

Where I am

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A lot of people - mostly, but by no means solely, journalists - have been calling me and asking if I have a job with Jeremy Corbyn. For the record, the answer is no, I have not.

You will know if I do: I will say so. What is more, as a member of the shadow cabinet who I saw when in Westminster this week said to me, if I do have such a job then this blog would have to stop. So you can tell that it has not happened because I am still posting.

And for the record, I am making no predictions: the Labour Party have a whole team of shadow junior ministers to appoint and I am sure other things to deal with and even then there is no certainty or even reason that anything might happen. It would be presumptuous to think otherwise. And even then the job has to be one I think I could do, and would want, and I already have funding in place for work I would like to do.

So I am, as I have been throughout the summer (and a very long time beforehand), a person who has created ideas. Jeremy Corbyn has used those ideas and I have no complaint about that: why should I? Ideas are made to be used. And I am, as ever, willing to vociferously support my own thinking, and to defend those who are willing to use it. That was why, for example, I was on the [Daily Politics show on BBC1 yesterday](#). I was talking about the tax gap and the idea that I created as green quantitative easing. My version of the tax gap. My version of QE. Defending my work. I think that needs to be said, even if the words 'Jeremy Corbyn' did, inevitably, come up.

And as I made clear on that programme, I am not a member of the Labour Party or any other party: my work has been to create ideas for tax and economic reform that will benefit ordinary people and relieve poverty. That has always been my aim. In the past Greens, LibDems, Labour, the NHA Party, unions and the Tories when George Osborne when he appointed me to a Treasury committee, have used those ideas and I have been quite happy about that too. And last night on Question Time Alex Salmond supported People's QE, which pleased me too.

But I am, of course, pleased at the publicity the ideas have been given by the Corbyn

campaign, and grateful to them. Which idea creator would not be?

What I am also looking forward to is the time when the ideas are widely adopted. If they make sense (and I, of course, think they do) then I would like to see their general use. I note [the Telegraph is saying that is likely](#). I suspect they are right.

And unless you hear otherwise that is exactly what I am working on whilst, as ever, being more than willing to explain those ideas to those who want to hear them, politicians included. And to support them, as I have, for example, supported many NGOs when taking on my ideas in the past.

So I can say that as far as I know nothing has changed. Except that, as is my goal, the ideas have made progress. And I am quite happy to say thank you to Jeremy Corbyn - a man I have known and liked for a decade - for that.