



Freelance Forum Autumn 2017

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Venue: Buswells Hotel

Date: Monday 16 October 2017

Cost: €10 (tax-deductible) to NUJ members, non-members €20.

Spaces are limited so book early

Book online now at <http://dublinfreelance.org/freelance-forum-autumn-2017/>

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Or send your registration fee to: Helen Taylor, NUJ, Second Floor, Spencer House,
Spencer Row, off Talbot Street, Dublin 1. Mark envelope Freelance Forum.

All sessions open to writers, photographers, PR practitioners

NOTE: All speakers appear in a personal capacity.

Registration: 9.30AM- 10.00AM

Opening Address: 10.00AM - 10.30AM

Making FOI Work For You

Ken Foxe

Session 1: 10.30AM - 11.30AM

Reporters Without Borders

Speakers: Naomi O'Leary, Freelance journalist

Lyra McKee, Freelance journalist

Chair: Jason Walsh, Freelance journalist

Session 2: 11.30AM - 1.00PM

Commissioning Editors: What they want in a pitch

Speakers: Yvonne Hogan, Choice magazine editor, Irish Independent

Jillian Bolger, Freelance magazine editor

Chair: Bernie Ni Fhlatharta, Freelance journalist

Lunch 1.00PM - 2.00PM

Lunch is available in Buswells hotel, the National Library and Cafe La Cocotte in the Alliance Francaise also in Kildare Street, among other venues in the vicinity.

Session 3: 2.00PM - 3.15PM

The Multitasking Freelance

Speakers: Claire Grady, Freelance journalist

Liam Cahill, Writer and historian

Chair: Kieran Fagan, Freelance journalist

Session 4: 3.15PM - 4.30PM

Copyright briefing

Speakers: Rossa McMahon, solicitor

Chair: Gerard Cunningham, Freelance journalist

**We understand that as working journalists everyone may not be able to
attend all sessions.**



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Ken Foxe is a DIT lecturer and freelance reporter. He is the author of *Snouts in the Trough: Politicians & Their Expenses*. He specialise in Freedom of Information and data journalism, and is an Advisor at Right to Know, an Irish campaign group on transparency.

Yvonne Hogan is a senior features executive with the *Irish Independent*. She was property editor for seven years, *Weekend* magazine editor for three years and has been editing *Health and Living* magazine since August 2013. She also writes for the paper and regularly appears on RTE's *Today Show*.

Jillian Bolger is a freelance editor and award-winning journalist specialising in features writing, especially food and travel. A regular contributor to *The Irish Independent Weekend* magazine, *Sunday Business Post* magazine, *Image, Food & Wine* and *Image Interiors*, she has written for everyone from *The Irish Times* to *Forbes* in the US. A former columnist with *The Herald*, Jillian has been editor of numerous national glossies, including *Irish Brides*, a role she's held since 2006.

Gerard Cunningham has worked as a freelance journalist and author for 15 years, most recently covering the Charleton tribunal. He contributes a regular media column to *Village* magazine.

Liam Cahill is a writer and historian. He has many years' experience as a journalist - freelance, television, radio (international, national and local), print, web, blogging, social media and best-selling author. He also has extensive experience as a communications and political adviser to large and small businesses, grassroots campaigns, as well as to public representatives and governments across the political spectrum.

Kieran Fagan is a freelance journalist and media consultant. Previously he worked for the *Irish Times*, *Irish Independent* and *Sunday Tribune*, and for Carr Communications. He is currently treasurer of Dublin Freelance branch of the National Union of Journalists.

Rossa McMahon is a solicitor and notary public. He has a training and background in corporate law, particularly data protection, intellectual privacy and government contracts as well as regulated industries. He joined PG McMahon in 2009 as a general practitioner but continues to advise and act in the areas of data protection and intellectual property. He was awarded Munster Solicitor of the Year at the Irish Law Awards 2017 and blogs at aclatterofthelaw.com. He also started a freedom of information and data protection podcast at adventuresininformation.com.

Jason Walsh is a foreign correspondent based in Paris. Formerly the Ireland correspondent of *The Christian Science Monitor (CSM)*, he now reports from Ireland, France and Spain for *The New European* (London), *The Straits Times* (Singapore), the *CSM* and others. He holds a PhD in philosophy from UCD, and his book on epistemology and the news will be published in early 2018 by Imprint Academic.

Naomi O'Leary is a journalist from Dublin. She covers stories from around Europe for publications including *Politico*, *The Atlantic* and *Huffington Post*, and co-hosts the podcast *The Irish Passport*. She is a former correspondent for Reuters in Rome and Agence France-Presse in London. Her 2016 documentary "*Granite and Chalk*" told the little-known story of how Irish rebels were infiltrated by spies ahead of the 1916 Easter Rising.

Lyra McKee is a freelance journalist from Belfast. She is an editor for *Mediagazer* and a former Sky News young journalist of the year, and has been nominated for a GALAS journalist of the year award.

Bernie Ni Fhlatharta is a freelance journalist in print and radio after a 37 year career in print media in regional newspapers. As a native Irish speaker she appreciates she has more options as a bilingual journalist. She's astounded at the shortage of news/court reporters in the regions and believes more young journalists should concentrate on those shifts to get established.

Claire Grady has worked as a journalist for more than 30 years. She started her career as a news reporter, worked on the *Irish independent* newsdesk, commissioned columnists and commentators as opinion editor in the *Evening Herald*, and was editor of the *Evening Herald* (2012-13) and the *Irish Independent* (2013-14).