

Second Meeting of... The East Midlands Branch

Eventbrite ticket Short link - <https://bit.ly/equityemb-02>
(x2 option to attend. Venue Ticket or Zoom Ticket)



Update from East Midlands Member, Caron-Jane Lyon.

As part of the March meeting the branch will be forming the committee. This may be the last you hear from me! All East Midlands members are encouraged to attend to show their support for those electing to stand. The first East meets West Midlands annual meeting to vote on which our motions will be forwarded to conference will also be discussed.

Last month, from the 27 sign ups for the meeting there was a good 65% turn out across zoom and attending at Nonsuch Studios. Tim Ralphs and Ben Macpherson led a workshop session spearheading conversations getting members thinking about what they needed as members and suggesting what the branch could offer that could tangibly make a difference to them and increase work opportunities.

Reaching out to invite casting directors, agents, culture institutions and venue representatives to speak was agreed to be of interest with the possibility of branch funds being allocated to provide classes and workshops for performance skills, digital admin and emerging technology upskilling.

One member, a stage magician, mentioned that they had a hire company providing basic stage equipment and emerging immersive technology items in its inventory. Sadly there were no formal minutes taken. It will be the new committee who take the branch forward and establish communication and reporting channels with you, the 1300 members. Living in the region makes you a member invested in the branch; it's not just about attending meetings.

Having the suggestions from this first meeting provides a driving purpose and collectively identifies some immediate goals. A motion submitted by myself resulting from deadline constraints for this year's conference was supported but a strong consensus was that future motions should reflect issues directly impacting members in the East Midlands. That was acknowledged by everyone as being something to aspire to for 2024's conference.

I hope you received the previous email from Ian about the committee roles. To enable the branch to grow and develop we need an interim committee of up to nine members. The committee will look after the branch until our first AGM (Annual General Meeting) in November.

The roles we need to fill are

Chair and Vice Chair, Treasurer, Variety Officer, Campaigns Officer and most importantly Secretary. The duties may be distributed to balance responsibilities and workload. Training, guidance and support will be given to the officers and committee by Equity..

There are five branch officer roles to fill on our 9 strong committee. The committee will work together to fulfil the communication, administrative and promotional needs of the branch with the support of our area organiser Ian who attends every meeting. At the first meeting it was clear that we all have professional work commitments and the committee will be an evolving collaborative effort over time. Ideas and passion with a desire to forward the branch are the primary attributes required. Time is the precious

commodity we must respect and negotiate. Don't let the worry that you don't have time deter you from expressing interest in any of the committee roles.

So... 2nd Meeting: Wed 1st March

Where: Nonsuch Theatre - 92 Lower Parliament Street, Nottingham, NG1 1EH

Time: 7pm - 9pm

Getting to Nonsuch Studios

Here are some links to help you find your way.

<https://www.nonsuchstudios.co.uk/> << venue's website

<https://www.nonsuchstudios.co.uk/visit> << accessibility info (on site parking for blue badge holders)

<https://bit.ly/nonsuch-parking-3hrs> << pinpoint a place to park

<https://bit.ly/journey-planner-ng1-1eh> << Door to door journey planning

Direct Zoom sign up (Sign up on Eventbrite for Zoom and you will get this link too)

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0tfuCrT4sGdxtL4MyAPcnL1r4cbh7XKvt>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. If the meeting has started you will join the meeting in progress.

A meeting Agenda from Ian Bayes.

Agenda

7.00 pm Arrive DOORS OPEN - Meet Equity, Meet your fellow members.

7.20 pm Welcome & Apologies, Committee Formation

7.40 pm Over to You (chaired general discussion with possible break out groups)

8.00 pm BREAK

8.15 pm Over to You (chaired general discussion with possible break out groups)

8.55pm Midlands Meeting to select 2023 motion to conference in Birmingham

9.00 pm Bar & Banter

9.30 pm Good Night. See you in April.

Please come to as many of the first meetings as you can.

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Please participate in the East Midlands Branch.

If you have any questions about travel, remote access, venue accessibility or feedback contact

Caron-Jane Lyon (regional member coordinating this open series of branch meetings)

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Any questions about Equity or Industrial matters contact Ian Bayes - Midlands Official

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Resources

Branch temporary Web Page - <https://www.pcmcreative.com/equity-east-midlands-branch.html>

PDF Branch Introduction - <https://bit.ly/equityemb-intro-01>

PDF Meeting 1 invite FollowUp - <https://bit.ly/equityemb01-followup>

Eventbrite Organisers link (scheduled meetings) - <https://bit.ly/equityemb-gr>

Direct Zoom registration for first 3 meetings -

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0tfuCrrT4sGdxtL4MyAPcnL1r4cbh7XKvt>

20 min Podcast recorded 17th Jan - Very Equity East Midlands focused. I hope it gives a little insight into the formation and the new horizon the branch is presenting us. <https://bit.ly/wppbp25-inclusion>

When the 2022 - 24 council was announced I compiled some Twitter Lists to help me understand who my representatives are and provide industry perspective on those avid & vocal tweeters. I thought you might find these informative too.

TWITTER LISTS

- EquityUK Council 22-24 | <https://bit.ly/equityuk-22-24>
- EquityUK Branches | <https://bit.ly/equityuk-branches>
- EquityUK Committees | <https://bit.ly/equityuk-committees>
- EquityUK Networks | <https://bit.ly/equityuk-networks>
- EquityUK - Guildhouse | <https://bit.ly/equityuk-guildhouse>
- EquityUK Contracts | <https://bit.ly/equityuk-contracts>

Equity Resources Online

Equity Booklets | Knowledge Library - <https://www.equity.org.uk/advice-and-support/know-your-rights/>

See you on March 1st 'On the Ground' or 'In the Cloud'.

Caron

A new direction

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