



equity ONLINE BRANCH

Network News Update

Greetings Equity ~~Everywhere~~ DIGITAL

2020 NEWS UPDATE THREE.

Hello OLB Members, Caron L here (on the right). Committee Chair, Online Branch Moderator, Stage Manager and Social Media Geek! Busy last week so apologies for the absence of an update.



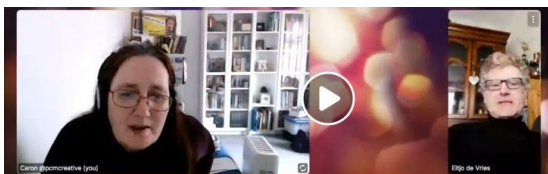
In case you missed updates One and Two >> <http://bit.ly/olb-arc2020-updates>

This is news update three. The first update was an intro. Second update was the opportunity to propose a motion, this newsletter, would have been (if sent last week) a final call to action for a vote. There was no motion. All is not lost... read on.

There is no obligation for a branch to submit a motion to the annual conference (ARC), just that if we do it has to be done in a timely manner where members are given agency to participate. That is the function of the Equity Members Online Branch bit of the website. It's cleared out right now but you are welcome to go take a look. <https://www.equity.org.uk/online-branch> (its serves a [rules and standing orders](#) purpose and nothing else right now)

(BIT OF METAPHYSICS!) *The internet is always at hyperspeed. We humans, especially collectively, need time-space. The Online Branch Time-Space has a rhythm and with the experience of the past few years this occupies 10 day blocks. The time-space of physical meetings is bound by location and the agenda. Without the confines to a physical presence, space-time is a concept the online branch must consolidate together. Currently, that mechanism is regulated by me, your branch chair 'on the book' to borrow from stage management parlance. Your very own Time Lord!!*

LAST 2 WEEKS... and BRINGING YOU UP TO SPEED.


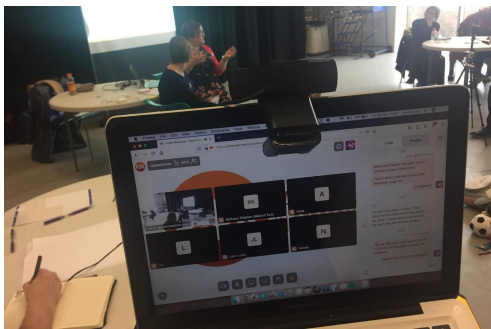



What's been going on? There have been 2 more live streams. Last week was a more casual live-lounge where I was joined by Bristol & West General Branch member Eltjo De Vries. <http://bit.ly/pcm-ll-200305>

The next lunchtime live lounge / livestream (I haven't decided which yet! virtual studio or video room? But still LIVE on Facebook) is Thursday 12th from 12.30 - 13.00. <http://bit.ly/pcml-TLS-series2>

#REMOTEACCESS

I attended the Parents in Performing Arts Midlands Network Meeting on Feb 28th providing remote access enabling a speaker to attend without the need to travel and for a company administrator to attend and still be close to home to collect their little ones from school. I also attended the Midlands AGM. (pics below)

		
Liz Holmes Stage Directors UK --- Presenting on screen via Remote Access	PiPA Midlands Network Consultation "Developing Mentoring Opportunities" With 5 attendees using remote access. WebCams dark, Mics on mute.	The 2020 Midlands Area AGM with OLB supporter, Birmingham General Branch Member, Tracey Briggs reporting back on last years Annual Reps Conference.

GETTING a MOTION AMENDMENT TO ARC

The deadline for ARC Motions was 9th March. As a branch we get to review the motions and propose an amendment, to one. The provisional agenda with all the proposed motions is published w/c 30th March. The Thursday 2nd April LunchTime LiveStream will be dedicated to looking through the motions. I hope I can get some branch members to join me.

Want to join me? Please email moderator@equityonlinebranch.co.uk

- NEXT NEWS UPDATE - TUESDAY 17TH APRIL

Several physical branches have approached me to coordinate digital live links to facilitate EquityElection2020 candidate hustings in an attempt at reaching as many members as possible to increase the voter turnout this year. It's been 7% lets get that percentage higher this year. More news on that next time. The format will be that of remote access video mixed with webcast sessions.



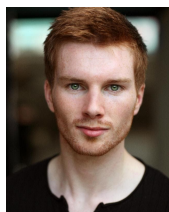




TIMETABLE OF ACTIVITIES - <http://bit.ly/olb-arc2020-updates>

#Amendments #CouncilNominations #GenSecBallot #DigitalHustings #LiveStreams #LiveLounge

THIS WEEK'S LIVE LINK - <http://bit.ly/pcmLTLs-series2>

If you want to join me on screen, email me moderator@equityonlinebranch.co.uk

As ever a big thank you to your Committee for steering the branch in the right direction.

						
Caron R	Helen	Jason	Julia	Lee	Maureen	Terry