



MASS OBSERVATION

Recording everyday life in Britain

Charges for Commissions

Although the Project is based at the Archive, which is supported as a research resource by the University of Sussex, the Mass Observation Archive is a registered Charity. The costs directly incurred by the active research activities of the Mass Observation Project must be earned from external sources.

We therefore charge a fee to researchers who wish to collaborate on a Directive. In the past, we have worked with researchers who have been successfully funded by, for example, the ESRC, the AHRC, Leverhulme, the Joseph Rowntree Trust, the BBC, the Nuffield Foundation, various voluntary bodies and researchers' own institutions.

The charge is based on an assessment of the actual costs of running the Project. We operate a sliding scale which reflects both the needs of the Project and the capacity of the researcher to raise appropriate funds. It may be possible to make a reduced charge to postgraduate students and freelance researchers and in some circumstances, to waive the charge altogether. If necessary, the fee may be paid retrospectively so that we can make a start on soliciting the required material before funding has been agreed. The fee starts at £10,000, with a sliding scale downwards.

Please contact us to discuss this further.

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