



Network News Update

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Hello Online Branch Members, [Fancy a quick social catch up before the New Year picks up a pace?](#)

Our 8th of December gathering was a delightful success. With the members who registered, the appreciated apologies plus last-minute requests for the access link we had 110% turn out! 20 members and a full house of 8 on the committee it was great meeting fellow members from as far as Germany and the US East Coast.

Committee member and Equity President Maureen Beattie made the formal welcome and introduced our new staff organiser Dominic Bascombe. Once we'd all introduced ourselves we use Zoom breakout rooms to have quality conversations in small groups. The general sentiment was that we should do it again. Read to the end!



This news update's business bit. A statement agreed by the committee

As a committee, we are aware of dialogue taking place on social media between Equity members and EquityUK regarding current issues including but not limited to staff redundancies and the staffing of the Scotland office. It is important to us that you know we are actively watching and paying attention to developments on your behalf.

On Sunday 20th December the online branch committee had an emergency meeting to discuss the current issues in the Union with regards to the restructure and compulsory redundancies. This meeting was attended by Paul Fleming, General Secretary. Paul had the floor for approx 20 minutes to let the Committee know what was happening, and why, from his point of view. Committee members asked clarification questions only and continued with discussions once Paul had left the Zoom room.

The online branch is able to arrange meetings and discussions at short notice given we are always quorate and to be able to get the General Secretary online at 1 pm on a Sunday, at relatively short notice, is no mean feat, and we thank him for rearranging his day to accommodate our meeting.

Your Committee

							
Caron R	Helen	Jason	Julia	Lee	Maureen	Terry	Caron L

Call to be social - Sunday 3rd January from 8 - 9 pm

You may have heard mention that formal meetings are not an Online Branch thing. The business of the online branch is intended to take place within the Online Branch's online platform. The news of that element of the branch will be coming soon and is likely to be a big part of the Online branch's 2021 story.

As members of the online branch, we have had no mechanism to do the human interaction bit of being in a like-minded group. This gathering is most certainly not to talk business although it's the business of show that unites us. The Branch Chair invites you to reflect on the year past and share your hopes and fears for the year ahead.

[CLICK HERE to Sign Up for the Sunday 3rd January 8 pm OLB Zoom](#)

Join me Caron, OLB Chair on Sunday 3rd January. Any access issues

Please email moderator@equityonlinebranch.co.uk

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Online Branch Committee Chair and Moderator

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



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