan |
| •Austin Hobbs | •Fionnuala O'Connor |
| •Mary Kelly | •Tony O'Shea |
| •Declan Lyons | •Bairbre Power |
| •Linda McAuley | •Margaret Roddy |
| •Justine McCarthy | •Paul Russell |
| •Brendan McCourt | •Mary Wilson |
| •Sean McGoldrick | |

Sparánacht iriseoireachta do mhic léinn tríú leibhéal

Tá sparánacht nua de luach €3,000 seolta ag Brainse Átha Cliath de Cheardchumann Náisiúnta na nIriseoirí (NUJ) chun glúin nua iriseoirí Gaeilge a spreagadh dul isteach sa ghairm.

Is minic a bhíonn dúshlán bhreise roimh iriseoirí na Gaeilge: caithfidh siad scileanna iriseoireachta a fhoghlaim, go minic i dteanga eile, de ghnáth an Béarla, rud a fhágann gur féidir leis a bheith níos deacra barr feabhais a bhaint amach sa teanga oibre.

Ní gan dua a dhéantar gairm trí mheán na Gaeilge a threabhadh i ngort ina bhfuil an Béarla i réim.

Ceapadh an sparánacht €3,000 seo chun tacaíocht a thabhairt do mhic léinn tríú leibhéal ar spéis leo gairm a bhaint amach in iriseoireacht na Gaeilge.

Bunaíodh Sparánacht Bhainse Átha Cliath ar an bprionsabal gur cheart go mbeadh gach pobal rannpháirteach sa dioscúrsa poiblí agus gur cheart go mbeadh pobal na Gaeilge san áireamh ann sin.

Chun iarratas a dhéanamh ar an sparánacht, ní mór d'iarrthóirí alt 500 focal (nach raibh foilsithe go dtí seo) a scríobh i nGaeilge.

Iarrtar orthu cur síos a dhéanamh ar an tsuim atá acu in iriseoireacht na Gaeilge agus a dtuairimí a thabhairt faoin gcaoi ar mhaith leo forbairt a fheiceáil ar iriseoireacht na Gaeilge amach anseo.

Caithfidh iarrthóirí a bheith ina mbaill mac léinn reatha

de Cheardchumann.

Náisiúnta na nIriseoirí roimh an spriocdháta d'iarratais agus a thaispeáint go bhfuil siad in oideachas tríú leibhéal.

Iarrfar ar an mbuaiteoir alt 800 focal nó píosa iriseoireachta a scríobh ag deireadh na bliana acadúla seo chun an sparánacht agus ballraíocht mac léinn NUJ a chur chun cinn.

Spriocdháta: 5pm Eanáir 23, 2026

- Clúdófar táillí cúrsa le €3,000 (nó an luach céanna in stg). Beidh ar an mbuaiteoir fianaise ar chostas na dtáillí a chur ar fáil. Beidh ar na hiarrthóirí a bheith ina mic léinn (lán nó páirt-aimseartha) in Éirinn.

- Is don bhliain acadúil 2025-26 an sparánacht seo.

- Ní mór d'iarrthóirí a bheith ina mbaill mac léinn den NUJ roimh an spriocdháta d'iarratais. Ní mór uimhir bhallraíochta NUJ a bheith san áireamh san iarratas.

- Ní féidir iarratais a dhéanamh ach amháin ó sheoladh ríomhphoist oifigiúil tríú leibhéal.

- Iarratas amháin in aghaidh an iarrthóra.

- D'fhéadfaí iarraidh ar iarrthóirí tagairt acadúil a sholáthar.

- Ní mór do gach iarrthóir alt 500 focal a chur isteach ina leagtar amach a spéis san iriseoireacht Ghaeilge.

- Is cinneadh críochnaitheach cinneadh na moltóirí. Ní dhéanfar aon chomhfhreagras faoin gcinneadh.

Seol iarratas chuig NUJDublinbranch@gmail.com roimh 5pm Eanáir 23, 2026

Branch Report: Focus on Derry & NW

By Anton McCabe

Derry North West Branch has been active on several fronts.

Most importantly, we have organised two successful vigils in Derry City Centre in solidarity with our-fellow journalists in Gaza. These won support from other trade unionists and members of the public.

The Branch has donated £100 per month to the IFJ Safety Fund for journalists in Gaza.

We have also supported the campaign against the genocide in Gaza. Branch representative Darach MacDonald has spoken at several rallies in Derry.

We also took part in a successful rally against the far right. Branch members were with other trade unionists who occupied the Guildhall Square in Derry to block the far right holding a rally.

We held a very successful evening to celebrate

Eamonn McCann being given life membership. Branch members attended, as did members from as distant as Galway and Kildare.

We have kept up connection with the broader trade union movement, through our involvement with Derry and Omagh Trades Councils.

Through our various activities, the Branch has kept up a media profile.

We have also been able to represent members.

The Branch also held a meeting with welfare rights worker Leslie McCrea, who took members through the nature of the Troubles' pension, and how to apply for it.

