

Who creates the political will to challenge the status ...

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I have mentioned [I gave an Ebor lecture in York tonight](#) and I have to say thanks to my hosts at York St John's University; I enjoyed myself and it seems at least some of the audience did too from the reaction I got.

What I am afraid I cannot do as yet is publish the text: that will end up in a book in due course.

But I can relate one question and my answer. I had talked about the need to create the political will to close the tax gap and was then asked who must deliver that. My answer to the questioner was simple: you do. That's your job.

And it is. Each of us has to demand the fairer world we want to live in. No one else will do it for us. But we'll all benefit if we do it together, now.