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Dear Guild Member,

This is an invitation for you to take part in our Annual General Meeting in London on Friday 17 June 2016.

If you want, you can propose a motion, maybe to change the rules of the Guild or to draw attention to a campaign.

Also, you can put yourself forward for a vacant place on our Executive Council. We thrive on energetic writers who can spare a little time to help run their union and make the UK a better place for writers to work.

The deadline for motions and nominations to be received at the Guild office is 12.00 noon on Friday 27 May 2016. Forms can be downloaded (see below) or you can simply email the required information to ellie@writersguild.org.uk.

Guest Speakers:



Amanda Nevill, BFI CEO,

Amanda joined the British Film Institute in 2003. She has led a transformation, creating an internationally influential organisation. In 2011 the BFI became the lead body for film in the UK. Its new strategy, 'Film Forever', covers the cultural, creative and economic aspects of film, with emphasis on education and nurturing the next generation of filmmakers and audiences, and with the aim of underpinning a flourishing

film culture and a prosperous industry. Under Amanda's leadership the BFI has pioneered the development of the BFI Player – a video-on-demand platform for British, archive and international film.



Mark Linsey, Director, BBC Studios

Mark was appointed to head BBC Studios in March 2016, having previously been Acting Director, Television; Controller, Entertainment Commissioning; and Deputy Director, Television. He has been responsible for Strictly Come Dancing, The Apprentice, Michael McIntyre's Comedy Road Show, The Voice, Top Gear, The Graham Norton Show, Have I Got News For You, Comic Relief, The Revolution Will Be Televised and Russell Howard's Good News Show.

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British Copyright Council, Campaign for Press and Broadcasting Freedom, Creators' Rights Alliance, European Writers' Council, Federation of Screenwriters in Europe, Federation of Entertainment Unions, Filmmakers' Alliance, International Affiliation of Writers Guilds, Performers' Alliance, Trades Union Congress, Union Network International, World Intellectual Property Organisation

Project Diamond – there will speakers from the BBC's Project Diamond team to explain the project, which brings together broadcasters, producers and other industry organisations in an initiative to transform diversity in the industry. They will talk about confidentiality and the value to writers of participating in the project.

Please come to the AGM:

Date: Friday 17 June 2016

Time: 10.30am – 5pm

Venue: The Clarence Centre, 6 St George's Circus London, SE1 6FE

Nearest tube station: Elephant & Castle.

If you live a long way from London please contact the WGGB office and we will help to get you there.

AGM papers:

Papers can be downloaded from the Guild website alternatively if you would like a paper copy sent to you then please contact us on 020 7833 0777 (please leave a message with your membership details) or via email at admin@writersguild.org.uk

The meeting is open to all members. Admission to the AGM is by a current membership card. Full Members and Life Members may vote on all matters. Affiliate Members may vote on the presentation and approval of the Accounts. Tea and coffee will be available and lunch will be provided.

Regards and best wishes,



Ellie Peers

Acting General Secretary
Writers' Guild of Great Britain