



Current affairs discussions every [FIRST TUESDAY](#)

The **Manchester Salon** has been organising challenging public discussions on a wide variety of political, cultural and social topics for the last few years. Topics are usually decided a few months in advance to enable (subject) experts to be invited and booked, allowing regular and occasional attendees to try and interrogate themes in detail, in context and with some crucial insights.

There has been a desire by a few attendees to supplement discussions on social trends with ones focussed more immediately on recent news and **current affairs**. For example, a

discussion this week could focus on a political scandal, response to 'extreme' weather event or an international or diplomatic crisis.

Started in February 2011, the Manchester Salon now organises some discussions on current affairs on the **FIRST TUESDAY** of each month. These discussions 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 with at work.

How does it work?

Suggested topics for these FIRST TUESDAY discussions should be sent to reviews@manchestersalon.org.uk along with any recommended readings in the week before the first Tuesday of each month. The introducer for that month will decide by Sunday night before the Tuesday discussion on the two or three topics to focus on, posting these and their draft attempt at an opinion or comment piece with some suggested readings on the [current affairs](#) section of the website.

On the Tuesday evening, their opinion piece will be presented as the introduction, inviting those attending the discussion to respond with their own views, nuances and suggestions of how the article could be improved. The opinion piece should subsequently be updated and published on the website with a view to trying to get it published elsewhere, maybe in modified form.

[News Review](#) on Tuesday 6 Feb 2018, starting at 7:00pm

The topics selected for discussion this month are:

- **First Topic - introduced by first author**
- **Second Topic - introduced by second author**