

Facts that Jeremy Dear and NUJ Lawyers do not want NUJ Members to know.

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The author has little personal knowledge of other branches and chapels which do not form part of intended civil and criminal complaints; therefore, he has no opinion on their activities. Adverse comments, all verified and validated to insure accurate reporting, meet legal requirements.

Language, a powerful tool in shaping views and reflecting public attitudes and perceptions can also form barriers that prevent people of every age from trade union assimilation. For example, National Union of Journalists (NUJ) called upon journalists to use better-researched and more balanced coverage to avoid stereotyping older people then its officials indulged in a campaign of derogation.

NUJ states that it has always urged journalists to avoid hyperbole in ways that cause offence or encourage discrimination; however, insincerity rules among many NUJ and LFB officials when they encounter senior citizens. They claim to respect elderly people then give only lip service and act without any real conviction. Agism has a detrimental effect on older people which needs addressing to ensure fair treatment and without discrimination.

Reportedly, 58% of elderly people think that media portrays them negatively and not as diverse individuals who encompass wide interests. NUJ officials and officers, who should know better, repeatedly use stereotypes and clichés that portray elderly people as “mad” and “deranged”. By that, the do not follow NUJ published recommendations and make themselves legally liable under Employment Equality (Age) Regulations 2006.

Agism (age discrimination) exists in many areas of life. It not only causes personal hardship and injustice but also harms the economy. An organization's negative attitude toward older people

frequently results in their receiving a lower quality of service which violates equal rights laws introduced to insure that they can participate and enjoy all the benefits of modern society.

British Society of Gerontology aims to promote the understanding of human aging and later life through research and communication. It seeks to foster improvement of the quality of life in old age. In general, the health of elderly people has improved over previous generations as more people receive better medical care throughout their lives.

Recent gerontological studies of elder abuse committed by executive and elected officials took into account biological, psychological, and sociological phenomena associated with old age and aging. They showed that when considering age and aging, class discrimination in a democratic society does not necessarily relate to rank or money but more to race and age bias.

Gerontological studies emphasize the social and behavioral aspects of aging and commonly define old age as beginning at age 65. Those studies addressed the treatment of seniors and how they themselves deal with the inevitable problems of aging, particularly issues involving health and income.

Health problems included normal losses in hearing, eyesight, and memory, and the increased likelihood of chronic diseases. Age Concern¹ reported that on average the public thinks that youth ends at 49 and old age starts at 65; however, perceptions vary. People 16 through 25 think 55 is old, while people over 75 consider 58 young. In that respect, Jeremy Dear, General Secretary, National Union of Journalists (NUJ) and his retinue of sycophants show contempt for anyone that they cannot control absolutely, regardless of age. [*Satire and Sociopaths*]

Dear stonewalled a request (13 Jan 09) for a copy of NUJ grievance procedures associated with Employment Equality (Age) Regulations and a meeting to discuss age discrimination accompanied by a union representative. He responded: “. . . [your] comments have no relevance and consequently I will not be supplying any of the information you request”. In like manner, Reginald [Tim] Gopsill, Editor, *Journalist* magazine admitted to deliberately enforcing a seven-year media blackout on illegal imprisonment and torture by writing: "I have always avoided reporting them".

Gopsill replied to a previous inquiry (17 Oct 08) concerning articles published in *Journalist* magazine about Gareth Thomas MP. He wrote: "I told you - I have nothing - your name has never appeared in the *Journalist* and neither has that of Gareth Thomas. I am certain I have no material related to you or your activities because I have always avoided reporting them"; however, a search at British Library revealed a full page article about a questionable government "grant" to NUJ.² [*Derogation*]

That article described a conflict of interest and *quid pro quo* (00 Aug 05) which Dear and Gopsill now attempt to cover up: "Journalists have a crucial role to play in the battle for development,

said junior minister Gareth Thomas as he launched a project that will offer the NUJ up to £262,000 over three years to promote greater awareness of global poverty. Coming in the form of a "strategic grant agreement" which began on January 1 this year, the project will help the union produce educational material and encourage good journalism around the world".
[*Questionable Quid Pro Quo*]

The media blackout imposed by Dear and Gopsill has exacerbated false imprisonment and pension complaints. Dear has for seven years covered up his part in the illegal media blackout and gag orders placed on all aspects of NUJ support for a senior member. Thomas has covered up his neglect to address the FCO and pension issues for five years instead of investigating them while they have their snouts in the same trough. The conflict of interest among Dear, Gopsill, and Thomas has resulted in the present impasse with each covering up for the other in perceived mutual blackmail.

In another scam, Roy M Mincoff (in-house lawyer already under investigation by Solicitors Regulation Authority for professional misconduct) continued to insult the intelligence of a senior. He sent a message containing a "bait and switch" for which he used a proxy, a pseudonym, and an email alias. By that, he frustrated access to NUJ documents permitted under Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992 after demanding payment of an administrative fee in advance.

The term "pensioner", used by NUJ to describe retired members, in itself promotes a discriminatory stereotype. It defines older people as non-participatory and typifies them as a drain on the economy. This promotes attitudes of either pity or condescension even when they continue to work full-time for the public good.

Retired journalists (Gray Panthers) provide a forum in which a powerless constituency can express itself powerfully without fear of reprisal. Formed in circa 1970, the Gray Panthers movement characterizes senior citizens as sharp, lively people who do not stay away from controversy. They provide a voice for the voiceless by exposing injustices meted to them by a privileged elite that increasingly usurps authority.

Gray panthers warn elderly people about frauds and deprivation of rights perpetrated by dishonest family members, confidence tricksters, and trade unions to whom society grants impunity through an anarchic and uncaring government. They also expose those who exhibit arrogance by considering elderly people inferior instead of learning from their experience. Journalists among them have a responsibility to publish details of that elder abuse.

NEC has deliberately neglected to act on cases of elder abuse which indicates a need for an ombudsman - an independent appointee who investigates complaints by NUJ members. That person would publicly report its findings and independently mediate fair settlements between aggrieved trade union members and officers/officials especially those members who suffer

discrimination through executive ignorance. The present NUJ structure epitomizes anarchy and the grievance process supports kangaroo courts³ and dumb insolence.

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1. Age Concern. Social exclusion means being unable to access the things in life that most of society takes for granted. Parliament and politics rank as a major influence on the lives of older people. Age Concern actively promotes older people's interests to Government and politicians from across the political parties. Its Government and Parliamentary Affairs team works with key decision makers to raise older people's issues on the political agenda and influence Government policy.
<http://www.ageconcern.org.uk/>

2. NUJ. Government in Pledge to 'Tell It Like It Is'. *The Journalist* (August 2000), p.12.

3. kangaroo court. A scheduled meeting with a specific agenda characterized by dishonesty or incompetence and set up in violation of established legal procedure.

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