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# EAST MIDLANDS

## Curve Edition 01

Dear EquityUK East Midlands Members,

Welcome to the latest edition (revised style) of our newsletter, where the committee brings you important updates, upcoming events, and ways to get involved in the branch. We are excited to share the progress we have made since our establishment in January and the opportunities that lie ahead.

Here's what you need to know:

**Branch Meetings in Leicester:** We can confirm that our next four branch meetings will be held in Leicester, members have been most vocal so far in requesting we go to Leicester next. Our meeting venue is The Curve Theatre, providing a suitably dynamic space for our discussions and activities. We believe this move will bring us closer to members in the Leicester area and for those across the region around Derby, Nottingham, Lincoln and Northampton we will have dedicated Zoom support from Curve at each meeting, ensuring accessibility and convenience. Our goal is to reach as many members as possible over the next two years as we process the region.

Take part in the branch Loomio poll to vote for the branch to come to your corner of the East Midlands. Add your location preference. <https://bit.ly/equityemb-loomio-invite>

Please join us in Leicester for these next meetings, in the Room or via Zoom.

### Meeting Schedule:

- **Meeting 1: Wed 6th Sept**, 7.30 - 9.30, Curve Theatre in Studio 4 (room capacity 60)
- **Meeting 2: Wed 11th Oct**, 7.30 - 9.30, Curve Theatre in Studio 4 (room capacity 60)
- **Meeting 3: AGM Wed 8th Nov, 4.00 - 6.00, Curve Theatre on the Mezzanine** (capacity TBC)
- **Meeting 4: Wed 13th Dec**, 7.30 - 9.30, Curve Theatre in Studio 2 (room capacity 80)

Register to be in the Room or to join via Zoom

<https://equityeastmids-meetings-leicester-2023.eventbrite.co.uk>

**Call for Committee Nominations:** Our current committee is an interim one. Your voice matters, and we invite you to stand for the branch committee. Nominations are now open, and we encourage all passionate and dedicated members to consider taking this opportunity to shape the future of our branch. Serving on the committee allows you to actively contribute to the decision-making process and advocate for the interests and welfare of all members.

The nomination period will close 12 noon Monday 4 September, followed by a voting from Friday 8 September with the Ballot closing at 12 noon Friday 29 September 2023. The new committee will be announced on 1 October with the new committee in place by November, coinciding with our Annual General Meeting (AGM) held Wednesday 8th November.

Be proactive, A simple expression of interest to stand is vital especially if you do not know TWO fellow members to nominate you. The current committee will assist you in finding support. More about this in the next news update.

**Please email our organiser Ian Bayes on this email [midlands@equity.org.uk](mailto:midlands@equity.org.uk) Any question do not hesitate in contacting our Secretary Caron-Jane Lyon [cj.lyon@pcmcreative.co.uk](mailto:cj.lyon@pcmcreative.co.uk) or via mobile/whatsapp 07889205914**

Equity's Formal Notice was sent via email on 29th June. Did you receive it?  
Here it is... [https://bit.ly/equity\\_branch\\_elections2023\\_notice](https://bit.ly/equity_branch_elections2023_notice)

Branch Committee Nomination Form - [https://bit.ly/equity\\_committee\\_elections2023\\_nomination\\_form](https://bit.ly/equity_committee_elections2023_nomination_form)

- Nominations close at **12 noon Monday 4 September 2023**
- Voting opens **Friday 8 September 2023**
- Ballot closes at **12 noon Friday 29 September 2023**
- **1 October** Election results announced.
- Branch AGMs held **Wednesday 8th November**

**Building Branch Membership:** We are proud to see our branch membership steadily growing with 45 members attending our first 5 meetings. (Room and Zoom attendees are considered equal attendance in status.) We had a 60% open rate on our emailed news notices which is very strong from our 1019 listed members.

It's a great beginning towards a strong community of industry professionals in the East Midlands. However, we recognize the unique challenges faced by members who often work in isolation or move on to new shows and tours. Therefore, we need your help in spreading the word about EquityUK East Midlands. Together, we can ensure that no member is left behind.

Here's how you can support us:

- **Engage on Social Media:** Follow us on our newly established social media channels and share our posts with your networks. Tag fellow performers who would benefit from being part of our branch.
- **Use Hashtags:** Help increase our visibility by incorporating relevant industry-related hashtags into your own social media posts about the branch or industry topics.
- **Share Testimonials:** Share your personal success stories or experiences with EquityUK East Midlands. Your testimonials will inspire others to join and get involved.
- **Collaborate with Influencers:** Let us know if you have connections with influential individuals in the entertainment industry who could help amplify our message. We appreciate any introductions or collaborations.

Upcoming Events:

- **Annual General Meeting (AGM):** Mark your calendars for our upcoming AGM on November 8th. We will provide further details about the soiree style event in future communications.

- **Guest Speakers at Branch Meetings:** This was important to members attending the Nottingham meetings. Sept is Rob Wilkinson from RedTalent Management "Getting your first Agent", Oct is Liam Budd from Equity's Screen & Media Department "Artificial Intelligence in our industry: what is happening and how to protect yourself."
- **Online Workshops/Webinars:** Stay tuned for a series of virtual workshops and webinars designed to provide valuable industry insights, tips, and networking opportunities.

We value your feedback and encourage you to reach out to us with any questions, suggestions, or ideas for future branch meetings and regional industry campaigns. Your interim committee is here to support you and ensure your voices are heard. Do email links to articles that you'd like the committee to look at. Do send any announcement about your work too so we can share your news with the branch. We are interested to hear about your side hustles as well. If you write a blog or have a YouTube channel share those also.

**Please consider standing for election to join the 2023-25 Branch Committee.**

Let's work together to create a thriving EquityUK East Midlands Branch that champions the rights and welfare of all members in the entertainment industry.

In solidarity,

Caron-Jane Lyon - Interim Branch Secretary EquityUK East Midlands Branch

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