## Press Complaints Commission Open Day - Birmingham

The Press Complaints Commission is holding an Open Day in Birmingham on Tuesday 27 March 2007. Members of the public are invited to come and meet Commission members as well as PCC staff representatives who will be available to discuss the work of the PCC.

The day will be divided into two parts:

## 2.30 - 3.45pm : Surgery

This session is designed for people who want to have a private, informal chat with a senior member of PCC staff about the print media or about making a complaint to a newspaper. Staff will be on hand to explain how the complaints process operates, and will be able to offer advice on all matters relating to the press, including:

How to make a complaint about a newspaper or magazine; How the PCC's Code of Practice can be used when dealing with journalists and editors; What rights individuals from different groups have under the Code; What people can expect from making a complaint to the PCC. Members of the public who would just like to come along and pick up some information about the PCC are very welcome to do so. Tea and coffee will be available.

## 4pm onwards: Question and Answer session

Members of the public are invited to grill a panel of experts who have experience of the PCC about any aspect of the press or the system of self-regulation. The members of the panel will be: Sir Christopher Meyer, Chairman of the PCC and former Ambassador to the USA, and Press Secretary to Prime Minister John Major ; Vivien Hepworth, public member of the Commission; Tim Toulmin, Director of the PCC and Steve Dyson, Editor of the Birmingham Mail

This will be an excellent opportunity for the public to share their views of the press with senior representatives from the industry, and we very much hope that people from across the community will attend.

The Open Day will be held at The Studio, Cannon Street, Birmingham B2 5EP. Click <u>here</u> for a map. The event is FREE with no ticket required, but it would be helpful if you could register your interest in attending by contacting Tonia Milton on 020 7831 0022 or by email <u>tonia.milton@pcc.org.uk</u>.

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