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I would very much like to welcome you to the AJE UK Annual Conference 2023, being hosted by Edinburgh Napier University.

This year our theme is: The future of journalism education in an age of growing authoritarianism.

As always journalism educators from across the UK, and the world, responded with abstracts that were creative, scholarly and addressed the challenges that the worlds of journalism education and journalism face in increasingly authoritarian environments.

Over the next two days we will hear from colleagues whose research will address some of these challenges and learn more about the ways in which we can prepare our graduates to meet these demanding times.

This year we have introduced our AJE INNOVATE session where colleagues will share their ideas on how their teaching and research practice can help all of us! We look forward to lively and informative session.

Our keynote speakers bring a wealth of experience and insight on their respective themes and we welcome Dr Vivienne Francis, Leandro Demori and

Rich Conniss. We know we will all learn much from them.

Thanks also to Edinburgh Napier University for supporting our conference. The support of member institutions is crucially important to the work of the AJE.

The last few years have been very challenging and hope that the work of the AJE UK in bringing our members a range of online conferences and events reminds us all of the vibrancy of the work being done by journalism educators.

I hope you enjoy this year's Annual Conference, I feel sure you will. This will be my last as AJE UK Chair, which has been one of the great privileges of my professional life, and I know that AJE will continue to grow and prosper – and support our members in their teaching and research. Thank you for your support over the years.

Best.

Dr Margaret Hughes
AJEUK Chair