

“I had a gut feeling that I’d need support from the NUJ at some time and I wasn’t wrong. I’d observed colleagues on temporary contracts being ‘let go’ as the economic crisis took hold and I saw them struggle to find free legal help and even support from an understanding professional community. They weren’t members of the NUJ. I joined, and got the excellent advice to become a joint member of the NUJ and NVJ. Not long afterwards, my own job was threatened and I needed support and free legal advice. I got both. Psychological support and useful advice from the NUJ branch in the Netherlands, and a Dutch lawyer to help me negotiate the details of a contract closure that would work in my favour”

Natasha

“As a reporter, sooner or later you are going to upset someone. Years ago I was threatened with never being able to work in the Netherlands again. As a freelancer working abroad you feel very vulnerable, but I was able to call on prompt legal advice both from the NUJ and NVJ.

Suddenly you know where you stand; the problem is put into perspective. You realise your subs are worth it to be part of a larger organisation. The threat came to nothing.”

Tony

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Who we are

NUJ members work in all areas of the media including staff and freelancers working at home and abroad in broadcasting, newspapers, news agencies, magazines, books, public relations, communications, online media and photography. We work as journalists, photographers, bloggers, podcasters, reporters, presenters, editors, designers, illustrators, TV and radio producers, press officers and copywriters. Think of some aspect of content provision and NUJ members do it – even compiling crosswords. The NUJ has members who work for themselves as freelancers, and members who work full-time for large and small employers. We have contract workers and members who own and run small businesses. Every one of us believes in the principle that together we can move mountains. When at least 50 per cent of eligible employees in a workplace belong to the NUJ, the union has real leverage with the employer. And freelancers working for the same company can get support from their colleagues. The NUJ builds muscle.

Calling all freelancers!

If you work on your own, or run your own company, the NUJ can help you network, find opportunities, learn from fellow members, and get trained. The union will make you stronger, and that's always an advantage.

About NUJ Netherlands

The Netherlands branch of the UK and Irish-based National Union of Journalists is comprised of English-speaking reporters, writers, editors and photographers living and working in the Netherlands. Since 1995, we have offered a central point for Dutch-based journalists to discuss their work, defend employment conditions, and campaign on media issues. We meet once a month in Amsterdam and hold regular social events. Join us today.

The NUJ Netherlands offers its members:

1

Practical help

Get your questions answered, the chance to discuss issues of concern and the close support you need in any difficulties with employers or commissioning editors.

2

Press cards

UK, international and Dutch. The NUJ Netherlands branch has an agreement with the Dutch Journalists' Association (NVJ) to offer NUJ members living in the Netherlands dual membership and a Dutch press card.

3

Legal advice

The NUJ Netherlands branch can point you to where to get legal advice and protection in the Netherlands, the UK and elsewhere.

4

Expat advice

Tap into decades of experience to help you deal with the intricacies of living and working in the Netherlands, including taxation, social security and freelance status issues.

5

Work opportunities

Gain access to job offers and requests from commissioning editors from across Europe on our Grapevine network. Place your details free on the NUJ freelance directory.

6

Regular communication

Keep up to date through the Netherlands branch mailings, website and Facebook group.

7

Sense of community

Stave off expatriate and freelance isolation by joining a cohesive community of journalists.

8

Social events

Join others at branch meetings, summer socials and other activities.

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National organisation

Access all the publications and services of the NUJ, the UK's largest journalists and media workers' organisation. These include the Journalist magazine, the freelance fees guide, low-cost, high-quality training, and numerous discounts on a variety of products such as Apple computers and insurance. You can also get involved in the union's decision-making and campaigning.

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International focus

The NUJ Netherlands branch brings together media workers from across the world and is a great way to keep up with who's doing what in the global media marketplace.