Unfortunately, the Troubles did impact negatively on many union members. Lesley gave excellent and very practical advice.

Freelance Forum: Practical Help for Journalists

By Gerard Cunningham

The Autumn 2025 Freelance Forum focused on practical help for freelancers.

The Forum is organised by the Dublin Freelance NUJ branch with sponsorship from Coimisiún na Meán.

The morning began with an opening address from NUJ joint president Gerry Curran, followed by contributions from commissioning editors Amy Forde at the Irish Farmers Journal and Katy Harrington at the Irish Independent.

The morning programme finished up with two speakers from Coimisiún na Meán outlining the Sound+Vision programme and the Coimisiún's Courts Reporting, Local Democracy and News Reporting schemes.

In the afternoon, the Forum participants heard details

of journalism bursaries and schemes from the Rosalyn Carter Fellowship for Mental Health Journalism and the Simon Cumbers Fund, with Áine O'Meara of Shine Media and Eoghan Rice from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

The day concluded with an overview of copyright law in Ireland from Samantha Holman of the Irish Copyright Licensing Agency.

Planning is already underway for the next Freelance Forum event, which will take place on Saturday 21 March in Dublin.

Keep an eye on the Dublin Freelance NUJ branch website at <https://dublinfreelance.org> for regular updates and announcements, or contact freelance@dublinfreelance.org to subscribe to the Freelance Forum mailing list for future updates.



Katy Harrington, features editor, Irish Independent, Priyanka Borpujari, freelance journalist, and Amy Forde, news editor, Irish Farmers Journal at the Autumn 2025 Freelance Forum.

Image: Gerard Cunningham



AnneMaria McEaney and Grace Gannon of Coimisiún na Meán at the Autumn 2025 Freelance Forum.

Image: Gerard Cunningham



Samantha Holman, Irish Copyright Licensing Agency and Áine O'Meara, Shine Media, at the Autumn 2025 Freelance Forum.

Image: Gerard Cunningham

BDC Report: Organising Together

By Deaglán De Bréadún

SPEAKING at the Irish Biennial Delegate Conference in Dublin, NUJ General Secretary Laura Davison said the impact of Artificial Intelligence (AI) on employment was a constant theme for the union.

"We've been dealing with that daily in our industrial work, for example at Reach PLC where we've seen major job-losses over the last few months".

She said one of the highlights of her first year in office was attending a Belfast event in honour of Lyra McKee, the investigative journalist and NUJ member who was shot and fatally wounded at the age of 29 while observing clashes in Derry between the police and dissident republicans opposed to the Good Friday Agreement on April 18, 2019.

The BDC took place on November 8 in the headquarters of the Communication Workers Union on Dublin's North Circular Road. There were 21 delegates and officials in attendance with five observers.

This was Laura Davison's first Dublin visit as General Secretary, while VP Georgina Morris was keynote speaker at the afternoon seminar on branch re-organisation.

Under the theme "Organising Together: Better in a Trade Union" delegates debated a range of issues from health and safety, collective bargaining and remote working to the need for targeting recruitment and the protection of public service broadcasting.

In welcoming joint presidents Gerry Curran and Fran

McNulty, Cathaoirleach Cearbhaill O Siochain recalled the contribution of previous Irish presidents, including the most recent office holders Barry McCall and Christy Loftus.

Galway journalist Stephen Corrigan was elected as Cathaoirleach, and as Chair will lead discussions at a follow up seminar in Spring 2026.

There was strong support for Dublin branch motion calling on the IEC to continue to accelerate work with its sister unions, via the ICTU, in campaigning for the statutory right to collective bargaining. The motion was proposed by Kitty Holland and seconded by Ian McGuinness, Irish Organiser.

Judy Murphy, West of Ireland moved a motion expressing dissatisfaction at the failure of the Irish government to implement EU legislation on collective bargaining.

Joint president Fran McNulty, himself an RTÉ presenter, successfully proposed a late notice motion expressing grave concern at the RTÉ decision to close its TV documentary unit in 2026. RTÉ is to outsource to the commercial sector all television documentaries currently produced in-house.

Looking back over the last two years since the previous Irish BDC, Irish Secretary Seamus Dooley said: "I've been struck by how often journalists and journalism have become the target." He went on to say that "Gaza casts a long and dark shadow" and commended those who have supported NUJ protests.



Carolyn Ferrar (IEC Leas Cathaoirleach) and Stephen Corrigan (IEC Cathaoirleach) at the biennial delegate conference.
Image: Maxwell Photography



Helen Taylor, NUJ general secretary Laura Davison, Rebecca Nolan, Irish organiser Ian McGuinness and assistant general secretary Seamus Dooley at the biennial delegate conference.
Image: Maxwell Photography

What it means to be part of the union

By Bernie Ni Fhlatharta

Many join the NUJ to get a Press Card and never explore what the union is about, what it stands for or what it can do for them.

It's probably the norm in most trade unions that only a small percentage of members become activists but there's so much more to learn about your trade, be it in print, broadcasting, public relations or publishing.

