



Network News Update

2020 NEWS UPDATE **FIVE** - DEC 2020

Hello OLB Members, No update in 6 months and 2 rock up within a few weeks of each other.

If you missed Update FOUR here is the [PDF link](#), the [Word .doc version](#) and the [voiced reading from OLB Chair](#)

Maureen Beattie - Equity President - [Click here for a reading voiced by Maureen.](#)

"Along with my fellow Online Branch Committee members, I am delighted to see the branch gaining real momentum towards being fully functioning after so many trials and tribulations. There has never been a greater need for an Online Branch in these days of the pandemic, when it is easier than ever for us to feel isolated from our fellow performers and creative practitioners, even when we are not distanced geographically. I have been amazed and deeply heartened by the passion and unwavering commitment of the committee to bring this vital platform to all our members, wherever they may be in the world. Watch this space!" - MBx







Updates of note

- The union's SRC (Special Representatives Conference) took place on Zoom in the absence of the usual May ARC (Annual Representatives Conference) on November 30th.
- 14 members have signed up so far to our December 8th gathering. We can't wait to meet you.
[Click here to sign up](#)

Call to Action

This is your news update. Please bring your questions and concerns to the Tuesday 8th gathering. Most importantly bring yourself and meet us, your committee pictured below, and our organiser Dominic. It's time to get to know you.

Your Committee

							
Caron R	Helen	Jason	Julia	Lee	Maureen	Terry	Caron L

A FEW MORE WORDS NOT FROM ME!

When I asked the committee to submit a paragraph in their own words I was delighted at the responses. I also got a response from the General Secretary himself. In the last update, I couldn't fit them all in so it gives me great pleasure to include 3 more online branch champions.

Paul Fleming - Equity General Secretary

"The new normal is proving to be a more online one - and it's testament to the hard work of Online Branch activists that they've been ensuring Equity's democratic structure can meet this challenge in 2020, and for years before. I know their branch members are looking forward to being a campaigning force for change in our union and the whole industry, and in the months and years to come, that's never been more necessary. Onwards!" - PFX

Helen Raw - Branch Secretary

"In the words of Poppa - 'there's a light at the end of the tunnel'. To see the branch take these leaps forward after much stagnation is fantastic and a testament to the sheer grit of those who have been involved since the beginning. I'm excited to see what shape the online branch will finally take as it's very much needed, now more than ever, to link to members who aren't affiliated with a physical branch." - HRx

Caron Reidy - Branch Committee

"I've always believed that no matter where in the world or which timezone you find yourself in, you should be able to check-in with Equity. The technology was there, it just needed a passionate and driven team to make it happen and I'm delighted to now be part of the team that have worked so hard to achieve an online branch. As if we needed proof, the current pandemic has shown the importance of online connection and what's achievable. There's much still to do but together we will keep striving to provide a fully functional online branch for any members without a physical branch or who are not able to attend meetings for any reason."

HAVE YOU GOT A QUESTION? HAVE YOU GOT SOMETHING TO SAY?

[CLICK HERE to Sign Up for the 8th December OLB Zoom](#)

Join us on Tuesday 8th December. Any access issues

Please email moderator@equityonlinebranch.co.uk

Caron-Jane Lyon

Online Branch Committee Chair and Moderator