



Course details

Course title

Literature: Secrets of investigative journalism

Course code

Q00019164

Course date

Start: 30/01/25

End: 13/03/25

Number of classes

6 sessions

Timetable

Thu 30th Jan, 10:30 to 12:30

Thu 6th Feb, 10:30 to 12:30

Thu 13th Feb, 10:30 to 12:30

Thu 27th Feb, 10:30 to 12:30

Thu 6th Mar, 10:30 to 12:30

Thu 13th Mar, 10:30 to 12:30

Branch

Leighton Buzzard

Tutor

Rebecca Eliahoo Charles

Fee range

Free to £50.40

How you'll learn

You'll join a small group of fellow learners for classes at the venue indicated. Some materials may be provided in our virtual learning environment.

Got it!

In venue

Venue

Hockliffe Street Baptist Church
33 Hockliffe Street
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Level of study

Beginners

Course overview

If you wonder how people uncover information in the public interest that would usually remain in the dark, this course on investigative journalism is for you. This introductory course highlights the skills needed by investigative journalists when they conduct public interest investigations. Participants explore ways of reporting and editing stories, especially those which usually go unreported. The course will cover definitions of investigative journalism; how to find and plan an investigative story and which sources might be available. It gives a brief introduction to some of the legal and regulatory aspects of journalism.

Course description

Investigative journalism examines how and why something happened and unearths information that might otherwise stay hidden. Investigative journalists research a single topic of interest, such as serious crimes, political corruption, or corporate wrongdoing. An investigative journalist may spend months or years researching and preparing a report. Most investigative journalism has traditionally been conducted by newspapers, wire services, and freelance journalists. With the decline in income through advertising, many traditional news services have struggled to fund investigative journalism, which is time-consuming and expensive. Journalistic investigations are increasingly carried out by news organizations working together, even internationally (as in the case of the Panama Papers and Paradise Papers), or by organizations which rely on the support of the public and benefactors to fund their work.

What financial support is available?

We don't want anything to stand in your way when it comes to bringing Adult learning within reach so if you need anything to support you to achieve your goals then speak to one of our education experts during your enrolment journey. Most of our courses are government funded but if you don't qualify or need alternative financial help to access them then let us know.

What other support is available?

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