

Vote and stand in Equity's 2026 elections!

It is you – the members – who decide the direction of the union, and our elections are one way for you to do that. By standing for an elected position or voting for who you want to represent you, you get to have your say on what Equity does next.

In 2026, the union will hold elections for:

President: The most prominent member within the union. They chair the Council, conference, and other meetings, and represent the union nationally and internationally.

Council: The union's governing body and principal executive committee, it is the key-decision-making body within the union.

Appeals Committee: Hears and decides on members' disciplinary appeals.

Conference Business Committee: Responsible for managing the business of conference – the annual event when representatives from across the membership get to decide the union's agenda and rules.

They will be elected for a two-year term, from July 2026 to July 2028.

All members (aged 16 and over) will be eligible to vote and all members (aged 18 and over) will be eligible to stand for election (rules apply to be able to stand for some seats).

Nominations will open in March and will be managed online by our new elections provider, Civica. They will send round a link to all members when nominations open. If you require a physical nomination paper, please write to swinter@equity.org.uk; Sam Winter, Equity, FREEPOST RTKS-BRUB-LYJR, Guild House, Upper St Martin's Lane, London WC2H 9EG (no stamp required). The independent scrutineer appointed to oversee the elections is Civica.

The full timetable is included below:

September 2025	Timetable and scrutineer for elections published to members in the Autumn/Winter 2025 Equity magazine.
Wednesday 4 March 2026	Nomination papers sent to all members by email and online nominations process opens. (Paper nominations form available on request).
Monday 20 April 2026	Provisional nominations deadline. Members who have started the process by this date will be offered support to complete their nominations by the final deadline.
Friday 24 April 2026	Final deadline. Nominations close at 12 noon.

Wednesday 20 May 2026	Ballot papers and election statements sent to members. Voting opens.
Wednesday 1 July 2026	Ballot closes at 12 noon.
Thursday 2 July 2026	Target date for the delivery of the independent scrutineer's report on the elections. Nominations for Vice-Presidents and Honorary Treasurer sent to elected Councillors and papers for the first meeting of the newly elected Council circulated.
Tuesday 14 July 2026	First meeting of the newly elected Council.