

Nudge Nudge

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A better tomorrow?

Management's plans to move City subbing to Broughton and create a group picture desk in London have been thrown into reverse by the chapel's strong stance.

The news came after a meeting of chapel representatives and NUJ national organiser Barry Fitzpatrick with editorial director Paul Ashford and managing editor Alex Bannister on Tuesday 28 April.

Management agreed that City subbing will remain in London and that the item marked number three on the agenda – Group Picture Desk – could be dropped from the discussions.

They still have watered-down plans to save money in these areas however and negotiators will be meeting them again next week to discuss their suggestions in fine detail.

The management also hope to press on with plans to pool sports copy and send fewer reporters out to major sporting events as a way of making savings on travel and accommodation costs.

Again, chapel negotiators are resisting this and discussions are to continue.

We have won these concessions thanks to the massive shows of strength at two recent London chapel meetings, backed by expressions of support from Broughton and Glasgow chapels.

Your representatives will continue to argue the case for greater editorial investment – rather than cuts – as a way to improve the paper's competitive edge.

Meanwhile, preparations for the ballot on industrial action continue and full chapel member lists have been put together by Headland House. If you have recently moved or changed your details please send an email detailing the changes to: GaryL@nuj.org.uk.

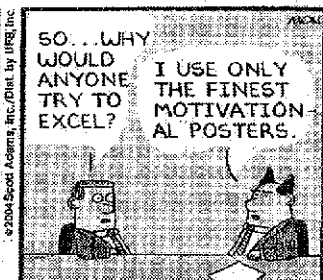
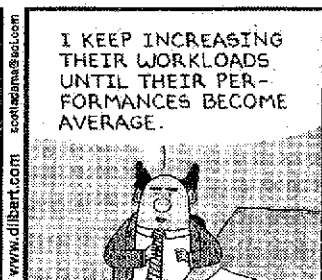
If you are not a member but wish to join you can contact Headland House on 02072787916 for a membership form or see your local union representative.

The NUJ is the only management-recognised union for journalists in this building. There could be rocky times ahead and we will only get through them by sticking together. There is strength and safety in unity.

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