

Vacancy | Code Committee Member

IMPRESS is the only independent press regulator to be officially recognised by the Press Recognition Panel as being fully compliant with the recommendations of the Leveson Inquiry. It currently regulates 98 publishers reaching over 15 million readers.

IMPRESS is at the vanguard of a new and positive future for news publishers, ensuring that quality, independent journalism flourishes in a digital age.

About the IMPRESS Standards Code

The IMPRESS Standards Code aims to assist journalists by promoting and supporting their work. It also aims to protect the public from invasive journalistic practices and unethical news reporting. The Code is practical and responsive to emerging challenges in the digital era, including issues like verifying the authenticity of sources and information and using content from social media.

The Code was developed with and for the public. It was written by the IMPRESS Code Committee after a rigorous and transparent consultation process, making the first co-created Standards Code for the print and digital press in the UK.

About the role

The Code Committee is responsible for advising the IMPRESS Board on the Standards Code and its guidance. It also reviews the Code and guidance as necessary to ensure that it continues to meet the needs of publishers and the public. It will be responsible for the 2020-22 Code Review; the first comprehensive review of the Code since it came into force in July 2016.

The Code Committee is currently looking for up to two new members.

Time commitment and conditions

The Committee meets three-four times a year for a half day at IMPRESS offices in central London (in the interests of safety during the pandemic, we are currently co-ordinating meetings using video conferencing).

This is an unpaid role, though reasonable expenses can be claimed. Appointments are normally for a period of four years. The new Code Committee member/s is expected to commence in Dec 2020.

Requirements

The Code Committee is made up of members with exceptional experience and understanding of some of the following areas:

- Journalism (working journalists)
- Media ethics
- Media law
- Equalities and human rights

- The public interest
- Ideally, the new member will have experience as a practicing journalist or editor and will be able to demonstrate knowledge and experience in emerging digital editorial practices, conducting investigative work and/or be able to demonstrate knowledge in social media engagement and management.
- Serving editors of publishers regulated by IMPRESS are encouraged to apply.

IMPRESS strives to be an inclusive organisation that celebrates diversity. We welcome applications from all members of the community with relevant skills and experience.

How to apply

If you would like to apply to this position, please send an email at info@impress.press with the subject "Code Committee member Application". Please include your CV and a brief cover letter outlining why you think you'd be right for this position.

Application deadline

The closing date is 5pm x.

Questions?

If you would like to get in touch with any questions regarding this position before applying, contact us at info@impress.press