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EAST MIDLANDS

Curve Edition 02

Dear EquityUK East Midlands Members,

Greetings, Welcome to the second edition of the branch's news and notices, where we bring you the latest updates, reports, important notices, and opportunities for involvement in our branch. We are very pleased with the warm reception of [Curve Edition 01](#), and we look forward to continuing to engage and support all members across the region.

Here's what you need to know:

Reporting - Equity Variety Officer Meeting:

On 12th July 2023, all Equity Branch Variety Officers were invited to attend a Zoom meeting with the unions Variety Organiser Michael Day to discuss the role whose primary purpose is to ensure variety-related topics are included in branch meetings' agendas and relevant guest speakers are invited to speak.

The Variety Officer is a reserved role in the committee of regional branches. This meeting provided essential clarity to our interim Variety Office Andy Storm on the role and its responsibilities.

The Role of the Variety Officer was outlined as follows:

1. Organise variety events.
2. Establish a local variety network (if requested by the branch).
3. Co-ordinate the branch's variety work.

Communications between Variety Officers:

To foster better communication, a WhatsApp group exclusively for Variety Officers has been set up.

Setting up a Variety Network:

At East Midlands Branch committee and previous members meetings an awareness of how little we know about the broader industry across the region for opportunities to network and secure work has become clear. Mapping the industry and finding fellow members in relevant sectors is vital and where better to start than Variety.

Registering to attend meetings helps with this. When signing up attendees are asked a couple questions. We ask for Membership No# and Postcode and now we are asking about industry sectors. With this information we can better understand the membership's professional focus and geographic presence.

Register to attend via Eventbrite

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

Local Campaigning, Benevolent Fundraising, and More: <https://www.equity.org.uk/campaigns>



Variety Officers have an essential role in mapping their sector along and with the Branch Campaigns officer they will be supported going forward to lead on campaigning efforts taking an interest in cuts and closures impacting livelihoods by Arts Council or by local authorities, and organising fundraising events.

[QR code link from photo] <https://linktr.ee/EquityUK>

For variety members the “[Map your local at risk Small Venues](#)” campaign might be particularly resonant.

Branch Committee Nominations:

Nominations are now open for the branch committee. This is your chance to shape the future of our branch and advocate for the interests of all members. The nomination deadline is noon on September 4th. Not all the interim committee are standing. The committee capacity is 9 members. If less than 5 nominations are received the branch will be on hold and merged with Birmingham. Let's keep the East Midlands Branch alive.

Please email our organiser Ian Bayes on this email midlands@equity.org.uk Any questions do not hesitate in contacting our Secretary Caron-Jane Lyon 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

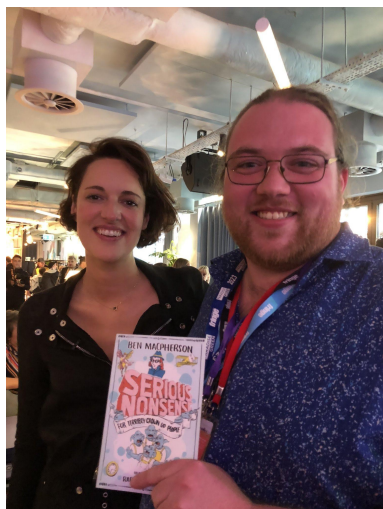
Branch Committee Nomination Form - https://bit.ly/equity_committee_elections2023_nomination_form

- 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

On Monday 14th following a meeting of the committee there is a 30 min drop in session for securing nomination support. If you want to stand for election and don't have support, a proposer or seconder drop by from 9pm - 9.30pm using this Zoom link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83823305384?pwd=RFQ4RlhTcVQ3L3RuaEplZ0czVWVndz09>

Member Profile: Ben Macpherson at Edinburgh Fringe



East Midlands Branch member Ben Macpherson and his show, "[SERIOUS NONSENSE \(FOR TERRIBLY GROWN UP PEOPLE\)](#)."

His poetry show is the result of being one of the 50 recipients of the [£100,000 Keep it Fringe fund](#), a new initiative to support Fringe artists, led by Fringe Society President Phoebe Waller-Bridge. It is drawn from his recently published book and promises to be funny, horrible, and a little bit naughty, suitable for all ages.

If you are in Edinburgh for the fringe don't miss the opportunity to see this verbal tour de force. Time: Daily 10:45 - 11:45 Venue: Burrito'n'Shake (venue 605).

There is a Digital Experience conceived and co-produced by your Secretary Caron-Jane Lyon that brings a few live shows to your desktop even to your VR headset if you or your children have one. Details are here >> <https://www.pcmimmersive.co.uk/pbh-spatial-whatson.html>

Do you know East Midlands members who are up at Edinburgh? Email Caron who will share on the branch's blossoming socials. If you aren't at the fringe and want a shout out email too.

Membership Growth and Social Media:

Our branch membership is steadily growing, and we thank you for your continued support. Let's keep spreading the word about EquityUK East Midlands and ensuring that no member is left behind. Engage with us on social media, use relevant hashtags, share your gigs, and collaborate with us to amplify our message.

Stay connected with us:

Twitter - <https://twitter.com/EquityEastMids>

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/equityeastmidlands>

Website - <https://www.pcmcreative.com/equity-east-midlands-branch.html>

Take part in the branch Loomio polls to vote for the branch to come to your corner of the East Midlands. There is also a mapping of the sector's poll. <https://bit.ly/equityemb-loomio-invite>

Upcoming Events:

Register to attend via Eventbrite <https://equityeastmids-meetings-leicester-2023.eventbrite.co.uk>

- Next Branch Meetings in Leicester:

- 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)

Your Feedback Matters:

We value your feedback and encourage you to reach out with any questions, suggestions, or ideas for future branch meetings and campaigns. Share your announcements and side hustles with us, and we'll be happy to spread the word.

In solidarity,

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

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Remember:

Email your nominations for the branch committee by noon on September 4th. 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. Drop By the committee zoom on Mon 14th Aug from 9pm - 9.30pm for help to complete your nominations form.



[Visit Equity's website](#) to change your membership details.