



## Course details

### Course title

Professional Development: The Secrets of Investigative Journalism

### Course code

Q00018052

### Course date

Start: 30/04/25

End: 11/06/25

### Number of classes

6 sessions

### Timetable

Wed 30th Apr, 18:30 to 20:00

Wed 7th May, 18:30 to 20:00

Wed 14th May, 18:30 to 20:00

Wed 21st May, 18:30 to 20:00

Wed 4th Jun, 18:30 to 20:00

Wed 11th Jun, 18:30 to 20:00

### Tutor

Rebecca Eliahoo Charles

### Fee range

Free to £33.30

### How you'll learn

You'll join a small group of fellow learners for classes online in video meetings and materials will be provided in our virtual learning environment.

Got it!

Online

## **Venue**

Online

## **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?**

All of our digital content, teaching and learning activities and assessments are designed to be accessible so if you need any additional support you can discuss this with the education experts during your enrolment

journey and we will do all we can to make sure you have optimal access.

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