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vote Brian Haw

Parliament Square Peace Campaign

an independent
voice for
peace & justice

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Dear Citizen.

Imagine a man who, 24 hours a day, every day for four years, has been campaigning for you and everyone on a public pavement outside Parliament, because he cares for others as if they were his own family. Would you want this man to represent you *inside* the House of Commons?

I am this man. As a parliamentary candidate, I offer none of the usual bribes or 'pledges'. But I will give my all as an advocate of people's needs and rights. In me, you have a person who has proven he cannot be bought off and who has demonstrated actively that he gives, cares and shares with every ounce of his being. As an MP, I would use my experience and knowledge, gained from all the good people I have met on this pavement, to help change the way our society is run.

I would like now to tell you about two people I met recently, whose stories affected me deeply:

Richard from London: It's two o'clock in the morning and I look up to see a big, strong, young man approach me. He can't sleep at night and he's walking the streets and wants to talk. 'The Queen gave me a medal and called me a hero for killing kids,' he tells me. His heart is breaking at the thought of those kids. 'You kick down the door, the hand grenade goes in, then *you* go in and pump 30 rounds into everybody inside. And then afterwards you look to see who and what you've killed.' And there's a man, sitting at his table in his own house having a meal, minding his own business, in his own country if you please. He's been liberated now. Ricky killed the kids as well. And this boy of 22 has to live with that and he can't. He's got a three year old boy of his own. His wife is doing her best with what she's got. It's just before Christmas and her husband is walking the streets, a destroyed soul, a lost soul.

Nora from Venezuela: She's a poor single mother, who's had to strive and struggle all her life. Now, she's been put in control of a micro-banking system, not like the World Bank or the IMF, who rip off the poor and enslave them in debt. Nora knows who to give the money to and where every penny can be used effectively to change people's lives. In Venezuela, the resources of the country are being given into the people's hands by a good president. We could help people to help themselves here. In the same way, in the right way.

We are destroying ourselves as well as others with this endless war, both economic and military, against the poor. I stand for a just future for people at home and abroad. I can be visited any hour of the day in Parliament Square.

Independently yours, Brian Haw

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Brian Haw has kept up a 24 hour peace vigil in Parliament Square since June 2001 as a witness against the Government's foreign policy. As directed towards Iraq, these policies (economic sanctions, invasion and occupation) have had a devastating impact on the country. In 2002, Brian won a high court case in which his protest was accepted as lawful. However, the Government has now passed a law aimed at removing Brian. This law will also severely restrict *everyone's* democratic rights to protest within 1km of Parliament.

At home and abroad, love is the answer

Our young people are sent to kill abroad. We throw away a third of our food each year while Africans starve. Our banks get rich on the poverty of other countries. We need to keep remembering that a better world is possible. Let's start by treating our neighbour's kids as we would treat our own. And let's support the troops - let's bring them home.

It's the kids, stupid!

It shouldn't be 'the economy, stupid'; it's the kids who are the future. They should be the target of our love and investment. Ask a kid, they know that it's the *adults* who have to grow up - let's stop squabbling, bullying, lashing out in fear.

Education, health & a shared wealth

A fair deal for all, humility, peace, honouring our old and our young and all those in between, love, common sense and real ethics: these are the qualities I stand by, and will continue to respect, in making decisions. Billions for bombs but peanuts for pensioners and crumbs for the poor does not make sense. It's about genuine priorities. If we work on the foundations, with a strong sense of values and a fair division of resources, then the means to run our schools and hospitals effectively, to defeat crime and create security, will fall into place.

Crying out against genocide

When you inflict economic sanctions on a country like Iraq, destroying countless ordinary lives, or when you pound cities with bombs and use depleted uranium munitions - a nuclear weapon - you are destroying a people, a nation: that's called genocide. Killing is all too easy when you have the biggest gun and all too tempting when there's oil and other wealth to be gained. What did the people of Iraq do to deserve this?

A parliament committed to humanity?

650 MPs are chosen by 60 million of us. Over 400 voted to go to war and destroy the lives of others. Let's have truly 'honourable' MPs with integrity and independence, not subject to a party whip. I've shown my active commitment to peace and justice for nearly four years now. So many have fought so hard across the world to gain their right to vote. Please use **your vote** for peace, for justice, for people.

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