

Saturday 6th September 2025 at 10.30am
Reardon Smith Lecture Theatre, NMW, Cathays Park, Cardiff

Martin Shipton

Associate Editor of Nation.Cymru, a Welsh national news website
will give a talk entitled

The Welsh Media Crisis

Martin will examine how and why journalism in Wales is facing an existential crisis
and what should be done about it

A former UK Reporter of the Year, Martin is also an activist in the National Union of Journalists, currently chairing the union's South Wales Branch. In November 2024 he was named Welsh Journalist of the Year for his coverage of the events leading to the resignation of First Minister Vaughan Gething.



Martin Shipton is Associate Editor of Nation.Cymru, a Welsh national news website. Previously he was Political editor-at-large of the Western Mail and before that the paper's long-serving chief reporter. He was brought up in London - his father from Pembrokeshire and his mother from Essex - and read English and Related Literature at York University, going on to do the postgraduate journalism course at what is now Cardiff University. After working for the Northern Echo newspaper in the north east of England, where he lived in a pit village during the miners' strike, he came to work for Wales on Sunday at the end of 1994. He has covered the National Assembly - now the Senedd - since it was set up in 1999. Martin is also the author of three books, most recently Mr Jones: The Life and Death of Gareth Jones, a biography of the Barry-born journalist who exposed the man-made famine that killed an estimated four million Ukrainians in 1932-33.

The fee of £10 for the talk followed by coffee and biscuits in the Oriel Suite may be paid on the day as follows:

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