

Useful web resources

Audit Bureau of Circulation

<http://www.abc.org.uk/cgi-bin/gen5?runprog=nav/abc&noc=y>

The Audit Bureau of Circulation provides independent verification of data about media performance, providing a major trading currency for media buyers and owners across print, events, digital and evolving platforms.

Rajar

<http://www.rajar.co.uk/>

RAJAR stands for Radio Joint Audience Research and is the official body in charge of measuring radio audiences in the UK. It is jointly owned by the BBC and the RadioCentre on behalf of the commercial sector.

Media UK

<http://www.mediauk.com/>

A useful site listing details for websites, addresses, telephone numbers, live links and more for all areas of the online media, including 851 radio stations, 544 television channels, 1,604 newspapers, and 1,957 magazines.

BARB

<http://www.barb.co.uk/>

BARB (Broadcasters' Audience Research Board) is the organisation responsible for providing the official measurement of UK television audiences used throughout the television industry.

The Newspaper Society

<http://www.newspapersoc.org.uk/>

The Newspaper Society represents and promotes the interests of Britain's regional and local press. It has excellent contact details for local papers as well as information on the sector.

Government News Network

<http://nds.coi.gov.uk/>

The GNN acts as the regional press and information office for some 60 Government departments and agencies. They are a useful first port of call for information or guidance on regional issues and implications. Regional and national press releases from HMG are on their website

OFCOM

<http://www.ofcom.org.uk/>

Ofcom is the independent regulator and competition authority for the UK communications industries, with responsibilities across television, radio, telecommunications and wireless communications services. You can see its broadcasting code which governs how broadcasters should go about their business.

Press Complaints Commission

<http://www.pcc.org.uk/index2.html>

The Press Complaints Commission is an independent body which deals with complaints from members of the public about the editorial content of newspapers and magazines.

Journalisted

<http://www.journalisted.com/>

Journalisted is an independent, not-for-profit website built to make it easier for the public to find out more about journalists and what they write about.

It is non-commercial and non-partisan. It is intended to make the news media more transparent and accountable on behalf of the public (as opposed to journalists or PR). It is an initiative of the Media Standards Trust, a charitable body set up to find ways to foster high standards in news.

Byliner

<http://www.byliner.com/>

Byliner allows you to keep up-to-date with your favourite writers. You can set up a personal list of writers and Byliner will look out for new articles by them. You can be sent daily or weekly emails containing links to these articles.

The Media Standards trust

<http://www.mediastandardstrust.org/home.aspx>

The Media Standards Trust is an independent registered charity that aims to find ways to foster the highest standards of excellence in news journalism on behalf of the public, and ensure public trust in news is nurtured.

Media wise

http://www.mediawise.org.uk/display_page.php?id=83

MediaWise (formerly PressWise), is an independent charity, set up in 1993 by 'victims of media abuse', supported by concerned journalists, media lawyers and politicians in the UK.

National Union of Journalists

<http://www.nuj.org.uk/index.html>

Really useful for keeping up to date on what's happening in journalism.

Journalism.co.uk

<http://www.journalism.co.uk/>

A site for journalists that's well worth a look to see what their main issues are at the moment.

News next

<http://www.newsnext.com/cgi-bin/suite/calendar/calendar.cgi>

a free editorial forward planning tool which allows journalists to spot tomorrow's UK news headlines today.