



UK Event

Arab Spring 2011: The freedom to report

Tuesday 3 May

Doors open at 6 pm, event 6:30-8:00, followed by drinks reception hosted by Thomson Reuters
Venue: Thomson Reuters auditorium, South Colonnade, Canary Wharf, London E14 5EP

Speakers include:

Mark Thompson, Managing Editor Multimedia, Thomson Reuters
Shahira Amin, journalist and former TV presenter for Nile TV, Egypt
Alanoud Al Sharekh, International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS) Middle East
Magdi Abdelhadi, broadcaster and Middle East commentator
Hannah Storm, International News Safety Institute (INSI)
Maria Golovnina (Reuters)
Mohammed Abbas (Reuters)
Alan Fisher (Al Jazeera English correspondent)
William Horsley (Chair), Association of European Journalists (AEJ)

Minister of State the Rt Hon Jeremy Browne MP will also send a personal video message for the event

News and images of the uprisings in North Africa and the Middle East have inspired the world. The uprisings have given journalists in the region new opportunities to report more freely, but they have also brought grave dangers. Several have been killed and dozens have been kidnapped, arrested, beaten or expelled from countries in the region, or have disappeared. State controls on the media and surveillance of the Internet are still pervasive.

To mark 2011 World Press Freedom Day, members of the UK National Commission for UNESCO and the UK Press Freedom Network are hosting a public event in London where reporters and media workers from the frontline will tell their stories. Prominent figures from the region as well as the UK will consider the global implications of these dramatic struggles for free reporting and free expression, and what lessons the West should take from the tide of recent events.

UNESCO plays a leading role in the international movement to protect journalists and secure their ability to carry out their work in countries afflicted by conflict or repression.

This is a free event but registration is essential.
To register, please email iwhite@unesco.org.uk or phone 0207 766 3492.

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