

Best reporter nomination – SPANC Awards 2019

Name: Tom Schwartz

Publication: Unified - <https://unified.org.uk/>

The reporter has consistently submitted high quality news stories to Unified, regardless of any time barriers. His writing displays his expertise; from hard hitting news stories to easy to read, quirky features.

Tom has published the highest volume of stories this year to Unified, not only appealing to the student target audience but also the wider community.

<https://unified.org.uk/2018/12/kent-police-stop-search/>

- The reporter has used existing data and turned it into a baffling news story.
- The use of a pie chart diagram appeals to the target audience, giving a visual aide.
- Further research was carried out for this new story, adding depth to the issue raised.
- Three original interviewees were used for this article – which demonstrates the reporter’s drive for authentic journalism.

<https://unified.org.uk/2018/10/the-archbishop-the-lgbt-community-transsexuality-is-not-a-sin/>

- Here, the reporter interviewed the most senior figure in the Church of England about a controversial topic within religion.
- The outcome of the interview was ground-breaking, and resonated with the student community.

<https://unified.org.uk/2018/09/the-journey-of-an-unaccompanied-child-refugee/>

- A national story but localised for Kent readers. The reporter travelled to a refugee charity in Kent and bagged an exclusive interview with two refugees.
- A very powerful piece, simple yet effective – based on interviews.
- The reporter tackled a serious story but wrote it with flair and style. He displayed respect for his interviewees and remained dignified in his writing.