The Rate for the Job

The NUJ has raised some of the more significant suggested rates in the Freelance Fees Guide. Evidence from your submissions to the Rate for the Job shows that rates for 1000 words for prominent newspaper stories and in high-end magazines have increased. Lower-profile magazines, however, are not keeping pace with these increases. Rate for the Job shows that familiarity opinion, below par. Treat all rates as minimum.

Broadcasting: Channel 4 News reporting day £136; BBC World Service assistant producer day-shift producing promos £120 XX.

Photography: Financial Times day £130 XX; Guardian minimum shift (4 hours) in-house agreed £118 total £175 XX; £11.18; London Literature Festival (South Bank Centre), unauthorised full-page brochure usage, unauthorised cropping, plus mis-crediting of iconic 1986 “rooftop” image of Gilbert & George £0 + £500 XXXX; Daily Telegraph per pic, 1/4 page £150 X; Air Forces Monthly inside pages, up to a maximum of £80 per page, £20 XXXX; Axon, 5 hours corporate head shoot, internal use, £480; Walks Through Britain’s History (book, print-run 200,000) half-page photo, worldwide print and e-book rights included in all languages £265; Guardian stock pic 216” to “432” (square inches)- double Berliner page – minimum £204.26; Guardian stock pic 108” to 216” – full Berliner page £157.12; Guardian speculative pic more than 5” X 150; Guardian stock pic 80” to 108” – half Berliner page £120.86.

Shifts: Sunday Times overnight reporting £200; Centaur Communications subbing day £160; Sunday Mirror reporting day £150; Metro reporting day £120 XX.

Words, per 1000: Sunday Times magazine 3000 words @ £2000 = £667; Financial Times £286; The Report Company features 250 Euro; Arthritis News £250; Preview feature all rights £180; Teaching Drama feature all rights £167, 250-word review @ £25 = £100 XX; Fest 250-word review @ £25 = £100; Clash magazine features, no exes, £0 XXXX; Independent on Sunday (Malta) feature £0 XXXX.

Interns’ revolt

Two production interns have filed a suit in US federal court in Manhattan against Fox Searchlight, who engaged them without pay. Black Swan. Alex Footman, described his duties as “preparing coffee for the office” - probably not as educational as required by US employment law. Now that's what we call a diligence: Photo by “Filzstift”