Not everyone has the privilege of joining a large, active workplace, where the union is organised and recognised by the employer. So much can be learned from experienced colleagues and it goes without saying that these chapels are more likely to produce activists, who really are the backbone of the union.

But that doesn't rule out activism coming from freelancers or those working in smaller newsrooms or alone in a home office working remotely.

Never before has our union needed active members as branches across the country and across the pond

decline for varying reasons. Honestly, it's the same members who seem to turn up to NUJ events, seminars, conferences and meetings. It's time for hear from members be they new or long time who have never become active in their union.

The union should mean more to members than a Press Card. Membership should be a badge of honour. It means members stand up for journalism, an advantage in democracies that shouldn't be taken for granted. It means protecting our code of conduct, having ethics and pride in our profession.

It also means working together as a body of people interested in upholding freedom of speech and expression, of understanding what good journalism is about in a world that is currently plagued by wars, genocide, famine and poverty.

Find out today how you could get involved – it could be as simple as attending a branch meeting just to meet fellow members.

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Press Council Representative

Judy Murphy, West of Ireland branch has been nominated to the Press Council of Ireland.

Judy, a senior journalist with the Connacht Tribune succeeds Siobhan Holliman and was elected by the IEC as NUJ representative following expressions of interests.

At the Irish Delegate Conference tributes were paid to Siobhan for her work on the Council and as a member of the Future of Media Commission.

NUJ pays tribute to Ed Moloney

Tributes have been paid to journalist, author, and documentary filmmaker Ed Moloney.

<https://www.nuj.org.uk/resource/nuj-pays-tribute-to-ed-moloney.html>

Death of leading legal journalist Aodhan O'Faolain

Tributes are paid to the respected, compassionate journalist who lived the NUJ code of conduct through his reporting.

<https://www.nuj.org.uk/resource/death-of-leading-legal-journalist-aodan-o-faolain.html>

McCullough Review highlights need for government to blow the whistle on illegal surveillance

The NUJ has called on Hilary Benn, Secretary of State, to bring forward legislation aimed at ensuring strict

compliance with the laws governing surveillance by police forces operating in Northern Ireland.
<https://www.nuj.org.uk/resource/mccullough-review-highlights-need-for-government-to-blow-whistle-on-illegal-surveillance.html>

Tribute to Barry Fitzpatrick

The NUJ has paid tribute to former official Barry Fitzpatrick following his death on 17 September.
<https://www.nuj.org.uk/resource/tribute-to-barry-fitzpatrick.html>

Reporters speak out about 'climate of fear' in Northern Ireland amid paramilitary death threats

Journalists in Northern Ireland are facing regular death threats and attacks, with few of the perpetrators prosecuted, according to a new report by Amnesty International.

<https://www.nuj.org.uk/resource/reporters-speak-out-about-climate-of-fear-in-northern-ireland-amid-paramilitary-death-threats.html>

Killers of Martin O'Hagan must be brought to justice

Ahead of the 24th anniversary of the murder of Martin O'Hagan, the NUJ has repeated its call for an independent investigation to ensure the perpetrators of his killing are brought to justice.

<https://www.nuj.org.uk/resource/killers-of-martin-o-hagan-must-be-brought-to-justice.html>

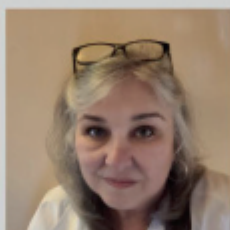
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Regional Newspapers (1 vacancy)



Stephen Corrigan
IEC Cathaorleach

Freelance

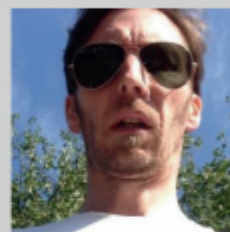


Carolyn Farrar
IEC Leas Chathaoirleach



Gerard Cunningham

Broadcasting



Cearbhall O Siochain



Trevor Keegan

National Newspapers



Kitty Holland



Éanna Ó Caollaí



Edel Hughes

Books & Magazine



Vacant (Observer)

New Media



Phil MacGiollaBhain
(Observer)



Fran McNulty (NEC)

NEC Northern Ireland



Amanda Ferguson

PR & Information



Neil Ward

NEC Republic of Ireland



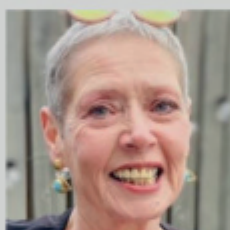
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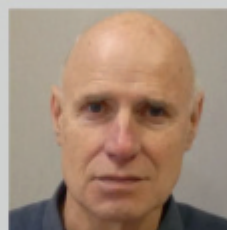
Kais Aloui
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Reserved Seat for Northern of Ireland



Kathryn Johnston

Retired Members



Robert Baxter
(Observer)



Bernie Ni Fhlatharta



Dara Bradley

Fran McNulty and Gerry Curran jobsharing.

Bernie Ni Fhlatharta and Dara Bradley job-sharing.