

LOCAL NEWS: How does it work for you ?



How local
media finds
and selects
its news ...
How you can
make it work
(better) for you

OXFORD
TOWN HALL
Saturday
March 5 2005
2 pm - 5pm
with film Outfoxed
from 12.45pm

Oxfordshire Local News Campaign
Speaking up for your right to know...

How is news gathered in Oxfordshire?

What are the strengths of local media?

Where are the gaps?

How is it changing with technology?

How can you influence local news?

An afternoon of workshops led by local journalists will give you information and seek your input. Be briefed by those who collect and deliver the news.

With big decisions being made in 2005 about local news coverage, now is the time to have your say.

12.45 **Film: Outfoxed** (*the way news has gone in the USA*)

12.30-2.00pm **Registration**

2.00pm **Introduction to local news services**

2.15 - 4.30pm **Workshops on public service broadcasting,
local radio and TV,
and local newspapers**

*all workshops led by local journalists -
each workshop lasts 30 minutes*

4.30 - 5.00pm **The way forward** for the Local News Campaign

Oxfordshire Local News Campaign – we stand for:

- 1 All local media should commit themselves to public service values of fairness and balance, reflecting the diversity of Oxfordshire communities.
- 2 Local media should employ enough journalists to ensure high quality local services and staffing levels should be protected.
- 3 BBC and ITV should undertake to protect and expand local programming and services.
- 4 The BBC should continue to be funded by the licence fee as a commitment to public service and quality.
- 5 Local media organisations should participate in a local forum to explain how they meet their obligations, and to listen to public views.