

**PRESS COMPLAINTS COMMISSION OPEN DAY
7 NOVEMBER 2006
GLASGOW CITY HALLS**

Do you have an opinion on press standards?

**Would you know what to do if you had a complaint about
a newspaper or magazine article?**

Afternoon surgery - Recital Room from 2.30-3.45pm: an informal surgery for anyone who would like more information about the PCC. You can just pop in to pick up some printed information or talk directly with a senior member of the Commission's staff.

Question Time - Recital Room from 4pm: an opportunity to grill a panel of PCC representatives, including its Chairman Sir Christopher Meyer and Charles McGhee, Editor of The Herald and a former press member of the Commission.

Venue: Recital Room, Glasgow City Halls, Candleriggs G1 1NQ

The event is free and open to anyone who wishes to attend. If you wish to reserve a space please contact Tonia Milton on tonia.milton@pcc.org.uk or by telephone 020 7831 0022

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November saw the PCC take to the road again, visiting Glasgow for the latest in its successful series of public Open Days. Held at the City Halls in Glasgow's Merchant's Quarter, some 85 members of the public came along to meet PCC Commission members and staff to find out more about the workings of both the PCC and the UK press industry.

The event began with an informal surgery session, where members of the public quizzed members of PCC staff about a variety of matters related to complaints about newspapers and magazines. Over tea and coffee, small groups and one-to-one discussions ranged from the intricacies of the complaints process and the set-up of the PCC, to the reporting of minority and religious groups, and the system of self-regulation overseen by the PCC. This session was designed to give people the chance to speak to members of staff in private and voice any concerns they might have.

This was followed by a public Question and Answer session, with a panel consisting of PCC Chairman, Sir Christopher Meyer, editor of The Herald, Charles McGhee, PCC Director, Tim Toulmin, and public member of the Commission, Vivien Hepworth. The session lasted for an hour and a half and covered issues such as the powers and sanctions available to the PCC, the potential impact on newspapers of the rise of citizen journalism, the prominence in newspapers and magazines of corrections and apologies negotiated by the PCC, and the degree of independence in the composition of the Commission.

Attendees came from such a wide range of backgrounds, including representatives from Oxfam, the Office of Muslim Affairs, the Scottish Interfaith Council, the Scottish Council for Jewish Communities, LGBT Youth Scotland and the UK Hepatitis C Resource Centre, as well as a number of Media Studies students and members of the public.

The PCC has held two Open Days a year in cities across the UK since 2003. They have been held in Manchester, Edinburgh, Cardiff, Belfast, Newcastle, Liverpool and now Glasgow. In 2007, it is planned that they will be in Birmingham and Leeds – details will be posted on this website in due course. For further information about Open Days in the meantime, please contact the PCC's Information and Events Manager, Tonia Milton, on tonia.milton@pcc.org.uk or 020 7831 0022.

If you attended the Open Day and took a feedback form away with you, we would be very grateful if you could return this to us, either by post to Halton House, 20-23 Holborn, London EC1N 2JD, or by fax to 020 7831 0025. Many thanks.