

# Network News Update 02

## Equity Everywhere... "in the loop"

The PDF newsletter to the entire online branch.

## Greetings Equity Everywhere!

This is the Online Branch calling.



### You with me? We are the 300.

Hello Equity Online Branch Members, Caron here. (on the left) Online Branch Moderator, Stage Manager and Social Media Geek!

Lets recap...

At the start of November you received newsletter one... yes? If you didn't, here is a link - [bit.ly/olbitl-01](http://bit.ly/olbitl-01) That went out to everyone registered with the branch.

### For Context...

In June 2018 a decision was made by the Equity Council following an independent review to action one of three proposals (Reform, Replace or Retire).

Option One, Reform was selected.

Part of that option was to focus the branch on those it was intended for, primarily those not able to access a physical branch. The review did not feel that the direction the branch had taken in the last 12 months was achieving that objective and it should be addressed.

Here is a link to my moderators response to prepare for delivering that council decision with in a prescribed 6 month period. [bit.ly/equityolb-reform-pcm](http://bit.ly/equityolb-reform-pcm)

### Branch Directory

Official OLB Home Online  
[equityonlinebranch.co.uk](http://equityonlinebranch.co.uk)

Public Facebook Page  
[facebook.com/EquityOLB](https://facebook.com/EquityOLB)

Members Only FB Group  
[facebook.com/groups/equityolb](https://facebook.com/groups/equityolb)

Equity OLB on Twitter  
[twitter.com/equityolb](https://twitter.com/equityolb)

Resources  
Opt-in video HOW TO - 3mins  
[bit.ly/olb-opt-in-howto](http://bit.ly/olb-opt-in-howto)

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**With me so far? Contact details to the right on page one for questions.**

7 days later following the circulation of the newsletter an email was sent to 500 members of the branch who were assigned physical branches and had also joined the Online Branch. A deadline was included for those receiving that email to make a decision to leave and continue attending their physical branch or join the online branch as their one and only.

In effect instituting a 'one person one location' proposition. A discussion had been in progress about the notion of initiating a 'one vote one location' but for right or wrong reasons an email was sent to demand an in or out decision. (parallel analogies with any UK current affairs are purely coincidental!)

### **So whats going on?**

There was a lot of activity, confusion and indignation from the 500. I'm not sure how many of you, the 300 were aware of this. Do let me know.

While the Online Branch hosted within Equity's website has notification issues resolved (also part of option one) and members who have chosen their physical branches want to stay in touch with the online branch express the desire to do so, a closed members only Facebook Group has been convened. All Equity members are welcome. (Link in the detail block on page one.) However not everyone is a fan of Facebook.

It is uncertain right now if this arrangement is permanent but it does give us, we 300, (I'm sure I'll get an exact figure but for now that 'we 300' has the gravitas I think we should assert!) have the branch as our own.

### **What does that mean?**

Committee Election Time.

You cannot rely on the usual candidates often key activists in branches. Its just us now. Have you served on a committee? Doesn't have to have been in Equity. We need you. I need you!

This new committee will be taking on light moderation duties following training. Flexible moderation was a key point in the branch review and I for one welcomed that recommendation.

Committee Members are also expected to attend a monthly 1 hr video meeting.



## Action Time

Would you like to shape the Online Branch's future?

With this newsletter or following very shortly will be a nomination form. On the nomination form candidates are asked for a proposer and seconder; candidates can self nominate and if you do not have a seconder please contact me. You can also choose to include a short statement (maximum 150 words) and a photo.

The closing date for nominations is Wednesday 8th January 2019.

Thank you for reading...

I look forward to communicating with you all further in the new year. If there are more than 9 candidate our next activity will be to vote. In any case we will have a new committee by the end of January.

Merry Christmas.

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Online Branch Moderator



by Harry Venning - Dec 21, 2016