



CITIZENS' ASSEMBLY FOR NORTHERN IRELAND

PRESS GUIDELINES

Press access will be given at plenary sessions throughout both Citizens' Assembly weekends. This will be granted via an application process to ensure there is adequate space, and that there is a balanced presence across media outlets. Times and locations of these sessions will be made available to the press prior to the weekends, and a Press Liaison Officer will be on hand to assist with enquiries on the day.

Press will be restricted to the observer space and will not be permitted to listen in to the table discussions. Press will also be subject to the general observer guidelines, which will be made available to them prior to the Citizens' Assembly meeting.

Involve may impose press embargos on some of the meeting outcomes, and reserves the right to do so.

Press will be given interview access to members of the organising team and the Citizens' Assembly Advisory Group from the Friday of the both weekends.

Individual members of the Citizens' Assembly are participating anonymously, and therefore the presence of video and photography will be restricted to respect the privacy of members. However, members will be given the option to waive their anonymity should they choose.

The Press Liaison Officer will be able to organise interview access with Assembly members who volunteer for this, from lunchtime each Saturday. Interviews may only take place during times when the Assembly is not sitting eg lunch, during breaks or at the close of business. The organising team reserve the right to restrict press questioning to maintain the integrity of the process and the privacy of other members.

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