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PCC Open Day in Glasgow 7 November 2006

PRESS COMPLAINTS COMMISSION OPEN DAY Tuesday 7 November 2006

Do you have an opinion on press standards? Would you know what to do if you had a complaint about a newspaper or magazine? Come and meet us and talk to us about your concerns

The Press Complaints Commission is holding an Open Day in Glasgow on Tuesday 7 November. Members of the public are invited to come and meet Commission members as well as PCC staff representatives who will be available to discuss the work of the PCC.

The day will be divided into two parts:

2.30 - 3.45pm: Surgery

This session is designed for people who want to have a private, informal chat with a senior member of PCC staff about the print media or about making a complaint to a newspaper. Staff will be pleased to explain how the complaints process operates, and will be able to offer advice on all matters relating to the press, including:

- How to make a complaint about a newspaper or magazine
- How the PCC's Code of Practice can be used when dealing with journalists and editors
- What rights individuals from different groups have under the Code
- What people can expect from making a complaint to the PCC

Members of the public who would just like to come along and pick up some information about the PCC are very welcome to do so.

4pm onwards: Question and Answer session

Members of the public are invited to grill a panel of experts who have experience of the PCC about any aspect of the press or the system of self-regulation. The members of the panel will be:

- **Sir Christopher Meyer**, Chairman of the PCC and former Ambassador to the USA, and Press Secretary to Prime Minister John Major
- Charles McGhee, Editor, The Herald, and former press member of the Commission
- Vivien Hepworth, public member of the Commission
- Tim Toulmin, Director of the PCC

With issues such as media convergence and press regulation currently hot topics of discussion, we are looking forward to some lively conversations! This will be an excellent opportunity for the public to share their views with senior representatives from the press industry, and we hope that people from all sections of the community will attend.

The Open Day will be held at the **Recital Room, Glasgow City Halls, Candleriggs, Glasgow G1 1NQ** on Tuesday 7 November 2006. Click <u>here</u> for a map.

No ticket is required, but it would be helpful if you could register your interest in attending by contacting Tonia Milton on 020 7831 0022 or by email tonia.milton@pcc.org.uk

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