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How Trans People are Represented in the Media

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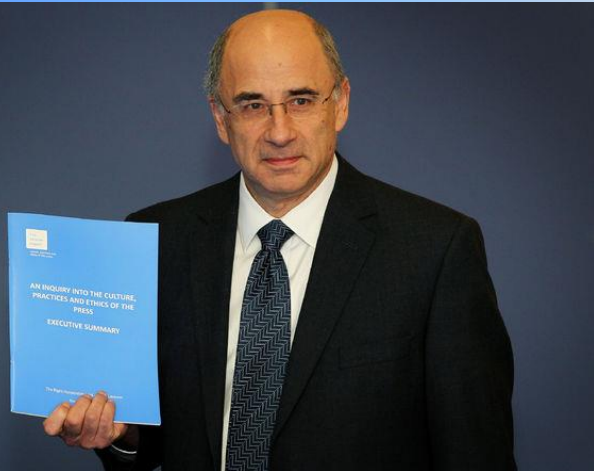


“... the defence the press uses ... is that they are simply reflecting public unease – downplaying its role in creating and shaping that unease to begin with.

It has done this in two ways – one general, one specific:

- a. The creation and sustainment of a climate of ridicule and humiliation. ...*
- b. Singling out individual transgender people and their families for sustained personal intrusion”*

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*On the basis of the evidence seen by the Inquiry, it is clear that there is a marked tendency in a section of the press to fail to treat members of the transgender and intersex communities with sufficient dignity and respect; and in instances where individuals are identified either expressly or by necessary implication perpetrate breaches of clause 12 of the Code. **Parts of the tabloid press continue to seek to ‘out’ transgender people notwithstanding its prohibition in the Editors’ Code.** And parts of the tabloid press continue to refer to the transgender community in derogatory terms, holding transgender people up for ridicule, or denying the legitimacy of their condition. Although the Inquiry heard evidence that parts of the tabloid press had “raised [its] game in terms of transgender reporting”, **the examples provided by TMW of stories from the last year demonstrate that the game needs to be raised significantly higher.***

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New press regulator with 'real teeth' could be set up within months

Trinity Mirror executive says watchdog is being fast-tracked to kill accusations publishers are stalling on reform

Josh Halliday and Lisa O'Carroll

The Guardian, Monday 8 July 2013 16.25 BST



Brian Cathcart of the Hacked Off campaign, which called the proposed press regulator a 'cynical rebranding exercise'. Photograph: Andrew Cowie/AFP/Getty Images

A new self-regulator for the press with "very real teeth" could be established within three or four months to break the political impasse over royal charters, according to a Trinity Mirror executive involved with

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Lord Justice Leveson's questioning by MPs postponed

Select committee eager to question judge over royal charter plans and alleged hacking in industries other than the press

Lisa O'Carroll

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Lord Justice Leveson is to be questioned by a Commons select committee on 24 July. Photograph: Dan Kitwood/AFP/Getty Images

Lord Justice Leveson will not be grilled by MPs on his report on press ethics on 24 July because not enough members of the Commons culture, media and sport select committee are available for a hearing.

The appeals court judge had agreed to be quizzed by the committee

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What about the victims?



Daily Mail, Friday, December 21, 2012

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He's not only in the wrong body... he's in the wrong job

LOOK, it can't be much fun being a woman trapped in a man's body. Believe me, ladies, there are times when it's not exactly a bundle of laughs being a man trapped inside a woman's body.

So I have every sympathy for the 400 or so people a year who opt for gender reassignment surgery to put themselves out of their misery. I don't even have any problem with sex change operations being carried out on the NHS, provided it's a genuine medical necessity and not a lifestyle choice. Transsexuals pay taxes, too.

Schoolteacher Nathan Upton, 32, says he always knew he was born into the wrong sex. Yet he married and fathered a child, now aged three. It was only fairly recently that he decided to go public with his inner turmoil. The first indications came when he began growing his cropped hair and dyeing it purple, as a start of turning up for class wearing pink nail varnish and sparkly headbands. It is painful at St Mary Magdalen's Church of England Primary School in Accrington, Lancs, couldn't help noticing. A crayon drawing of Mr Upton by a Year 5 pupil on the school's website shows him with long hair swept back over



So who did let Savile loose in the wards?

