

# Funding the Future

## Tuesday thoughts

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Some of my Tweets this morning:

-  **Richard Murphy** @RichardJMurphy · 1h  
Boris Johnson has lived a life of make believe. But he won't be able to make believe jobs for up to 6 million people who might be unemployed soon. They want real work. And the only thing he can't make himself believe is that it's his job to help them.  
4 replies · 16 retweets · 35 likes
-  **Richard Murphy** @RichardJMurphy · 1h  
I was in conversation with an SNP MP last night. As she put it, 'I'm now really frightened by Westminster. Could anyone really think independence might be worse than this?'  
5 replies · 94 retweets · 203 likes
-  **Richard Murphy** @RichardJMurphy · 1h  
Michael Gove wants specialists in government, with a broader range of backgrounds. So he replaced one Oxford graduate as National Security Adviser with another. But at least the replaced one knew about National Security. The new one does not. So it's all talk.  
1 reply · 31 retweets · 74 likes
-  **Richard Murphy** @RichardJMurphy · 1h  
Johnson's New Deal is not New. It's the recycled budget plan. Nor is it a Deal. That budget plan is wholly inadequate for our current situation, which it did not anticipate. And it's not Green either, to note the missing word. It's just a sham. Don't be deceived.  
4 replies · 52 retweets · 100 likes
-  **Richard Murphy** @RichardJMurphy · 1h  
Furlough has helped the UK tackle the immediate impact of coronavirus. But it's discriminatory, leaves far too many without help and lets it be pretended that we can go back to 'normal'. A job guarantee and a more comprehensive social security system is what we really need now  
4 replies · 16 retweets · 36 likes
-  **Richard Murphy** @RichardJMurphy · 59m  
Fund managers have known about stranded assets for more than a decade, and still they left pensioners exposed to them. Now those assets, and the pensions, are going up in financial smoke  
[ft.com/content/8c4131...](https://ft.com/content/8c4131...) via @financialtimes  
  
Shell warns of up to \$200bn of stranded assets from oil price slump  
Anglo-Dutch group is latest oil major to slash outlook for crude prices  
[ft.com](https://ft.com)  
4 replies · 8 retweets · 9 likes