

Vacancy: Appointment Panel Member

IMPRESS is an independent press regulator, knowledge and resolution centre, pioneering a better, more accountable future for news. Our purpose is to enable people to make informed media choices and inspire publishers, journalists and other content creators to produce high quality information, we can all trust.

We work on behalf of the public and publishers to raise the standards of print and online news reporting and to tackle fake news and misinformation. We do this by **regulating** news gathering practices and content; **educating** journalists, content creators and the public about editorial and publishing best practice, standards and ethics; and by **resolving** complaints and legal disputes about alleged breaches of civil law, editorial standards and user terms and conditions.

IMPRESS is recognised by the Press Recognition Panel as being fully compliant with the recommendations of the Leveson Inquiry. Our Standards Code and regulatory scheme is designed to address the needs of independent news organisations and their digital audiences. We currently regulate 113 publishers, across 210 publications, reaching over 20 million readers each month.

About the role

The Appointment Panel is an independent subcommittee of the IMPRESS Board and is responsible for appointing the right people to lead IMPRESS whilst advising the Board on other matters such as Board composition, governance and assessment policies and practices. The Panel is currently chaired by Chris Kenny and should contain a substantial majority of members who are demonstrably independent of the press. It should also include at least one person with a current understanding and experience of the press. No more than one panel member may be a serving editor of a regulated publisher.

A number of the current Appointment Panel members who were part of IMPRESS' inception have reached the end of their tenure. We want to recruit new members to ensure a smooth transition before the Panel next has to conduct a recruitment exercise.

The Panel is seeking to attract people from a diverse range of backgrounds, skills and experience. There are currently vacancies for two new members: one who is demonstrably independent of the press and the other who has senior or current editorial or journalistic experience. Serving editors of publishers regulated by IMPRESS are also encouraged to apply as are people from backgrounds that are otherwise under-represented in public life.

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

Time commitment and conditions

The time commitment is not expected to exceed four days per year. Much of the Panel's work is conducted by email. Panel meetings and interview

panels will either be held in London or via video conferencing. Appointments are normally for a period of four years and are expected to commence before September 2023. A daily fee of £195 (which is linked to the rates paid to members of Employment Tribunals) is paid plus any out of pocket expenses.

If you have the experience, skills and dedication to help continue building a new era of trust between the press and the public, then the IMPRESS Appointment Panel would be delighted to hear from you.

How to apply

If you would like to apply to this position, please send an email to appointments@impressreg.org.uk with the subject "Appointment Panel member Application." Please include your CV and a brief cover letter outlining why you think you would be a suitable candidate for the position.

Application deadline

The closing date is 11.59pm on Sunday 5th February 2023.

Questions?

If you would like to get in touch with any questions regarding this position before applying, please contact Ed Procter, Chief Executive Officer at ed@impressreg.org.uk