



UK journalists recognised for contribution to Diversity issues

"Partners in Crime" by Helene Mulholland named best national article in EU Journalist Award

"The Mother Priest" by Eva-Lotta Jansson named best national photo in EU Journalist Award

A print article about discrimination in employment on the grounds of sexual orientation, and a photo depicting equality for female priests have been selected national winners for the UK in the EU's 'For Diversity. Against Discrimination.' Journalist Award 2005.

The annual competition recognises work that contributes to a better understanding of the benefits of diversity and the fight against discrimination in employment. The two UK winners will now go through to the European Finals on March 15th 2006, where an independent EU jury will decide the European winners from 25 national finalists.

The distinguished UK jury was comprised of: **Simon Walker** (Photo Editor for The Times); **Beatrix Campbell** (Freelance Journalist); **Arthur Phillips** (Department for Work and Pensions); **Zoe Mayne** (Commission for Racial Equality); **Tom Berry** (Disability Rights Commission).

The jury selected the article, "Partners in Crime", published 17th August 2005 in The Guardian on the basis of the following rationale:

"The jury was impressed by the relevance of the article to the campaign, the quality of writing and the author's commitment to providing an original take on discrimination issues in employment. Jury members were engaged by the content and characters in the article, and felt that it provided an interesting overview of attitudes to homosexuality and sexual politics in the Public Sector in post-war Britain. The jury also noted that the article not only dealt with issues of sexuality, but also with age, challenging the false stereotype that gay men do not sustain long-term relationships."

The jury selected the photo, "The Mother Priest", published 17th December 2005 in The Saturday Times Magazine on the basis of the following rationale:

"The jury deemed 'The Mother Priest' to be highly thought provoking and shot with considerable sensitivity. It was felt that the photo makes a strong statement in itself, and that the audience does not require further contextual information to fully appreciate the impact of the photo. The jury particularly liked the way it subtly portrays the struggle by women for employment equality in the Church, and the way it presents a working-mother alternative to the established iconography of 'mother and child'."

The jury selected the winners from a shortlist of 20 print entries, and 18 photo entries. In total 380 valid entries were considered for the award, from over 500 entries received in total.





The Journalist Award 2005 included a new photo category, where photojournalists were asked to submit photographs representing the theme of diversity in employment. The national juries voted for their favourite from a selection of photographs from several countries.

A pan-European jury will select the European winners of both categories on March 15th 2005 in Brussels. Members of the distinguished EU jury include: **Joachim Fritz Vannahme** (Staff Writer for the German weekly *Die Zeit*); **Anne-Sophie Parent** (European Platform of Social NGOs); **Shada Islam** (Freelance Journalist specialising in EU foreign policy); **Jan Garup** (Photographer at Politika and winner of the World Press Photo Award 2005 in the category "Daily Life photo series"); **Claude Moraes** (MEP); **Giuseppe Zafutto** (European Journalism Centre).

Journalist Award 2006

Following the success of previous years, the Journalist Award will continue in 2006. This year's award will accept articles published in print and online media. For the first time it will be open to articles about discrimination and diversity published in internal newsletters and company magazines. In addition, 2006 will see the introduction of a special award for young journalists.

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"For Diversity. Against Discrimination."

The European Commission, Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities DG is running a five-year pan-European information campaign on combating discrimination on the grounds of racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, age, disability and sexual orientation. The campaign "For Diversity. Against Discrimination." is designed to inform people about their rights under EU anti-discrimination legislation as well as promoting the positive benefits of diversity in the workplace.

Further information about the campaign is available at www.stop-discrimination.info

