

Women on Air conference
Thursday 14th June 2018
City, University of London

DRAFT Agenda (this agenda is subject to change and timings may be flexible)

0930 -1000 Arrival and registration

1000 -1005 Welcome from Dr Chris Greer, Dean of the School of Arts and Social Sciences, City, University of London

1005 -1010 Professor Lis Howell announces the latest survey figures for expert women, and women journalists on air 2016 -2018 on six flagship UK news programmes

1010 – 1100 “The Editors’ decision is final” But should it be? The editors of the six programmes discuss the figures! Cait Fitzsimons, Editor C5 News; Paul Royall, Editor BBC “News at Ten”; Julie Hulme, Director of Newsgathering ITN; Ben De Pear, Editor Channel 4 News; Jane Threlfall, Editor News Output, Sky News; Ollie Stone Lee, Deputy Editor “Today” BBC Radio 4 Chair Professor Lis Howell.

1100 – 1125 KEYNOTE and interview - Nicky Morgan MP, Chair of the Treasury Select Committee and former Minister for Women, followed by questions led by Professor Suzanne Franks Head of the Department of Journalism, City, University of London

1125 -1135 Break

1135 - 1200 KEYNOTE and interview – Margot James MP, Minister of State for Digital and Culture, followed by questions led by Cathy Newman, Presenter Channel 4 news

1200 – 1245 “The girls are back in town” Penny Marshall of ITN chairs a returning panel of four young women news reporters. How do they feel about the survey figures and what they say about the future for women reporters? Minnie Stephenson, C5 New, Cordelia Lynch, Sky News, Kathryn Stanczyszyn, and Fatima Manji C4 News in full and frank discussion – their third appearance tracking their careers at “Women on Air”

1245 -1300 The BBC’s 50/50 Campaign – Ros Atkins, presenter of BBC World News “Outside Source” explains how his campaign - now part of BBC policy - works

1300 -1400 Lunch break

1400 -1430 “Just when you thought it was safe....” There is no doubt that the numbers of women on air are slowly increasing in mainstream news – but what about the new kids on the block? Are we cruising in a fool’s paradise while the male world of the geek overtakes on the inside? Panellists Cheryll Simpson, Vice News UK Bureau Chief; Sarah Marshall, data journalist and head of audience growth, Conde Nast; James Ball, author and journalists formerly of BuzzFeed; and Blaitheal Healey, digital editor of CNN International

1430 -1520 “So what are we going to do about it?” Regulation, quotas, the court of public opinion and the law. Panellists Vikki Cooke of Ofcom; Deborah Williams of the Cultural Diversity Network; Andrew Chown of Directors UK; Ade Rawcliffe Head of Diversity ITV; and Jo Swinson MP, Deputy Leader of the Lib Dems.

15:20 – 1530 Break

1530 -1600 KEYNOTE and interview Fran Unsworth, Director, News and Current Affairs, BBC; and questions led by Sima Kotecha, BBC Midlands Correspondent

1600 – 1630 CLOSING COMMENTS AND INTERVIEW Emily Thornberry MP for Islington South and Finsbury, Shadow Foreign Secretary – Speech and then Q&A led by Professor Jane Martinson

1630 – 1800 Reception and Networking