

EQUIPMENT

Saturday 18th April 2015

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Northampton Quaker Meeting House, Wellington Street, Northampton, NN1 3AS.

Recommendation for what people could ideally bring to the day

Note – even without equipment, it will be entirely possible to take a full part in the day. Please don't let any lack of equipment dampen your enthusiasm for what's on offer.

1) A smartphone (<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Smartphone>)

What that means in reality is a mobile phone with a reasonable quality video camera (ideally with resolution of 640 x 480 pixels or higher).

2) A microphone that is compatible with the same phone. I find the iRig to be a good option, it works across many different models of phone (see here (<http://bit.ly/1uP93Gp>) and a related review here (<http://bit.ly/17ta5hk>). I would recommend buying one online though you could also ask your local electrical retailer to order one for you.

3) An existing video upload account (Youtube or other). If you have a gmail account, you have a Youtube account (<http://bit.ly/1jEdCeb>). Others include Vimeo or Dailymotion – take your pick! It would be good to have an account before the event if you want to upload videos straight away.

4) An existing blog (<http://bit.ly/1jijLOP>) or website (Wordpress, etc. or other). This could be a personal blog or website or the one for the organisation for whom you perhaps anticipate doing smartphone video reports in future.

BACKGROUND READING MATERIAL - Recommendation for what people might want to read before the day

1) This (<http://bit.ly/1KSswsea>) is a link to the resource materials and background information delivered for a pilot training session for Quaker citizen journalists that took place at Newcastle Meeting House on 2nd August 2014.

2) You might also want to download a free PDF of Fraudcast News (from here <http://fraudcastnews.net/en/>) or purchase a copy via this link (<http://bit.ly/1J96Eqx>). This makes a case for the building of a mass movement of citizen journalists to shine light on how we might govern our societies better.

PRACTICAL TRAINING MATERIALS - A PDF document, available via this link (<http://bit.ly/1FHi1Xu>) explains, with handy cartoons, the basics of the technique you will be using on April 18. The document will also be emailed to all registered participants ahead of the day.

THOUGHTS ON FUTURE USE OF THE TECHNIQUE – This is entirely personal, varying with each person – of course. People might want to reflect on what they might do once they have learnt how to shoot their own video news reports. What subjects might they cover, for what audience? What existing networks do they have that might want to watch such videos? Discussing this with potential allies before the training event might bring a whole different focus and engagement to participants' individual training experiences. Again, this is not obligatory but optional.

See you on the 18th April - Patrick Chalmers.