



ROYAL
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SOCIETY

LONDON CENTRE

Notice of Annual General Meeting
Wednesday 19th October 2022, 12:30pm

To be held on Zoom:

The link will be sent via email to members signing up 24 hours in advance.

RTS London Centre - Forty Sixth Annual General Meeting

AGENDA

Welcome and Confirmation of Quorum

Minutes of Forty Fifth Annual General Meeting Held on
Tuesday 25th May 2021

Centre Chair's Report on the Past year

Presentation of the London Centre's 2021 Financial Report

Election of the London Centre Committee Members for 2022 - 2025

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Nomination Form for Centre Committee

Minutes of the 45th Annual General Meeting

Minutes of the 45th Annual General Meeting of the RTS London Centre were held virtually on Tuesday 25th May 2021 at 1:00pm via Zoom. In the Chair: Philip Barnes, Chair of the RTS London Centre.

1. Minutes of the 44th Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 27th May 2020

- Accuracy: The minutes of the 44th London Centre AGM were agreed by all members present.
- Matters Arising: There were no matters arising not on the agenda.

2. London Centre Annual Report for 2020

- The report had been circulated alongside the Notice of the Meeting via email by the Hon. Secretary Damien Ashton-Wellman, and further copies were made available for download by members on the RTS website.
- Philip Barnes, the Centre Chair, reported that much of the 2020 events programme had moved online due to COVID-19 restrictions. In total, it hosted 17 events, as well as helping (with RTS Yorkshire) to organise two outings for the RTS Nations and Regions Quiz. Four of these 19 events were held in person, the remainder were online. This in comparison to the Centre having held 13 events in 2019 and 14 in 2018.
- He noted that the Centre had partnered with a variety of organisations throughout the year, including Deloitte, The Children's Media Foundation, the RTS Archives Group, Access:VFX, the DTG, the IET, IBC and the DPP.
- He also reported that 2020 saw the launch of the RTS London Podcast, which distributed on demand audio recordings of the Centre's events. The online reach for events was more than 19,000 streams, consisting of 18,300 views on YouTube and 865 downloads of the podcast.
- Finally, he informed those present that two leading lights of the London Centre – Arthur Pigott and Rick Rickards – sadly died in April. Both were made RTS Fellows in 1987, when the Society celebrated its 60th anniversary.

3. Hon. Treasurer's Report and Balance Sheet

- The Hon. Treasurer David Thomas presented the Centre accounts for the 2020 financial year, which had been circulated in advance to members.
- David Thomas reported that the Centre had carried out the already planned move to the RTS's new centralised financial system. Under this system, regional centres no longer have their own bank accounts, and their Treasurers now interface directly with the centralised system SAGE.
- Centres also no longer receive block grants from the RTS, but instead issue purchase orders and authorise payments to be made by the RTS for these, and for various expenses. These purchase orders are made against an agreed budget set out by Centre Officers and RTS Head Office. The RTS London Centre's traditional Profit and Loss Accounts have therefore been replaced with reports generated by SAGE.
- He went on to state that because the new system came into operation during the year, no variances against budget have been reported, however in reality, the circumstances of 2020 would have made any comparisons with a budget agreed before the pandemic meaningless.
- A budget for 2021 has been agreed with the Society.

4. Election of Committee Members

- Nominations to the Hon. Secretary were received for Liz Cooke, Veronica Newson, Norman Green and Kristin Mason.
- All nominated members were elected nem con.

6. Any Other Business

- Norman Green, a member of the London Centre Committee in attendance, raised a vote of thanks to Philip Barnes in relation to the technological advancements adopted by the RTS London Centre in the wake of the first national COVID-19 lockdown in Spring 2020.

The meeting was closed by the Chair at 1:10pm

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CENTRE CHAIR'S REPORT ON THE PAST YEAR

RTS London produced an impressive depth and breadth of events in 2021; there were 18 events in total, three of which were collaborations with other RTS centres. In 2020, it hosted 17 events, as well as helping (with RTS Yorkshire) to organise two outings for the RTS Nations and Regions Quiz. The centre held 13 events in 2019.

The year's events all took place online, starting in January with "Get the Intel on Intelligence", in which the stars of the returning Sky One comedy series Intelligence, David Swimmer and Nick Mohammed, were in conversation with Boyd Hilton. In "Law and Ordered", the centre looked at how legal and commercial teams in the television industry have responded to Covid-19.

