
Society of Freelance Journalists



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Feeling The Strain

Freelance journalists have unintentionally become one of the sector's few growth industries.


Illustration: Andrew Garthwaite

Our Mission

- SFJ offers advice, moral support, learning and job opportunities for journalists whose main source of income is self-employment.
- Founded in March 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the community has quickly grown to more than 1,000 members.
- More than a third of our members – across 17 time zones – are active on Slack channel each week.

Check-ins


Pinned by Abigail Edge

 **Abigail Edge** 10:06

Happy Monday folks and welcome to this week's accountability thread! If you missed Thursday's excellent Q&A with career coach [@Penelope Jones](#), be sure to [check it out here](#).

As usual, reply in the thread with the most important to-do's on your list this week and let's get some Monday motivation on the go!

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Fist Bump.

Monday: Let's do this.



Laura O 12:00



Good morning, afternoon or evening @here

Welcome to our latest Q&A on **career development and progression** with [@Penelope Jones](#), founder of **My So-Called Career**, an organisation designed to help women in early and mid-career navigate the obstacles holding them back at work

Penny is here to share tips and practical guidance on what freelance journalists can do to **better plan and progress their careers**. This isn't about who to pitch to or when, but rather ideas and advice on how to develop and manage your career.

She'll be answering questions live from **12-1pm (UK)** but you'll be able to re-read the thread after we're done. You might want to talk about:


- How to set meaningful career goals and keep track of them
- Dealing with change or planning for a career change
- Tips for creating space for personal development or new skills
- How to identify and deal with imposter syndrome(s)
- How to find and build support networks for your career and your mental well-being

✨ Let's go! Post your questions below and share your experiences with us



LauraO 09:57



 Normal service resumes - our weekly Zoom call will happen tomorrow (Thursday) at 11:30am (UK time). Join us for a coffee break, share how your working week is going and meet fellow members.

Topic: Society of Freelance Journalists - weekly chat

Time: Oct 15, 2020 11:30 AM London

Every week on Thu, 14 occurrence(s)

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Weekly:

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Regular Meetings

Welcome to the Assembly!

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connecting
freelance
journalists in
Europe

JOIN ASSEMBLY

Have your say in the new inquiry on the future of journalism

The Communications and Digital Committee will scrutinise the challenges the media industry is facing and issue recommendations for the government

Posted: 10 March 2020 By: **Daniel Green**



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What we learned

- *Build a sustainable community without forcing it*
- *Concentrate on your member's needs, not your own.*
- *Right now, we are stronger and better together*

Thank You



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