

Remote Multi Media Reporting



Course outline

Course Tutor:

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Course Duration:

2 day course (10am-5pm)

Course Content:

Increasingly reporters are being asked to work from home although a significant number find themselves representing their bureau in remote areas. Reporters also find that they must file stories for numerous platforms – online, radio, mainstream television – as well as looking after the social media aspect. In addition to operating with a crew these reporters have to be comfortable using a camcorder, a mobile phone or an audio recording device as well as acquiring basic editing skills while remembering that the main thrust of their job is still reporting the news. This specialist 'hands on' course has been written for NUJ Training to address this need and will be delivered by a team of NUJ tutors who are used to working in this environment at the BBC.

Programme

This course will teach the basic skills such as delivering a live two-way with the studio or putting together a short package for the next day's output. Participants will be given guidance and assistance on the above, leading to practical "as-live" reporting exercises and filing reports for other platforms.

Day 1

0900 Technical set-up and room prep Tutors+tech

1000 Course starts – welcome + outline and objectives

1015 Remote/branch office tv reporting appreciation (tutor 1 is journalistic biased/tutor 2 is studio production biased. Tech op is used throughout) Presentation from Tutor 1 on salient aspects of the job – using PowerPoint and example clips

1115 Break

1130 Main newsroom and studio production. How both work together. Explanation of news studio as set-out. Relevant to ingesting/live items from remote reporters and other relevant sources. Presentation from Tutor 2.

1230 Lunch

1300 TV News script writing exemplars and practical Tutor 1

1400 Use of mobile devices for reporting – quick turnaround. Tutor 2

1500 Use of camcorders and working with a crew Both

1530 Editing – quick and accurate turnaround Basic tuition

1630 Multi-platform work – need to know

1700 Wrap

Day 2 0900 Team briefing and set up

1000 Course resumes Newsday – Morning conference Selection of stories and assigning reporters.

Course costs **£95 for NUJ members** and places can be booked by contacting joanm@nuj.org.uk

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1030 Explanation of relevant newsroom roles Programme producer and item producers + others

Appointment of newsroom staff for producer roles (from delegates)

1045 Tuition on basic outputting Using relevant equipment

1200 Lunch

1230 Deployment of reporters to locations for news gathering. Reporters do various interviews/collect material/edit short clip for social media and radio and return or send other rushes. Some do live pieces into bulletins.

1400 1st news bulletin Review above Depending on locations this may be done via zoom

1430 2nd news bulletin

1500 Reporters RTB

1515 Hints on voice projection/treatment of guests/etiquette when on location – live or not, etc

1545 Course review

1630 Course ends

1630 - 1700 De-rig and RTB