



## VLV SPRING CONFERENCE 2019

### Protecting the citizen interest in today's broadcasting market

VLV's 36th Annual Spring Conference

Thursday 9 May 2019

10.30 am – 4.00 pm

*The Geological Society, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London W1J 0BG*

- 09.45 Registration and coffee
- 10.30 Welcome: **Colin Browne**, Chairman, VLV
- Politics on TV and Radio**
- Dorothy Byrne**, Head of News and Current Affairs, Channel 4  
**Mark Damazer CBE**, Master of St Peter's College, Oxford  
**Polly Toynbee**, Columnist, *The Guardian*  
Chaired by: **Torin Douglas MBE**
- 11.30 **How Should the internet be regulated?**
- Dr Victoria Baines**, Visiting Fellow, Bournemouth University  
**Lord Gilbert**, Chairman of the Lords Committee for Communications  
**Professor Richard Tait**, Cardiff University  
Chaired by: **Emma Goodman**, Policy Officer, LSE Media Policy Project
- 12.15 Lunch
- 13.15 **VLV Awards for Excellence in Broadcasting 2018** presented by **Jan Ravens**
- 14.00 **The implications of the BBC paying for free TV Licences for the over 75's**
- Caroline Abrahams**, Charity Director, Age UK  
**Richard Ayre**, former BBC Trustee  
**Claire Enders**, Founder, Enders Analysis  
Chaired by: **Will Wyatt CBE**, former Chief Executive, BBC Broadcast
- 15.00 **Traditional Radio – Challenges in the age of streaming**
- Pete Naughton**, Senior Audio Producer, Telegraph Media Group  
**Steve Parkinson**, Group Managing Director, Bauer Media  
**Helen Thomas**, Head of Content Commissioning, BBC Radio 2
- Chaired by: **Gillian Reynolds MBE**, Radio Critic for *The Sunday Times*
- 16.00 **End of Conference** – tea and coffee
- 16.15 VLV Members' Forum (*VLV members only*)

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