

# Funding the Future

## The Progressive Toolkit: maybe the most useful weekend ...

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Ha-Joon Chang recommended the CLASS think tank [Progressive Toolkit](#) to all in the [Progressive Economy Forum](#) yesterday. As [CLASS says of it](#):

*This Progressive Toolkit briefing is a guide to winning arguments for transformative change. It can be used to assist conversations on the doorstep, at work or in a social setting. It covers conversation tips, talking about the economy, public services, poverty, and building solidarity across communities.*

It's really very good. I like this one, a lot, but there is ample in here to make it worth reading:

And there is a lot like this:

### **Investments pay for themselves.**

When we borrow money to invest in public services or infrastructure, it is like a jump-start for the economy. It eventually pays for itself by increasing the size of the economic cake. Not only do we have better services but it generates income for the country. Because it creates jobs and each of those workers will pay taxes and spend more money into the economy on food, transport, clothes etc. which stimulates the private sector and generates further jobs from an increase in demand and tax revenue from businesses and VAT. All those new tax revenues can go towards paying back the money we borrowed.

### **EXAMPLE**

When we invest in the Green New Deal not only do we protect the environment but create millions of well-paid jobs. We will need architects, construction workers, teachers, administration, receptionists, engineers, electricians, scientists. Each of whom will pay taxes and spend their money into the economy

This is ideal Facebook or Twitter material. And I know CLASS will not mind you sharing it.

Full disclosure: things like this make me really pleased to be on the [CLASS advisory panel](#).