FOR GIVE me if I write a yarn at the blanket coverage of the BBC's local difficulty over Jimmy Savile. To be honest, I couldn't care less what the acting assistant head of Current Affairs said to the assistant acting head of News. Or whether the deputy acting director of vision bothered reading an email from the acting deputy director of Platforms. Trust the modern BBC to reduce this scandal to an arcane argument about management procedures. Here's the story. For decades the BBC harboured a weapons-grade cancer. Plenty of people knew what he was up to, but they did nothing about it. Few. Many of these responsible are still there, or even since. So inquiries concentrate on the secondary issues of an aborted Newswatch investigation and a secondary ill-considered broadcast tribute to Savile. No one is sacked and even those who resign leave with Treblets All r round, in true BBC style. For the record, I feel slightly sorry for designated scapegoats.

ITV's back on bearing Day with a bumper Make Me Proud to be British Quiz. Well then, have a fabulous Christmas and don't forget to call.

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Lucy Meadows coroner tells press: 'shame on you'

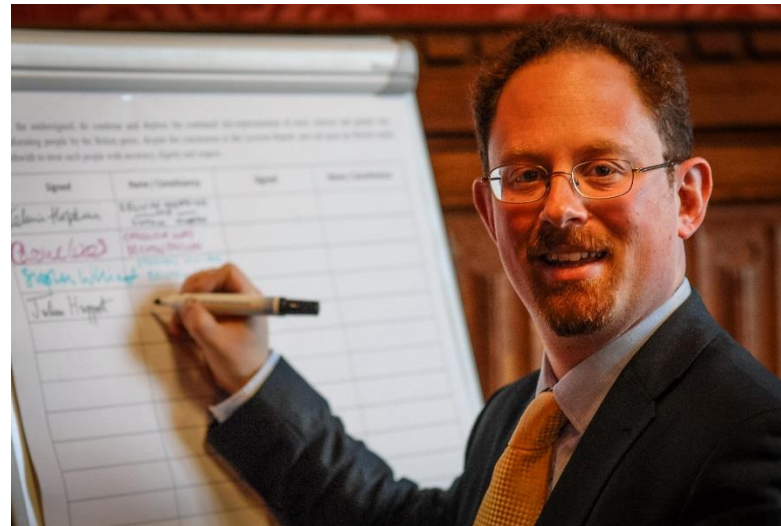
Coroner investigating death of transgender teacher who killed herself after being outed chastises press for 'ill-informed bigotry'

Helen Pidd, northern editor
The Guardian, Tuesday 28 May 2013 16.47 BST



Protesters outside the Daily Mail following the death of Lucy Meadows calling for an end to the hounding of transgender people by the media. Photograph: Sean Smith for the Guardian

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Press genuinely mended their ways?
or just biding their time?



Prejudice. Abuse. And surgery that needs nerves of steel. A brave and moving account of... The cruel reality of feeling Nature trapped you in the wrong sex

By JANE FAE

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Last week, it was revealed that Brighton Council is set to include the title 'Mx' on its official forms in order to be more accommodating to the trans-community. Campaigners say that 'Mx', short for 'Mixer', is a gender-neutral alternative to Mr, Mrs, Ms and Miss.

Here, JANE FAE sets out her own experiences of being transgender — as well as the



Pre-op transsexual who admitted robbery and attacking the police sent to all-women jail... despite still being a MAN

- Katelyn Findlay, whose real name is Stuart, is being held at Cornton Vale jail
- It was Scotland's most violent prison, with more assaults than all-male jails
- Findlay, 18, stole a man's sim card and keys before fighting with the police
- Has dressed as woman for 2 years but not started sex-change process

By MARTIN ROBINSON

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A pre-op male transsexual has been sent to one of Britain's most notorious all-female prisons after robbing a man and attacking three police officers.

