

Trauma and Journalism: the media's role in reporting tragic events and the impact on news professionals.

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Level: Suitable for All

Trauma is news. For a society to function people need to know about the worst things that can befall individuals and their communities. Journalists are tasked with disseminating information on war, natural disasters, violent crime, sexual abuse cases, traffic accidents, and all other kinds of human tragedy.

This workshop has two principle aims: first, to explore the occupational health risks journalists encounter, either as first responders to immediate trauma or as investigators working on in-depth stories; and secondly, to discuss how trauma professionals and journalists might work together more closely to produce better-informed writing and programming on traumatic events.

Those attending the workshop will gain an insight into the ethical and practical dilemmas facing journalists, the latest innovations in trauma support for media professionals, and how the news cycle responds to breaking events. It should be of use to anybody who works with media professionals or with those affected by press coverage. The workshop will not be a media training session, but there will be space to discuss what clinicians need to know when communicating with the media.