

Core Journalism Skills

Libel and other Defamations

By the end of the programme you will:

Know how English and Welsh libel affects publications on paper and in multimedia forms. This will be placed in an international context with the implications of TMG. You will be able to see inadvertent libel in the use of text, music, video and other media.

Course content:

Libel

- The balance of the right to freedom of expression and the right to defend reputation
- The place of English and Welsh libel in the international context for paper and multimedia publications

What the claimant has to prove for all media

- Publication
- Identification
- Defamation

What the claimant wants

- Apology and correction
- Damages
- Injunction
- Costs

The main defences for all media

- Justification
- Fair comment
- Privilege
- Review
- Consent

The differences between paper and multimedia libel issues

International comparisons

- The USA
- Germany
- France

Other defamation actions

- Slander
- Malicious falsehood

TMG legal procedures and services

Who should attend: Anybody reporting, writing and editing in any media who has not been on a libel course before

Duration: 1 day