

## CPG on Tackling Islamophobia

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John Boothman (Sunday Times Scotland)  
David Clegg (Daily Record);  
Alan Crow (Scottish Daily Mail);  
John McLellan (Scottish Newspaper Society);  
Alan Muir (Scottish Sun); Richard Neville (DC Thomson);  
Ian Small (BBC Scotland);  
Nathan Tyler (STV); representative of Herald newspapers.

**Introduction**

Anas Sarwar welcomed everyone to the meeting including the editors from their respective media organisations. Anas commented on the importance of media and pays thanks to the entire journalist who do hard job in reporting the news in an increasingly negative environment with the media.

**Editors**

Anas opened up with questions on impact of news to minority communities, what lessons could be learned from previous prints and media reporting. Editors than individual talked about their background.

Anas then opened the discussion to the floor.

Topics from members ranged from the wording of several news items, which seemed negative to ethnic minorities. Young members shared their experience from negative There was also a discussion on what the media plans to do to increase diversity in media organisations – how to increase more from the ethnic minority communities.

**Conclusion**

Anas thanked everyone for attending. Pledged to have a media stream for the CPG. Editors were happy to invite members of the CPG news visits.