Katelyn Findlay, 18, who was born Stuart Kelly, is being held at Cornton Vale prison near Stirling,

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What the media (mainly) don't cover

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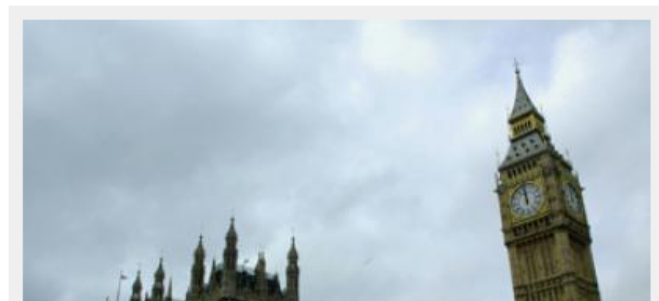


Trans people left behind in England and Wales equal marriage bill

Married transgender people will need their husband or wife's permission before they can have their gender recognized

20 MAY 2013 | BY HELEN BELCHER

Imagine: you want to set up a new company but the law requires you to have the written consent of your wife; or you've just got pregnant, but you haven't got a piece of paper with your husband's signature on it stating he's OK with that; or you've just been involved in a major car accident, sadly



Trans or otherwise, it's time to overhaul the law on "rape by deception"

Take your bed-partners as you find them and if they turn you on, what's past history got to do with it?

BY JANE FAE | PUBLISHED 30 JUNE 2013 22:13

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Bradley Manning: 'I am a woman named Chelsea'



Manning sent this photo to an Army supervisor in 2010, and it was introduced into evidence at his court martial

Bradley Manning, the US soldier who leaked secret US government documents to the Wikileaks website, has announced he wants to live as a woman.

"I am Chelsea Manning," Pte First Class Manning said in a statement to NBC's **Today programme**. "I am a female."

The 25-year-old said he had felt female since childhood, wanted at once to begin hormone therapy, and wished to be addressed as Chelsea.

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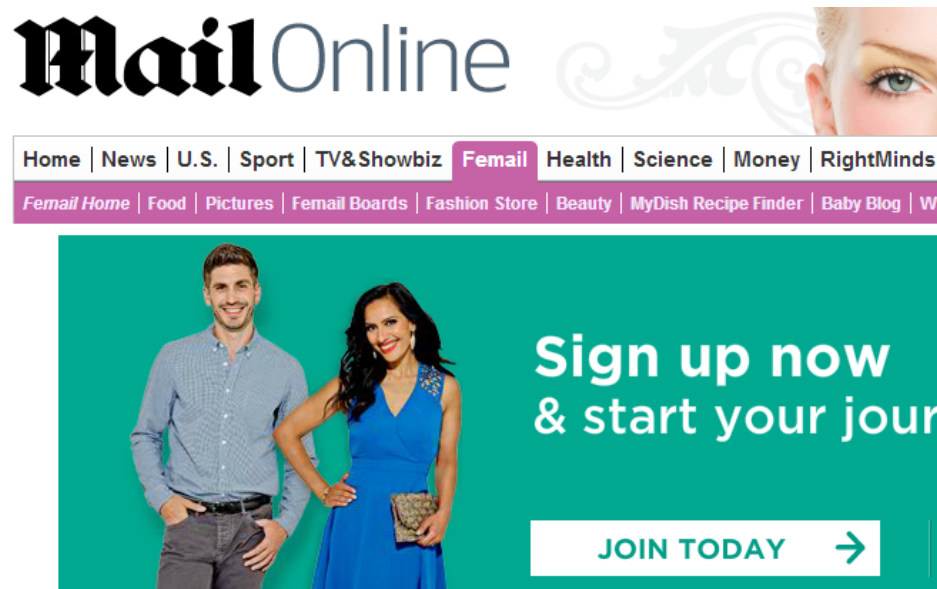
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UK's first ever transgender wrestler set to prove she packs a serious punch

- Drew-Ashlyn Cunningham adopts the name Harley Ryder when wrestling
- As a young boy loved female fighters, now is only transgender wrestler
- Competes against men in the ring
- Diagnosed with gender dysphoria at 18, and started transition in 2007
- After 10 months of training is now preparing for first competitive fight

By KATY WINTER

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Confusion over pronouns:

“But despite **her** feminine looks and curves...”

“The 34C beauty is in fact the UK’s only transgender wrestler and, after months of training, is preparing to take on the men in **her** first wrestling matches...”

“Drew-Ashlyn always felt there was something different about **him** as a young boy (left) and, after transitioning from man to woman in 2007, chose to pursue **his** dream of becoming a female wrestler”

What can I do?

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Write to your MP about media coverage,
same sex marriage, “sex by deception” and
health-care issues

Look for positive ways to engage with media

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