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## FIRST TUESDAY [News Reviews from 2012](#)

The First Tuesday discussions on *current affairs* aim to provide attendees with a way of developing and testing their understanding of a range of current affairs topics; improving their journalistic capabilities so that they can write opinion or comment style articles for the regional or national media or blogs, respond with a thoughtful angle on radio chat shows, TV talk shows or maybe just have an interesting angle to respond at work with.

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### The topics discussed in December 2012 were:

- [Press Freedom and Leveson](#) - introduced by [Denis Joe](#)
- [Israel, Palestine and the Middle East](#) - introduced by [Simon Belt](#)

### The topics discussed in August 2012 were:

- [The Olympic Dream](#) - introduced by [Alexander Beaumont](#)
- [Zimbabwe: a problem for Britain to solve?](#) - introduced by [Georgina Kirk](#)

### The topics discussed in July 2012 were:

- [Rio+20 and Privatising Democracy](#) - introduced by Craig Thomas
- [The Queen's Jubilee handshake](#) - introduced by [Denis Joe](#)

### The topics discussed in June 2012 were:

- [Conservation: reflecting a fear of the future?](#) - introduced by [Mark Iddon](#)
- [The Welfare State: does it develop dependency?](#) - introduced by Dave Wenham

### The topics discussed in May 2012 were:

- [Gay Marriage](#) - introduced by Stephen Almond
- [Jamie Oliver and the Food Police](#) - introduced by Simon Belt

### The topics discussed in April 2012 were:

- [Tweet Tweet and freedom of expression](#) - introduced by [Mark Iddon](#)
- [Promoting sport and the Olympic legacy](#) - introduced by [Emily Pitts](#)

**The topics discussed in March 2012 were:**

- [Workfare](#) - introduced by [Mark Harrop](#)
- [Anti-Counterfeiting Trade Agreement](#) - introduced by [Emma Short](#)

**The topics discussed in February 2012 were:**

- [Leveson inquiry](#) - introduced by [Denis Joe](#)
- [Low ambitions and pay restraint](#) - introduced by [Simon Belt](#)

**The topics discussed in January 2012 were:**

- [Schools: What are they good for?](#) - introduced by [Jane Turner](#)
- [New Year, New Optimism?](#) - introduced by [Ian Betts](#)