

Addendum to NUJ Report to Delegate Meeting 2020, section 32. NEC MEMBERS' REPORTS – Wales Seat

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32.92 I am a freelance journalist and took up the Wales' national executive committee (NEC) seat in October 2018 and also serve as a member of the Welsh Executive Committee (WEC).

32.92 a) In addition to attending NEC meetings I am also a member of the Development Committee and have fed in ideas for the review of our union's structures and how we organise. I have worked for and have been a lay activist in many other trade unions and have tried to use that experience of different models of union democracy and organising to feed into our own structural review.

32.92 b) In Wales, I have worked closely with some of our activists in the Swansea branch to help them re-establish it and to help them discuss ways to make meetings more interesting and inviting to members. I chaired a members' meeting which elected new officers and discussed different ways forward for the Swansea branch.

32.92 c) Our North Wales coastal branch had also become moribund and I worked with Roy Jones and Pamela Morton to help establish a social evening/meeting to again help to reenergise the branch. It is pleasing that the branch now has representatives on the WEC.

32.92 d) I am a member of the steering committee for NUJ Training Wales, which continues to provide quality training opportunities for members. These are proving popular and helpful to our members' careers. The training programme continues to receive funding from the Welsh Government's trade union learning fund. The NUJ in Wales has a very good relationship with the government, and the National Assembly for Wales and continues to feed-in to national discussions about media plurality in Wales.

32.92 e) I continue to play a full part in the Cardiff and SE Wales branch where we try and mix up our meetings so that we have a combination of regular business as well as providing networking opportunities, social interaction and interesting and relevant guest speakers.

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