In February, "Too Much TV!" saw an eclectic panel discuss how viewers can discover and navigate television's new world. "TikTok Famous" offered a masterclass from TikTok Executives, as well as Digital Producers at ITV and the BBC.

In March, "Deutschland 89: Behind the wall" heard from the creators of the Deutschland trilogy Anna and Jorg Winger. The RTS London Student TV Awards, held in the same month were live streamed, with the student nominees and jury chairs joining virtually. The host was Britain's first RuPaul's Drag Race UK superstar, The Vivienne. "Full Stream ahead" asked whether streaming was coming to the rescue of the creative industries.

In May, the first of a series of production focuses joined the stellar production team behind Steve McQueen's BBC One series Small Axe.

In July, the centre looked back at the TV coverage of the London 1948 Olympics in the company of Norman Green. Later that month, the creative team behind the reboot of Spitting Image discussed the challenges of updating a British classic for modern, global audiences.

The following month, the centre held a production focus on Children of 9/11, a moving documentary from Arrow Pictures marking the 20th anniversary of the terrorist attack on the US.

In October, the centre hosted an exclusive virtual preview screening and Q&A for new Walter Presents drama Witch Hunt, in which co-creators Anna Bache-Wiig and Siv Rajendram Eliassen were joined by lead actress Ingrid Bolsø Berdal. The same month, "Neurodiversity and Mentally Healthy Productions" was co-produced by one of the centre's newest committee members and RTS bursary scholar, Amber Fisher. "Kids, Covid and Content", a co-production with the Children's Media Foundation, examined how children's broadcasters, producers, digital providers, and online creators responded to the pandemic.

RTS London and Scotland came together in November to present "Behind the Scenes: Sustainability and TV", a virtual panel discussion on the growing importance of sustainability.

In December, the RTS London Christmas Lecture was given by TV legend Dame Esther Rantzen. During the year, London also helped to organise two centre quizzes: "The RTS big telly quiz" and "The RTS big Christmas telly quiz".

Phil Barnes
Chair
RTS London Centre

**RTS LONDON
2021 FINANCIAL REPORT**

The expenditure in 2021 reflected a year of the London Centre continuing to navigate a changing landscape due to the Covid-19 pandemic. As such, spending for venues and hospitality was at an all-time low, with zero spent due to all events being delivered virtually. The only expenditure made by the London Centre was for postage and printing of certificates for the RTS London Student TV Awards, a gift to the host of the Virtual Ceremony in line with RTS rules, production costs maintained for virtual events, and the relevant software required to host them.

2021 PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT

Financial Activities for London Centre	Year to Date
Awards/Certs	975
AV (technical kit)	1211
Equipment	650
Production Crew	1040
Printing/Postage	60
Gifts	30
Total Net Events Expenditure	3,937.00

ELECTION OF THE LONDON CENTRE COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2022 - 2025

Nominations are invited for the Committee of the London Centre. In accordance with the rules, candidates must be nominated by two Centre members and such nominations, together with brief personal details, must be received by the Hon. Secretary of the Centre before noon on Tuesday 18th October 2022 (Appendix Two).

CENTRE COMMITTEE 2021/22

Philip Barnes* | Centre Chair, Carol Owens | Vice-Chair, Liz Cooke | Hon. Finance Officer, David Thomas | Hon. Deputy Finance Officer, Damien Ashton-Wellman | Hon. Secretary, Terry Marsh | Deputy Hon. Secretary, James Cordell*, Daniel Cherowbrier, Amber Fisher*, Norman Green, Lettija Lee, Kristin Mason, Veronica Newson, Tonia Page*, Nick Radlo*, Rosemary Smith*, Aradhna Tayal*

* Retiring by rotation but eligible for re-election.

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The election of Committee members, who serve for three years, will take place at the RTS London Centre Annual General Meeting, which will be held on Wednesday 19th October 2022 at 12.30 p.m. via Zoom.

Link and password will be sent to all members 24 hours in advance.

The personal information provided by the candidates will be available at that meeting.

NOMINATION FOR THE ROYAL TELEVISION SOCIETY LONDON CENTRE COMMITTEE 2022 - 2025

Name	
Full address	
Mobile	
I consent to being nominated for the London Centre Committee	
Date	
Proposed by	
Seconded by	

Please also provide brief personal information such as occupation, area of expertise and other details, which may be of interest to members.

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Please return this completed form by email to rtslondon@rts.org.uk