

## **Trinity Mirror appoints new Editor for Teesside Evening Gazette**

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press release

Darren Thwaites has been appointed as the new Editor of the Evening Gazette, Teesside.

Darren, 37, is currently Trinity Mirror's Editorial Development Manager, Regionals. He takes up his new role on Monday 1st August.

He replaces Steve Dyson, who is leaving the paper to become Editor of the Birmingham Evening Mail, another Trinity Mirror title.

Darren began his journalism career in 1989 on the Express and Chronicle weekly series, and also worked on the Huddersfield Daily Examiner, his home-town newspaper.

He is a former Deputy Editor of the Evening Express in Aberdeen, where he spent more than six years in a variety of senior roles.

He joined Trinity Mirror in April 2003 as Editorial Development Manager, reporting to Regionals Editorial Director Neil Benson and working with editors around the Group.

In this role, he promoted industry-leading best practice and led a range of major editorial development and research programmes across the company's regional newspapers.

Georgina Harvey, Trinity Mirror's Managing Director, Regional Newspapers, said: "Darren is the perfect choice to continue the Evening Gazette success story. He has wide experience as a senior journalist and has pioneered editorial development initiatives across Trinity Mirror.

"As with the Liverpool Echo and Birmingham Evening Mail we have been able to appoint an internal candidate to fill this important position, which shows once again that Trinity Mirror is somewhere that attracts and nurtures the industry's very best editorial talent."

Darren Thwaites said: "The Evening Gazette is a superb regional newspaper with a passionate team of journalists. I'm looking forward to building on their enviable record of success.

"Working closely with editors across Trinity Mirror has been a great experience and I'm grateful for their support over the last two years.

"I'm very fortunate to have had the opportunity to be involved in so much product development across so many different titles.

"I can't wait to get stuck into the issues that affect people's lives in the Tees Valley and ensure the Evening Gazette continues to play a major role in the region."